

PRESS RELEASE

JPK Instruments appoints Bucher Biotec for Swiss market

Berlin, 28th April 2009 - *JPK Instruments, a world leading manufacturer of nanoanalytic instrumentation for research in life sciences and soft matter, has appointed leading Swiss company, Bucher Biotec AG as their exclusive representatives in Switzerland.*

Bucher Biotec AG is a privately held, well established Swiss distributor company representing major US, European and Japanese manufacturers of scientific instruments and associated consumables for life sciences research. Bucher Biotec was founded over thirty years ago and has built a reputation of excellence both for the products supplied and for their highly trained support team. Roland Bucher, CEO of Bucher, says he is excited with the opportunity to bring JPK's range of products to Switzerland. "JPK has a top quality reputation for their NanoWizard® BioAFM. It is good to see a company broaden its range to meet customer needs and the release of products such as the NanoTracker™ optical tweezers system shows a deep understanding of the technologies needed in the growing biotechnology and life sciences markets."

Commenting on the appointment, JPK's Carmen Friedrichsen, head of sales development in Europe, said "we have known the Bucher company for many years and seen how they are respected by their customers. We feel we have chosen a partner with the right capabilities to both sell and support JPK's products, helping us grow in the Swiss market."

Bucher Biotec will have specialists dedicated to the JPK Instruments product line with demonstration systems available at the prestigious new offices in the White Plaza complex in central Basel.

About JPK Instruments AG

JPK Instruments AG is a world leading manufacturer of nanoanalytic instruments that enable unparalleled access at the nanotechnology level. JPK was recognized as Germany's fastest growing nanotechnology company in 2007 and 2008 (Deloitte). The product portfolio is based around atomic force microscopes and optical tweezers for a wide range of applications, from soft matter physics to nano-optics, from surface chemistry to cellular and molecular biology. Leading-edge instruments from JPK are used by the most renowned research institutes across the world. Headquartered in Berlin and with operations in Dresden, Cambridge (UK) and Singapore, JPK maintains a global network of distributors and support centers and provides on the spot applications and service support to an ever-growing community of researchers.

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