

PRESS RELEASE

JPK announces hiring of UK staff

Berlin, 29th January 2007:

JPK announces the hire of staff for their new UK offices to be established in March 2008.

Heading the new operation will be Dr Andrew Murray, formerly business development director at CEMMNT and UK sales manager for Veeco Instruments. As General Manager of JPK Instruments Limited, Drew will take responsibility for all sales and marketing activities to support JPK's growing installed base of advanced nanotechnology solutions for the life sciences community.

Alongside Drew, will be Dr Alex Winkel who will lead the applications and service department. Alex has extensive experience in the world of Scanning Probe Microscopy having completed his doctorate at Bristol in the group of Professor Mervyn Miles before becoming a leading applications specialist with Veeco.

Commenting on this expansion of JPK's global operations, Director Torsten Jahnke said the company was very pleased to have secured the services of two such experienced individuals and that they were looking forward to continuing to grow the customer base through active participation in the UK's scientific community. This will include exhibiting and supporting the UK SPM group's annual meeting being held during this year's MicroScience event being organized by the RMS at the ExCeL Centre in June. "The UK is one of Europe's leading scientific markets and we want to play a more active part within it."

JPK's new UK premises will be unveiled in March. They will comprise demonstration laboratories, a service workshop and meeting rooms to enable clients to visit and evaluate JPK's products in person.

Central to the JPK product line is the new NanoWizard®II. This is truly the next generation AFM system for biological and soft matter applications. It provides state-of-the-art AFM functionality like high resolution imaging, force measurements, nanomanipulation and lithography, all seamlessly integrated with advanced optical imaging provided by inverted optical microscopes. A whole range of fluid-cells and temperature control options make it extremely versatile for all applications where performance and ease of use is key. Powerful accessories like the CellHesion® module for measurements of cell mechanics and adhesion and the Tip Assisted Optics module for advanced AFM-optical experiments provide unique enhanced capabilities to NanoWizard®II users.

About JPK Instruments AG:

JPK Instruments AG is a leading manufacturer of nano-analytic instruments – particularly atomic force microscope (AFM) systems – for research in life sciences and soft matter. One of Germany's most innovative nanotechnology companies, JPK was among the first to recognize the revolutionary opportunities this new field would open up for biomedical and pharmaceutical research. From the beginning, JPK has tailored its instrument platforms to meet the challenges in these areas.

JPK has developed powerful state-of-the-art solutions for high-resolution imaging, force measurement, nanomanipulation and nanolithography for life science applications. At the center of JPK's current portfolio are the BioAFM NanoWizard®, the CellHesion® module (for studying cell adhesion and cell mechanics phenomena), and the TAO module (for use in optical spectroscopy). The secret of JPK's success lies in its high level of application expertise and its close interaction with leading scientists and research centers in nanotechnology.

Founded in 1999, the company is headquartered in Berlin and maintains a global network of distributors and support centers. In 2004 it launched nAmbition GmbH, a Dresden subsidiary specializing in the development of nano-instruments for application in molecular medicine and pharmaceutical research. In August 2006, this was followed by the 100% acquisition of Ipi light power instruments, which is focussing on the development of optical nano-instrumentation for life science applications in research and industry.

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