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Established in 2003, PERSEUS byba is a partnership of bio-safety and regulatory experts from diverse fields of application.

Patrick RÜDELSHEIM General Partner



Dr. Rüdelsheim obtained his PhD in Biology. In 1990, he joined Plant Genetic Systems N.V., Belgium where, after being in charge of Product Development and Registration, he was appointed Director Regulatory Affairs and Member of the PGS Board. During subsequent mergers and acquisitions, he became Global Head Regulatory Affairs BioScience within respectively the AgrEvo group, Aventis CropScience and Bayer CropScience. In 2003, he founded and became General Partner of Perseus RVRA

Greet SMETS

Biosafety and Regulatory Specialist



Dr.Ir. Smets obtained her PhD in agronomy at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. She has been working in plant biotech research at Advanta Seeds B.V. (former D.J. van der Have B.V.) for 15 years, where -in addition to her research projects- she was in charge of biosafety management for the biotechnology department. In 2003 she became responsible for Regulatory Affairs at CropDesign NV, Gent, a leading plant biotechnology company.

Dr.Ir. Smets joined Perseus BVBA in 2005 as Biosafety and Regulatory Specialist.

In order to cover all fields of expertise PERSEUS collaborates with independent experts. In some cases this collaboration is formalized by becoming a Perseus Associate.

Andrew COCKBURN

Perseus Associate



Dr Cockburn obtained B.Sc. (Hons) First Class at Brunel University, specialising in biochemistry, where he also gained his PhD in toxicology. He worked in the Food industry on the safety of Quorn (mycoprotein) and other novel foods before joining the Pharmaceutical industry in 1970 where he became International Head of Toxicology for Beecham Pharmaceuticals. In 1987 he moved to the agrochemical industry as Head of Safety Evaluation for Schering, and subsequently AgrEvo. In 2000 he was appointed Director of Scientific Affairs, crop biotechnology, for Monsanto Europe/Africa.

Dr. Cockburn joined as a Perseus Associate in June 2005 making his widely recognized expertise in risk assessment and food, pharmaceutical, agrochemical and protein safety available to our clients

Walter KEMPENAERS

Perseus Associate



Dr Kempenaers obtained his PhD in biology in the Molecular Biology Lab. of Prof. Fiers at the RijksUniversiteit Gent, Belgium. He also holds a Master in Industrial Management degree from the K.U.Leuven. After starting as a scientific collaborator in applied microbiology at S.A. CITRIQUE BELGE N.V., he was appointed Microbiological Development Manager in the department "Quality and Development" and subsequently in the Production/Fermentation department. Since January 2005, he is the Biosafety Officer of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Dr. Kempenaers joined as a Perseus Associate in July 2006. He is a first class resource for any aspect of contained use of microorganisms, from laboratory to industrial scale production. His real-life experience guarantees practical solutions for complex regulatory requirements.

Hugh MANNING

Perseus Associate



Dr. Manning holds a PhD in plant pathology of the Imperial College, London. For almost 30 years he was involved with crop protection development and registration (Hoechst, followed by AgrEvo and Aventis). Since the early '90s he was in charge of field trials and commercial application for genetically modified crops in the UK and he has acquired an extensive experience with field trial compliance systems.

Dr. Manning joined as a Perseus Associate in December 2003. He assists our clients with developing and auditing compliance systems.

Igor TCHUMIKOV

Perseus Associate



Dr. Tchumikov obtained his PhD on biology at the Peoples Friendship University, Moscow. After serving as a senior expert to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation, he became responsible for marketing and registration in crop protection (Schering and subsequently AgrEvo, Aventis and Bayer CropScience). Since 1996 he was in charge of supporting products of biotechnology, in particular genetically modified crops, either for cultivation or for import in Russia and other CIS countries.

Dr. Tchumikov joined as a Perseus Associate in March 2004. He monitors regulatory developments in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and other countries of the former USSR and provides to our

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