

Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network

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Independent regulatory affairs managers join forces in the Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network to support new biotech products for agriculture

The Agricultural BioTech Regulatory Network debuted at the 9th International Symposium on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms at Jeju Island, South Korea. The ABTR Network is a unique global network of independent regulatory affairs managers/services serving the agricultural biotechnology industry from product conception through commercialization. At the occasion of the announcement the co-founders provided their views on the uniqueness of this new service.

Scott Thenell, President (S. Thenell Company) said, "This global network of experienced regulatory professionals helps technology developers and marketing companies meet the challenges of pre-market approvals for genetically modified plants and plant products. The network operates as a one-stop shop for Agbiotech regulatory aspects."

Patrick Rüdelsheim, General Partner (Perseus BVBA) commented, "Regulatory requirements for commercial approvals have developed into a complex cascade of requirements. During this international symposium researchers and developers from diverse parts of the world confirmed the insurmountable hurdles they face when seeking all necessary approvals."

"The ABTR Network offers academic groups, developing countries and start-up businesses the same quality and diversity of regulatory support that today only large multi-national corporations enjoy. We provide a competitive alternative for international regulatory support at an affordable price," according to Sue MacIntosh, President (MacIntosh & Associates).

Vickie Forster, Principal Consultant (Forster & Associates Consulting) explained, "We have been collaborating since 2004 to fine-tune this unique network concept to better serve clients, to offer the best expertise available and to provide a quality label for the service. Until now, developers had to identify local experts often with limited information on quality and experience. In joining the experience of the network, one can now tap into international capacity specialised in Agbiotech products."

Established in 2006, the ABTR Network is a unique global network of independent regulatory affairs managers/services serving the agricultural biotechnology industry from product conception through commercialization.

Services cover the entire range of regulatory support required for AgBiotech projects, including project management, project evaluation, risk assessments, contained/confined use permits; field trial permits / notifications; regulatory files; commercial permits; movement of biological materials; compliance audits; compliance systems; training; quality control; study design; documentation systems; regulatory strategies; regulatory management; issue management; communication; emergency response & public advocacy.

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