



Press release

Appointment of Dominique Bridon, PhD as Vice President, Discovery

Paris (France), 1st April 2008 – Ipsen (Euronext: FR0010259150; IPN) announced the appointment, of Dominique Bridon as Vice-President, Discovery of the Ipsen Group, effective today. He will report to Jacques-Pierre Moreau, Ipsen's Executive Vice President, Chief Scientific Officer. Based in the research center of Ipsen in Boston, he will have under his responsibility the drug discovery teams (medicinal chemistry, endocrinology and oncology research, pharmacogenomics and genetics) and also be responsible for overseeing external research partnerships and collaborations.

Dominique Bridon, 49, is a graduate, from the *École Nationale Supérieure de Chimie* and joined the laboratory of Nobel Laureate Sir Derek Barton at *Institut de Chimie des Substances Naturelles* at Gif sur Yvette (France) where he was awarded a Doctorate in Science. For his post doctoral studies in organic chemistry, he moved to the University of California Berkeley with Pr. William Dauben.

His professional career started in 1989 at Abbott Laboratories within the Diagnostics Division; he was also associated with Bioinformatic Venture and Peptide Engineering. In 1997, he joined the start-up company Conjuchem in Montreal as V-P Research and Chief Technology Officer. While at Conjuchem, Dominique originated the discovery and development of in situ conjugates as a mean to achieve controlled release of peptides and proteins. More recently, he served as a member on the Board of Directors and on the Scientific Board of Directors for several start-up companies; he has also been an advisor to several biotech companies and venture capital funds.

About Ipsen

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