



Specific Technologies Announces Scientific Advisory Boards in the US and Europe

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California, December 5, 2016 - Specific Technologies, which has developed a new paradigm combining detection with ID of microorganisms growing in culture, today announced the formation of its Scientific Advisory Boards in both the United States and Europe. These bodies, representing a comprehensive global panel of global industry experts, will serve as a valuable repository of clinical and regulatory expertise as Specific now moves to offer instruments that promise to transform work-flow in the clinical microbiology laboratory.

“These distinguished experts have joined to provide guidance and clinical context as we bring a new paradigm in microbiology diagnostics to the clinic. The SAB members recognize the transformation our technology can bring to the global microbiology market,” said Paul Rhodes, Chief Executive Officer of Specific Technologies. “We are honored by their involvement, and have already greatly benefitted from their experience and insight into the needs of the clinical microbiology laboratory in the US and Europe and beyond.”

“I believe Specific’s technology, which combines detection with identification and now is being extended to direct susceptibility testing presents a unique combination of simplicity and low cost that will enable its wide adoption,” said Dr. Hilmar Wisplinghoff, Head of Microbiology Operations, Wisplinghoff Laboratory, Cologne, Germany. “I look forward to working with the Company to help them bring these innovations to address some of the world’s most compelling diagnostic needs and opportunities.”

The inaugural members of Specific Technologies scientific advisory board are:

United States:

- Dr. David Alland - Associate Dean for Clinical Research and Chair, Division of Infectious Disease, Rutgers
- Dr. Ellen Jo Baron – Executive Director, Medical Affairs, Cepheid, Former Director, Stanford Medical Center Clinical Microbiology Laboratory and Professor Emerita, Stanford University Medical School
- Dr. Dan Schultz - Former Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA
- Dr. Heather Rosecranz - Former Director, 510-K Program, FDA
- Dr. Nathan Ledebor - Medical Director, Clinical Microbiology, Medical College of Wisconsin

Europe:



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- Dr. Hilmar Wisplinghoff - Head of Microbiology Operations, Wisplinghoff Laboratory, Cologne, Germany
- Dr. Martin Rottman - Director, Medical Microbiology Hôpitaux Universitaires, Paris, France
- Dr. Caroline Visser - Medical Director, Microbiology Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam, Netherlands

“The background and experience of the SAB will be invaluable as we continue to make rapid progress towards the commercialization of our technology,” said Rob Lozuk, President of Specific Technologies. “This panel of respected thought leaders will ensure our products are supported and well aligned with the needs of the market. We look forward to working closely with this team as we transition our technology out of development and into the clinical lab.”

About the SpecID System

During growth in culture, bacteria produce small molecule volatile metabolites unique to their species and strain. Utilizing a chemical fingerprint that combines detection and identification into a simple, automated single step utilizing a low-cost disposable printed sensory array, the novel SpecID system identifies microorganism species and strain from the metabolomic signature of volatiles produced during growth.

About Specific Technologies

Specific Technologies has developed *in vitro* diagnostic systems based upon a unique, patented metabolomic signature technology that enables rapid identification of microorganisms. Its first commercial application applies this fundamental new platform to the detection and characterization of microorganisms causing blood stream infection, and to the rapid and low cost phenotypic determination of their antibiotic susceptibility. Specific Technologies is based in Mountain View, CA.

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