



## **Biocitech announces a new campus resident: Biophytis**

**Biocitech technology park strengthens its hand in health and nutrition with the arrival of 24<sup>th</sup> resident, Biophytis, a specialist in natural health ingredients for the pharmaceutical and food industries**

**Paris, October 14, 2009**—Biocitech, the Paris life science technology park, today announced that Biophytis, specialist in nutrition and Amazonian biodiversity, has moved onto its campus. The arrival of this 24<sup>th</sup> company enhances further the range of high quality services on offer from Biocitech residents.

Founded in 2006, Biophytis carries out research into Amazonian biodiversity to discover plants and fruit having health benefits or a high nutritional value. The company is engaged in different research programs, especially in the field of prevention of metabolic syndrome or obesity. Biophytis applies the scientific discipline of the pharmaceutical industry to develop dietary supplements that are beneficial for health, as well as a whole range of natural health products. All Biophytis products, which carry a French organic certification (AB), constitute a new generation of dietary supplements developed from innovative active natural principles. The way they are formulated guarantees a high proportion of active molecules to obtain a dose/efficiency ratio demonstrated by preclinical and clinical studies.

Biophytis has a subsidiary which sources and manufactures products in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The company has long-standing research collaborations with the UMPC (Pierre and Marie Curie University), where the company was based for two years near Paris, and with the scientific pole, AgroParisTech, an institute of life sciences and nutrition expertise. In June 2009, Biophytis received financial backing from Seventure Partners and CM-CIC Capital Privé, bringing the company EUR 3 million (USD 4.2m) in a first round of funding. These new funds enable Biophytis to pursue the development of new active nutritional molecules for the pharmaceutical and food industries.

"We take great pleasure in welcoming Biophytis, a company focused on the point where food and pharmaceuticals meet," said Jacques Lhomel, CEO of Biocitech. "The company's arrival broadens the services supplied by park residents to include research and production of dietary supplements and natural health ingredients. We are delighted to help it with its scientific development and the

growth of its international activities, and to bring it the benefits of the park's campus effect."

"Biocitech has considerable scientific credibility and provides Biophytis with an excellent scientific and technical environment which will enable us to concentrate on the development of our health products and our research program into the prevention of metabolic syndrome," said Dr Stanislas Veillet, CEO and founder of Biophytis. "Collaboration projects with other park residents will both improve and increase the value of Biophytis' scientific work. Our move to Biocitech comes at the same time as the company's push into international markets with the signing of a collaboration contract with an international distributor for two of our innovative products."

### **About Institut Biophytis SAS**

Biophytis is an innovative company which produces, studies and markets a range of innovative and natural health ingredients and two ranges of diet supplements, certified as organic, from plants originating from Amazonian biodiversity. Biophytis uses its scientific know-how to develop exclusive plant extracts that offer a number of key health benefits including: weight management, healthy-ageing, vitality and active digestion. Biophytis has selected plants and fruits naturally rich in bioactive components which are cultivated in their natural environment.

Biophytis has developed expertise in characterization of active principles and plant validation for health benefits through preclinical and clinical studies. Biophytis can therefore offer food and nutraceutical companies several opportunities. The company has set up collaborations with academic research centers, in particular Pierre and Marie Curie University and AgroParisTech. These collaborations, mainly focused on metabolic syndrome, have led to the development of innovative and exclusive plant extracts. Biophytis has registered patents on some of its exclusive ingredients, for example Quinolia®, an extract of quinoa active in weight management.

For further information: [www.biophytis.com](http://www.biophytis.com)

### **About Biocitech**

The Biocitech technology park for life sciences offers a world-class environment and services for the development of biotechnology, biopharmaceutical and fine chemical companies.

Biocitech is on the outskirts of Paris, only 20 minutes from the city center and Charles de Gaulle airport. It is privately-owned and provides secure premises and comprehensive facilities based on the latest technology. It has received regulatory approval for conformity to environmental protection standards. Companies can use one or many of the services offered. These include offices, laboratories and a range of technical and scientific services - all designed to let entrepreneurs concentrate their time and resources on their core business.

Companies already established at Biocitech represent a wide variety of complementary disciplines and many are working on collaborative projects.

Along with other organizations in the Ile-de-France region around Paris, Biocitech plays a key role in the Medicen Paris Region network. This is a healthcare and

new therapy cluster designated by the French government as internationally competitive and hence qualified for special privileges.  
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