



Opening Ceremony of BioPark III in Regensburg

The third construction phase of the BioPark in Regensburg has been officially opened. There are now a total of 18,000 m² available with high quality laboratory space for companies and founders in the fields of biotechnology, medical technology, pharmaceuticals and interdisciplinary industries directly on the grounds of the University of Regensburg.

The third construction phase of BioPark Regensburg GmbH was opened with an official ceremony. In front of 150 invited guests Lord Mayor Hans Schaidinger described the successful development of the BioPark from the Foundation Centre to the Technology Centre on the Uni-Campus. Following BioPark I (opening 2001) and BioPark II (opening 2006), the third construction phase was necessary to be able to accommodate the growing space requirements of the founders, companies and those locating to the BioPark. Even at the inauguration 60% of the space in the new building had been leased. Biotechnology has meanwhile become a successful part of the industrial sector in Regensburg. BioRegio Regensburg has developed into an interdisciplinary technology network in East Bavaria.

In his greeting State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for Economy and Technology Dr. Bernard Heitzer explained the significance of funding by the BMWi. Without the Economic Recovery Plan II in this finance and business crisis, economic recovery in Germany would have been significantly slower. Thanks to confirmation of finance from this support programme, development in fully booked BioPark Regensburg is able to continue.

In his keynote speech the Acting State Premier and the Bavarian Minister of State for Finance, Transport and Technology, Martin Zeil *and the State Secretary in the Bavarian Federal Ministry Frau Katja Hessel* praised the involvement of the State on the project. Two thirds of the construction costs of 14.5 million € come from the Economic Recovery Plan. The remainder is divided equally between the European Union (EFRE), the State of Bavaria and the City of Regensburg. Zeil sees the money well invested in the technology location of Regensburg. BioRegio Regensburg with 44 companies and 2,600 employees has become the second largest location following Munich. The BioPark with 18,000 m² is the second largest centre in the State following Martinsried. In his closing words Managing Director Dr. Thomas Diefenthal thanked all of those involved for their cooperation in the two-year construction period despite a very tight schedule. Together with the previous speakers he unveiled two plaques in the entrance hall of the new location which will indicate in the future the finance institutions.

Patent and Law Firm new in BioPark

The law firm Dehmel & Bettenhausen, patent specialists and lawyers from Munich, have opened a second branch in BioPark Regensburg and thereby enriched the services offered at the biotechnology centre.

Dehmel & Bettenhausen Patent Specialists and Lawyers have been very successful for more than 10 years in the fields of bio and gene technology, molecular biology, pharmacy and chemistry. The law firm of patent specialists and lawyers has meanwhile an increasing number of clients in Regensburg and the surrounding area. With the decision to also open an office in BioPark Regensburg, the law firm is addressing on the one hand the continual development of the centre into a very successful research location in Bavaria and Germany. On the other hand the law firm with this decision is also pursuing their philosophy, to be a modern service provider and to offer great customer proximity. Dehmel & Bettenhausen Patent Specialists and Lawyers complement the range of consultancy services in the BioPark on taxation, technology transfer, organisation of clinical studies and contract research. The range of services will be expanded in the near future by further leaseholders.

For further information see:

- BioPark Regensburg GmbH
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