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**Biotech companies from Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania develop a market in the USA**

- **Biotech companies from Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania forge links in the Hershey Center for Applied Research, PA**

**Philadelphia, February 28th, 2012** - Six young biotechnology companies from Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania explore the possibilities for cooperation and commercialization of their products and services at the east coast of the USA within a marketing aid program of the German Federal Ministry of Economics. First discussions with several companies within the area around Philadelphia were successful.

The USA are the origin of the biotechnology industry and the biggest market. Following a recent survey within the young sector, conducted by BioCon Valley GmbH in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, the USA are the most important target country for their products and services. The biggest market is located there and innovative products and services made in Germany are highly appreciated.

From February 20th to 24th six young companies from Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania used the opportunity to directly make new contacts with young companies and international pharmaceutical enterprises in the surrounding area of Philadelphia, PA, USA. Participants of that program were DST Diagnostische Systeme GmbH and PRIMACYT GmbH from Schwerin, Neoplas GmbH and Enzymicals AG from Greifswald, Neuroproof GmbH from Rostock and BioCon Valley GmbH.

Of special interest were the cell culture systems of PRIMACYT and Neuroproof, as they considerably redound to avoiding animal testing in

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pharmaceutical research, and the innovative rapid test for allergies from DST, which will be released during this year.

Enzymicals AG with their tailor-made enzymes already counts one major enterprise from the surroundings of Philadelphia as their customers. Enzymicals and Neoplas are partners in the North German cluster Biocatalysis2021, where new enzymes are developed as a contribution to improving production routes within the chemical industry (green chemistry). New to the American customers were the plasma physical procedures from Neoplas for the application in medicine.

“For us as a company there were several good contacts. I can announce a first business deal with a company from Greater Philadelphia.” says Dr. Ulf Menyes, CEO of Enzymicals AG. As a result, the companies are optimistic and follow-up appointments are planned for April already.

## About Enzymicals AG

The Enzymicals AG, Greifswald, was founded as a start-up company in August 2009, initialized by the workgroup of Prof. Uwe Bornscheuer, Institute of Biochemistry at the University of Greifswald. The company specializes in enzymatic reactions for the production of fine and specialty chemicals and the manufacture and sale of biocatalysts.

The interdisciplinary team of biochemists, biologists, synthetic and process chemists is led by Dr. Ulf Menyes (chemist) as chief executive officer (CEO) and Dr. Rainer Wardenga (biologist) as head of research and production (CSO).

The Enzymicals AG has established collaborations with leading companies in the chemical industry like for example Evonik, Lonza, Sigma-Aldrich, BRAIN and other undisclosed partners within a short period of time. Technical requirements are set in company for the production of enzymes and for the biotechnological synthesis of specialty and fine chemicals on kg-scale.

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