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PRESS RELEASE

überTOOL™ 1.0 - Market launch of the new workflow-based bioinformatics system by science factory

Cologne, Germany, September 3, 2002 - SCIENCE FACTORY GmbH launches its newly developed and comprehensive software package, überTOOL™, on the market today.

überTOOL™ 1.0 makes it possible for scientists in the Life Sciences to integrate and analyze molecular biological data. Over 100 methods from all areas of bioinformatics are currently being made available.

Just as the stones of a construction kit can be easily put together, these methods can be combined in complex analyzing procedures by means of a simple mouse click. The creation of analyzing workflows is therefore understandable for all users, so that programming capabilities are no longer necessary. überTOOL™ comes complete with numerous examples. In addition to these standard examples, each user can create and save his own individual analyses. For the first time the customer's internal data as well as publicly accessible data are saved in überTOOL™ based on their biological context.

"überTOOL is a complex yet easy-to-use program that combines a variety of methods that are otherwise distributed over many applications and Web services. It combines the necessary components of a high-performance bioinformatics analysis system in a unique way: graphic programming, a flexible biological object model and the integration of public and proprietary data," explains Olav Zimmermann, Director of Customers Relations of SCIENCE FACTORY GmbH.

Biologists, biochemists, pharmacists, computer specialists and bioinformatics experts can all work together within this unique software and share both workflow procedures and results with one another. With überTOOL™, researchers can concentrate on the interpretation of their data instead of having to become involved with technology; the evaluation of sequence, expression data or 3D structures is simplified and accelerated.

"überTOOL can be specially set up for the specific needs of the customer and seamlessly integrated into the existing R&D infrastructure of the customer", explains Olav Zimmermann,

"but even the advanced user can expand his research requirements as needed by means of the integrated programming language and Application Programmer Interface (API) of überTOOL".

überTOOL (TM) is a shared system whose server stands out from the rest because it requires very little administration. Installation and continuous updating of the client program take place completely automatically via the user's Web browser.

science factory offers its customers comprehensive customer service with technical support, training programs and technical consulting.

Leading European pharmaceutical and biotechnical companies tested the beta version. "The response that we received from our testers was extremely positive, so that we are already involved in our first licensing negotiations", states Olav Zimmermann.

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About SCIENCE FACTORY GmbH

The bioinformatics enterprise was started up in January 2000. The international team combines the latest software technology with customer-oriented product design. science factory reacts quickly to new scientific developments based on its modular bioinformatics platform technology while customer-specific adaptations are efficiently implemented. Since the summer of 2001 science factory has been exclusively marketing the BRENDA enzyme database worldwide. A large number of biotech and pharmaceutical companies can already be counted as part of our satisfied customer base.

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