

Press Release

Biotech associations from Brazil and the Free State of Saxony establish cooperation + + Agreement signed during State Visit of German Federal President Christian Wulff in Brasilia + +

Brasilia and Dresden, 5th of May 2011 - The Brazilian biotechnology association, BrBIOTEC, and the biotechnology/life sciences association of the Free State of Saxony, biosaxony, have initiated a close cooperation. During the State Visit of German Federal President Christian Wulff, Professor Fernando Kreutz, President of BrBIOTEC and Roland Göhde, Chairman of the Board at biosaxony, signed a corresponding „Letter of Intent“ in Brasilia, today.

„Both associations, BrBIOTEC and biosaxony, are generating, improving and promoting networks between companies, entrepreneurs, investors, academics, research and educational institutions, technology transfer and governmental agencies. Thus we share the aim for generating sustainable business-oriented opportunities in our dynamically growing high-tech field and we also focus on the internationalization of the biotech sector in Brazil“, says Kreutz.

„It is crucial to look also beyond our regional and nationwide borders, moving to establish international networks“, adds Göhde. „The Brazilian biotech sector definitely is of special interest due to its widespread, enormous potentials. Our joint mission is to create mutual success by leveraging synergies based on the specific strengths of our two dynamic biotech regions.“

„I congratulate both parties to this cooperation agreement. It offers a firm base for a favorably collaboration. I am glad, that therewith the Free State of Saxony is represented on a further continent as a capable partner and international acknowledged biotechnology location. It shows, that the decision of the saxon biotechnology businesses and institutes to take personal responsibility for their collective saxon network was right and that the engagement for the development of the biotechnology location Saxony leads to remarkable international success“, says Sabine von Schorlemer, Saxon State Minister of Science and Art.

In the frame of this agreement, both biotech associations intend to initiate a bilateral exchange of know-how, to network member's expertise and to investigate opportunities for further cooperations and new investments. It is also planned to organize joint meetings and delegation visits to Brazil and Germany for stimulating scientific projects and technology transfer between Universities, research institutes and industry.

The importance of this networking strategy could be underlined as Kreutz and Göhde, both also being biotech entrepreneurs, today additionally signed a close scientific and commercial agreement between their two companies FK Biotec and Partec. This cooperation has the the primary focus to realize further expansion and cost reduction of immune status monitoring diagnostics required life-long for HIV/AIDS patients as well as to develop and implement new innovative technologies for the diagnosis of Tuberculosis and Malaria in Brazil.

About BrBIOTEC:

BR-Biotec – the Brazilian Biotechnology Association – has been created with the objective to establish and to improve connections of the country's biotechnology sector with the industry and to stimulating, supporting and representing its companies in Brazil and abroad in order to create competitiveness and economic growth. BrBIOTEC also works to establish and strengthen the relationship between companies, investors, academics, research institutions, Universities, entrepreneurs, organizations and government agencies, creating opportunities and generating business in a strategically important sector for the country's development.

Further Informationen: www.brbiotec.org.br

About biosaxony:

biosaxony is a registered association, established for supporting biotechnology and related areas from materials sciences to medical equipment throughout the German region of Saxony. The 60 members represent various life science companies, leading research centers and the main actors of the biotech sector. The focus of biosaxony is to provide conceptual stimulus for the biotech industry's further growth in Saxony and also to produce recommendations required for political decision-making. The main area of the biotech region Saxony is the red biotechnology respectively the pharmaceutical and medical biotechnology with a strong focus on diagnostics, personalized medicine and regenerative therapies. In the past few years, the green and white biotechnology have evolved as further successful sectors of the Saxonian biotechnology cluster.

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