



# Technologiepark Heidelberg

## Press Release

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### **Intelligent Pharma opens first international office in Heidelberg**

The Catalan biotech company Intelligent Pharma opened their first international office in Heidelberg on the 13th of April to strengthen their presence in the European market. For their first international branch, the Technologie Park Heidelberg was selected as it is located in an important area for the pharmaceutical industry while also hosting excellent research institutions. „On the other hand, the Technologie Park Heidelberg has its proper network of companies and research centers“ added Ignasi Belda, founder and CEO of Intelligent Pharma. Intelligent Pharma is the first member of the „International PartnerPort“, an initiative of the Technologie Park Heidelberg, which offers foreign companies the best possible assistance to enter in the German market.

Intelligent Pharma has two business lines, with the first one offering services in computational chemistry and bioinformatics for the development of new pharmaceuticals (small molecules). To reach such a goal, Intelligent Pharma develops best-in-class technologies as, for example, HELIOS, a ligand-based virtual screening solution, which compares the molecular fields of two molecules. In 2009, BDigital awarded HELIOS as „The best Digital Innovation of the year“. The second business line focuses on the development of specialized and customized computational technologies for life-sciences as, for instance, molecular databases, laboratory information management systems, scientific intranets, etc.

Specialized personal consisting of Ph.D.'s from life sciences, computer scientist, engineers and mathematicians take care of the execution and analysis of the research projects. Therefore, we can provide high-quality results. Intelligent Pharma's supercomputer assures a fast output of the data. „To us it is very important that our customers obtain high quality data in the fastest possible way. Furthermore, the highly useful results obtained from bioinformatic methods should be made accessible to any researcher without having to learn the complicated programs and eventually do the difficult analysis. In any case, it is the client who runs the project. Our suggestions and consulting are supposed to help towards achieving their goals“ explained CEO Belda.

Intelligent Pharma was founded by Dr. Ignasi Belda in Barcelona 3 years ago. Due to the development of high-quality technologies, the company grew at a fast rate and has become the leader of the Spanish biotech industry in providing services in the computational chemistry field. Intelligent Pharma has as clients the majority of pharmaceutical companies of the Spanish market. Since April, Intelligent Pharma has an office in the Technologie Park Heidelberg. The second branch is supposed

to assure a better collaboration with the clients in German speaking regions. „To assure our high standard of quality, we want to be in direct contact with our customers. Our office in Heidelberg will serve this purpose. On the other hand we are very interested in being able to directly follow the dynamic market, the research and development occurring in Germany.“

The Heidelberg Technology Park, Science Park focused on Life Sciences, is located on the campus of the Heidelberg University, Im Neuenheimer Feld.

The Park was founded in 1984 offering 60 000 sqft lab and office space for 11 start-up companies. It was the first Biopark in Germany. Today the Park offers more than 500 000 sqft space for rent. About 80 companies and research institutes are working in the Park. All buildings are private investments of a real estate company. The services are offered by the Technologiepark Heidelberg GmbH, a company owned by the City of Heidelberg and the Chamber of Industry and Commerce Rhine-Neckar. It's the company running the Park.

It is the goal of Heidelberg Technology Park to establish an attractive and innovative environment for start-ups as well as for growing and for mature companies by offering specified services, active clustering and networking to its tenants. Together with 200 Associated Members the Heidelberg Technology Park strengthens and accelerates the clustered development in the BioRegion Rhine-Neckar. International collaboration opens global business opportunities for the Park's companies and members. .