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BioRN Advisory Board Takes up Work

Strategic orientation of BioRN Academy is topic of first session

Heidelberg (G) | On June 07, the BioRN Advisory Board met in Heidelberg for its constituent session and will now begin its work.

Eight members from the sectors of economics, science and research advise the cluster management

The board advises the BioRN Cluster Management GmbH on important strategic questions concerning the further development of the BioRN Cluster as a location for personalized medicine and cancer. «As managing director of the BioRN cluster management, I look forward to the support of the advisory board. This top-class team will advise and assist us with professional expertise, from which the partners in the BioRN Cluster will also benefit», explained Christian Tidona.

The committee consists of the following representatives from the fields of economics, science and research:

- Michael Deissner, business manager Cytonet GmbH & Co. KG, Weinheim, and member of the BioRN Supervisory Board
- Dr. Bernhard Kirschbaum, Executive Vice President R & D, Member of the Merck Serono Executive Board, Darmstadt
- Prof. Dr. Dieter Leonhard, president of Mannheim University of Applied Sciences
- Prof. Dr. Stefan Meuer, Executive Director, Institute for Immunology, University of Heidelberg and chairman of the BioRN Supervisory Board
- Dr. Friedrich Richter, Abbott GmbH & Co. KG, Managing Director Abbott Ludwigshafen, Divisional Vice President, Drug Product Development
- Thomas Schmid, Speaker of the Board, Roche Diagnostics GmbH, Mannheim
- Dr. Jürgen Schwiezer, former CEO, Diagnostics Division, F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG, Basel, Switzerland, and member of the BioRN Supervisory Board
- Prof. Dr. Hanns H. Seidler, Chairman of the Executive Board, Center for Science & Research Management, Speyer

«The thematic focus of the BioRN Cluster lies on personalized medicine and cancer, which are among the biggest issues in medical biotechnology. As a member of the BioRN Advisory Board, I would therefore like to support the development of the Biotech location in the best possible way», said Prof. Dr. Stefan Meuer, executive director of the Institute for Immunology at Heidelberg University and chairman of the BioRegion Rhine-Neckar Association.

The main topic of the advisory board's first meeting was the strategic orientation of the BioRN Academy and thus the further training of life-science talents to qualify as top executives. As the board is composed of decision-makers from the pharmaceutical and diagnostic industries in the BioRN Cluster, the orientation of the BioRN Academy will be closely aligned with companies' needs. Thus the demand that the further qualification of life scientists have a strong practical relevance is taken into account.



Cluster Manager Dr. Christian Tidona among the members of the BioRN Advisory Board: Dr. Jürgen Schwiezer, Thomas Schmid, Prof. Dr. Hanns H. Seidler, Dr. Christian Tidona, Prof. Dr. Stefan Meuer, Prof. Dr. Dieter Leonhard, Dr. Bernhard Kirschbaum, Dr. Friedrich W. Richter und Michael Deissner (from left to right)

About the BioRN Cluster Management GmbH

The BioRN Cluster Management GmbH is a public-private partnership between the Rhine-Neckar BioRegion, the Heidelberg Technology Park, the Rhine-Neckar Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region (MRN). It is charged with the coordination, integration, development and marketing of the Biotech Cluster Rhine-Neckar (BioRN) - the leading life science cluster for personalized medicine and cancer in Germany.

The cluster includes renowned academic research institutions such as the University of Heidelberg, the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), 60 small and medium-sized biotech enterprises, as well as big pharmaceutical and diagnostic companies such as Roche Diagnostics (Mannheim), Merck Serono (Darmstadt) and Abbott (Ludwigshafen).

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