About EUROIMMUN

Autoimmune diagnostics

Infectious serology

Allergology

Antigen detection

Molecular diagnostics

Automation

2013/2014
EUROIMMUN is an international provider of medical laboratory products and is engaged in the fields of autoimmune and infectious diseases, allergies and gene analytics. Its product portfolio includes well over a thousand diagnostic parameters. The company was founded in 1987 from the University of Luebeck (Germany).

At the beginning of 2013 EUROIMMUN employed more than 1500 people in 13 countries, 60 percent of them women, 614 with a university degree and 103 with a doctoral degree. The business generated 125 million Euros. The company has extensive expertise in the areas of immunology, cell biology, histology, biochemistry and molecular biology. Moreover, it constructs complex analytical instruments and production machines and realises data management concepts.

The accredited Institute for Quality Assurance, which is based in the company, runs training centres in several countries and organises quality assessment schemes, thus helping to maintain high standards of quality in external laboratories.

Furthermore, EUROIMMUN has established the Institute for Experimental Immunology, which is dedicated to basic research. International collaborations with over 50 academic institutions result in many diplomas and theses. EUROIMMUN is ISO certified (ENISO 9001:2000, EN ISO 13485:2003, ISO 13485/CMDCAS).

A substantial part of the company’s success can be attributed to the affiliated reference laboratory, which offers EUROIMMUN customers rapid, state-of-the-art diagnostics and clarifies difficult result constellations in hundreds of patient samples daily.

Among the initial pioneering achievements of the company was the development of BIOCHIPS (1983). Today, EUROIMMUN has at its disposal virtually fully automated BIOCHIP fragmentation and production machines, which were designed and produced in-house and are now in use worldwide. Furthermore, the company commands a broad technology base, which it has drawn on to stimulate and promote fundamental new developments in medical laboratory diagnostics. Examples include molecular biological synthesis of designer antigens, computer-aided immunofluorescence microscopy (CAIFM) and development of multiparametric microarrays for identification of genetic polymorphisms, tumours or pathogenic organisms.

In our field of activity and as far as our capabilities allow, we strive to improve the health of people and animals. Moreover, EUROIMMUN is open to any bona fide scientific collaboration.

EUROIMMUN has taken on more than 350 new members of staff in the last two years. Engineers at EUROIMMUN are particularly enthused to be able to work independently here and bring their ideas to fruition in global markets. They discover new diagnostic principles, invent original analytical procedures and design instruments for these applications, which together with new reagents are then exported to over 150 countries.

Within the company there is a productive atmosphere and contact between employees is open and mutually respectful. All members of staff, from apprentices to executive directors, sit at the same table for lunch. Staff are encouraged to take on responsibility within the company’s supportive environment and improve their skills regularly both internally and at congresses. They are also offered the opportunity to benefit from the company’s success by becoming shareholders.

There is a three-star restaurant for staff, a company kindergarten (full-day) with 90 places and an after-school club. EUROIMMUN is
a particularly family-friendly company, and employees are able to harmonise their professional careers with their family life. All this is based on our belief that only well trained, motivated and healthy employees contribute to the company’s success.

**EUROIMMUN in figures**

- 1987: Founded in Luebeck, Germany
- 125 M: Euros annual Group turnover in 2012
- 1559: Employees worldwide
- 1110: Employees in Germany, of these
- 313: University graduates
- 76: Employees with doctoral degree
- 52: Apprentices
- 5: Offices in Germany
- 12: Subsidiaries in other countries
- 3: International training centres
- 58: Patent applications worldwide
- 6th place: In “Top 100 Ranking of Medium-Sized Businesses” (Die Welt, 2013)

**Recent product innovations**

- **Alzheimer’s diagnostics:** A new generation of test systems for the detection of beta-amyloid (1-40), beta-amyloid (1-42) and total tau for reliable diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease
- **Anti-PLA₂R ELISA:** Quantitative detection of autoantibodies against phospholipase A₂ receptor (PLA₂R) in primary membranous glomerulonephritis (MGN)
- **Anti-HEV ELISA:** Sole commercial anti-hepatitis E virus ELISA with quantification according to WHO standard in IU/ml (IgG); highest sensitivity and specificity through the use of recombinant structural proteins of HEV
- **SPAC Profiles Pollen, Insect Venoms:** Molecular allergy diagnostics using single purified allergen components (SPAC) for differential diagnostics of allergic sensitisation patterns
- **EUROArray:** Molecular diagnostics with the EUROArrays HLA-B27 Direct, HLA-DQ2/DQ8, Haemochromatosis Direct, FV/FII Direct and HPV
- **EUROPATTERN Microscope and Software:** Automatic microscopy and pattern recognition of ANA and cytoplasmic patterns with titer determination and integrated result preparation
- **EUROLABLiquidHandler:** Modular system for flexible and efficient liquid handling of immuno-fluorescence tests, ELISAs and immunoblot assays
- **EUROBlotOne:** Unique automation solution for the immunoblot work station – from sample pipetting to the final result
Publications with EUROIMMUN’s participation (2012/13)

Publications


17. Derksen A, Stettner M, Stöcker W, Seitz RJ. Antiglycine receptor-related stiff limb syndrome in a patient


Scientific presentations


6. Haven TR, Jaskowski TD, Suh-Lailam BB, Knapp D, Giles RS, Stöcker W, Tebo AE. Autoantibody class is not restricted in N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor associated limbic encephalitis. 26th Annual Meeting of the Association of Medical Laboratory Immunologists (AMLI), Savannah, USA (2013).


New patents & utility models

1. **Calibration strip for an immunoblot.** German utility model no. DE 20 2011 106 093 (application in 2011).


4. **Microscope slide.** German utility model no. DE 20 2011 005 278 (application in 2011).


7. Stöcker W. **Diagnostic kit and method for examining a human patient sample for the presence of antibodies specific to neuromyelitis optica.** German and international patent application nos. DE 10 2011 011 280.4 (application in 2011) and WO 2012/110024 (application in 2012).

8. Stöcker W. **Method and device for processing samples of biological materials.** German patent application no. DE 10 2011 118 496 (application in 2011).

9. Stöcker W. **Method for detecting anti-NMDA receptor autoantibodies for use in diagnostic procedures.** German, international and Chinese patent application nos. DE 10 2010 053 432.3 (application in 2010), WO 2012/076000 (application in 2011) and CN 103 282 776 (application in 2013).

10. **Test kit for laboratory diagnostics.** German utility model no. DE 20 2012 004 404 (application in 2012).

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