

## Continuing its Commitment to Ireland, bioMérieux Opens an Office in Dublin

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The bioMérieux team will be located at NovaUCD, the Innovation and Technology Transfer Centre at University College Dublin. A great emphasis will be placed on training, making use of the University's excellent conference and laboratory facilities. Drawing on the microbiology expertise available through the UCD Centre for Food Safety at the UCD Veterinary Sciences Centre, bioMérieux will provide training programmes, seminars and 'hands-on' workshops as part of its support to microbiologists throughout Ireland.

bioMérieux established a research collaboration 18 months ago with the internationally recognised UCD Centre for Food Safety, working on the neonatal pathogen *Cronobacter sakazakii*. The presence of this bacterium in infant food products, including powdered milk, can cause meningitis, sepsis and other serious infections, primarily in newborn or premature infants.

As part of the official office opening, bioMérieux held a series of parallel seminars for Irish customers at NovaUCD followed by a plenary session to introduce bioMérieux's innovative microbial strain typing system, DiversiLab®.

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A world leader in the field of in vitro diagnostics for 45 years, bioMérieux is present in more than 150 countries through 39 subsidiaries and a large network of distributors. In 2007, revenues reached €1.063 billion with 84% of sales outside of France.

bioMérieux provides diagnostic solutions (reagents, instruments, software) which determine the source of disease and contamination to improve patient health and ensure consumer safety. Its products are used for diagnosing infectious diseases and providing high medical value results for cardiovascular emergencies and cancer screening and monitoring. They are also used for detecting microorganisms in agri-food, pharmaceutical and cosmetic products. bioMérieux is listed on the NYSE Euronext Paris market (Code: BIM – Code ISIN: FR0010096479).

NovaUCD is University College Dublin's €11 million Innovation and Technology Transfer Centre.

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