



Aureus Pharma and ChemAxon Announce Strategic Technology Partnership

Paris, France & Budapest, Hungary April 4, 2005 - Aureus Pharma and ChemAxon announced today a new strategic partnership under which two ChemAxon Java-based chemistry components have been incorporated within AurQUEST®, Aureus Pharma's interface for the AurSCOPE® line of knowledge bases.

AurQUEST integrates chemoinformatics functionality through ChemAxon's Marvin chemical structure sketching applet and the JChem application for searching and retrieving structures. As a result researchers can easily interrogate AurSCOPE knowledge bases by combining chemical and biological queries. This advance delivers an entirely new level of insight for prioritizing decisions within a drug discovery program.

"ChemAxon's chemoinformatics and discovery toolkit has allowed the Aureus Pharma team to quickly incorporate the chemistry components into our knowledge management platform" said Dr. André Michel, Aureus Pharma's CEO. "This technology also provides our customers with state of the art scientific algorithms to further power Aureus' applications."

"We are pleased that Aureus Pharma chose JChem to enable chemical visualization and search" said Ferenc Csizmadia, CEO of ChemAxon. "We are confident that this new level of chemical intelligence from the Aureus' platform provides a powerful and unique resource to the research community."

About ChemAxon

ChemAxon is a leader in providing Java-based chemical software development platforms for the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. With core capabilities including structure visualization and management, property prediction, virtual synthesis, screening and drug design, ChemAxon focuses upon active interaction with users and core portability to create powerful, cost effective cross platform solutions and programming interfaces to power modern cheminformatics and chemical communication.

About Aureus Pharma

Aureus Pharma headquartered in Paris, France is a privately held knowledge management based solutions provider for the life sciences industry. Aureus Pharma accelerates new drug discovery with innovative products combining computerized knowledge management systems with quantitative biological activity. For further information on how Aureus Pharma helps researchers turn data into discovery visit www.aureus-pharma.com

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