

Protagen AG appoints new Board Members

Dortmund, January 12, 2010. The specialist for *in-vitro* diagnostics and GMP-compliant protein analysis appoints two new members for the Executive Board.

Dr. Peter Schulz-Knappe, former CSO at Proteome Sciences plc., started his new position with the beginning of the year. He will take over operational responsibility for the Business Unit Diagnostics. At the same time, Martin Blüggel, cofounder and COO, joins the board and will manage the Business Unit Protein Services. „The new Executive Board of Protagen AG underscores the new strategic positioning in the attractive area of *in-vitro* diagnostics, and strengthens the business with our customers in pharma and biotech”, says Dr. Stefan Müllner, CEO, and adds “Peter Schulz-Knappe is an international renowned expert in biomarker discovery and their targeted development into new *in-vitro* diagnostics. Therefore, he is the ideal completion of our management team.”

Furthermore, Dr. Thomas Schweins, Member of the Executive Committee of Qiagen and Vice President Marketing & Strategy, completes the Supervisory Board. Dr. Schweins, a trained biochemist, is a professional expert in the global diagnostic businesses. Before joining Qiagen, he held positions in the Pharma/Health Care Unit of Boston Consulting Group, and as project manager at Hoechst AG/Aventis SA.

Background: Within the last four years, Protagen developed a strong international market position in the area of GMP-compliant protein analytical services, and belongs to the preferred partners of pharma and biotech companies. Furthermore, Protagen has developed UNlarray[®], a unique technology platform for the development of novel *in-vitro* diagnostics, which allows the indication specific determination of autoantibody signatures in patient sera. Proprietary biomarker panels for differential diagnosis of Prostate Cancer and Multiple Sclerosis are currently validated in a multicentric clinical study.

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About Protagen AG

Protagen AG (www.protagen.de) is an international leading specialist in the fields of diagnostics and GMP-compliant protein analysis. The innovations of Protagen are UNlarray[®], a technology platform for the development of novel serum based diagnostics, as well as UNlchip[®], a versatile product family of protein microarrays for faster development of antibodies.

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