

Scientific exchange is a two-way street

ERBER Group organizes a biotech delegation trip to Singapore

Getzersdorf/Lower Austria, April 9, 2018 – **A delegation of experts from the fields of biotechnology and life sciences visited Singapore at the end of February to make connections in the country’s budding startup scene.**

ERBER Group made it possible for an Austrian delegation to travel to Singapore for a second time since 2014. The delegation’s members were welcomed by representatives of government-related grant-making agencies and extramural research institutes.

This made a scientific exchange between both countries possible. The Austrian delegation learned about Singapore’s biotech scene and, on the second day, its members had the opportunity to present their research skills during a small symposium. The following scientists presented their current research projects: Dr. Georg Gübitz and Dr. Rudolf Krska, both members of the IFA-Tulln Department of Agrobiotechnology at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna; Dr. Angela Sessitsch, head of the Bioresources Unit at the Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT). The Deputy Chair of the CDG Scientific Board, Dr. Andrea Barta, presented the organization’s funding models. The CDG, also known as the Christian Doppler Research Association, is located in Vienna and creates partnerships between researchers and businesses.

ERBER Group, whose core company, BIOMIN, specializes in feed additives, has noticed that the market in East Asia is booming. With its growing middle class, this region is particularly interesting for ERBER Group; it conducts its business there from its regional headquarters in Singapore. The Group’s founder and main stockholder, Erich Erber, is also Economic Ambassador of Singapore. Mr. Erber has been living in this city-state for some years now and has made connections in its budding startup scene.

“Compared to our visit four years ago, many things in Singapore have developed significantly. The state is investing heavily in R&D and is doing so using a top-down approach,” he notes. “The buzzword I keep thinking of is ‘translation.’ It refers to how the results of research translate into IP in business models. Singapore is still in the early stages of development in this respect, and bringing LaunchPad as a venture builder into

the mix also proves this. However, knowing the country the way I do, I am very sure that it will develop a lot very soon. This was definitely the case in the past, and I don't see why things would change in Singapore in the future. That's why I support the ongoing dialogue about developments between the biotech scenes in Austria and Singapore," says Erich Erber.

ERBER Group

ERBER Group is a leading group of companies in the field of food and feed safety, with focusing on natural feed additives, feed and food analysis and plant protection with headquarters in Austria/Getzersdorf. It generated a turnover of about 325 million euros in 2017. ERBER Group consists of BIOMIN, ROMER LABS, SANPHAR and EFB. Including distribution partners. ERBER Group is represented in more than 120 countries worldwide. The international orientation, the in-house research and development are important success factors for the annual growth of ERBER Group.

ERBER Group is an expert organization and world leader in the original core business of mycotoxin risk management. Powerful in-house research and development provides the basis for developing customer-focused and innovative solutions, which is particularly supported by collaborations with renowned universities and research institutions.

The company was founded in 1983 as "ERBER KG" and later on "BIOMIN GmbH" by Erich und Margarete Erber in Pottenbrunn (Austria) and is still family run.

More information at www.erber-group.net

Press contact:

Claudia Hajdinyak

Head of Corporate Communications

Phone: +43 2782 803 11340

Mail: claudia.hajdinyak@erber-group.net

Internet: www.erber-group.net

Twitter: www.twitter.com/ERBERGroup

Caption: Delegation of experts from the fields of biotechnology and life sciences

Photo credit: @Christin Koh