



ComGenex and CompuDrug form ADME | Tox Consensus Modeling Technical Board

PHILADELPHIA, PA, August 12, 2003 - Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. (AMEX: BIO and BIO.B), a multinational manufacturer and distributor of life science research products and clinical diagnostics, announced today that ComGenex, Inc. and CompuDrug International, Inc. have joined with Bio-Rad Informatics as founding members of Bio-Rad's ADME/Tox Consensus Modeling Technical Board.

The Companies have established this Technical Board in order to advance the scientific value of Bio-Rad Informatics' newly announced Consensus Modeling Environment. Earlier this year, the Companies announced their collaboration with the introduction of Bio-Rad Informatics' Software Product called the KnowItAll® Informatics System, ADME/Tox Edition. The software is used in drug discovery applications for *in silico* investigation of absorption, metabolism, and toxicity.

The Consensus Modeling Environment provides a platform in which multiple *in silico* models produce a statistically more accurate consensus model. The function of the Consensus Modeling Technical Board is to seek candidate models and technologies, to evaluate individual models, and to integrate the models into the Consensus Modeling Environment.

According to Gregory M. Banik, Ph.D., General Manager of Bio-Rad Informatics, "Consensus modeling for ADME/Tox prediction is only possible if multiple models are available. I am personally pleased to see our relationship with ComGenex and CompuDrug expanded and strengthened through Bio-Rad's KnowItAll Consensus Modeling Environment." He continued, "The participation of ComGenex and CompuDrug on Bio-Rad's ADME/Tox Consensus Modeling Technical Board is an indication of their technological distinction, of their faith in their own technology, and of our faith in each other."

Bio-Rad's Informatics Division specializes in state-of-the-art software and database solutions for the pharmaceutical, biotech, and chemical industries. Bio-Rad is the leading publisher of fully verified spectral databases, cheminformatics, spectroscopy software, and decision support systems for drug discovery. The company's award-winning KnowItAll Informatics System offers a fully integrated environment with flexible, expandable software and database solutions for spectroscopy (MS, NMR, IR, Raman, spectral data management), cheminformatics, and ADME/Tox evaluation.

Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc. (www.bio-rad.com) is a multinational manufacturer and distributor of life science research products and clinical diagnostics. It is based in Hercules, California, and serves more than 70,000 research and industry customers worldwide through a network of more than 30 wholly owned subsidiary offices.

ComGenex, Inc. (www.comgenex.com) is an integrated drug discovery chemistry provider for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

CompuDrug International, Inc. (www.compudrug.com) has been developing expert systems and knowledge bases for ADME/Tox and drug discovery since its inception in 1983. Their products combine advanced graphics and modeling techniques with scientific simulation and computation to help researchers understand key structure-activity relationships.