

Media release

Keen interest abroad in Switzerland as a life-science centre

First Swiss online life-science database launched

On 3 March 2003, the SwissBiotech association will launch the first online database of Switzerland's life-science sector. Information on Swiss medtech and biotech companies will be available at www.swisslifesciences.com.

Zurich, 3 March 2003 – The online database will be available free of charge for queries and for calling up a brief profile of each organization. In addition to biotech companies, the database includes medtech and life-science companies and organizations, as well as investors specializing in these fields. All data is categorized according to sector and subsector so that systematic searches can be carried out. The database currently comprises more than 600 organizations of which about 200 are classified as biotech companies. The database is updated regularly. New companies can be entered at any time free of charge. Companies that are already included can modify their data.

SwissBiotech unites the various biotech regions of Switzerland: in a targeted manner, the initiative raises Switzerland's profile as an economic centre abroad and positions its biotech regions as innovative and entrepreneurial focal points of research and production. Increasing international connectedness has led to a great demand both in Switzerland and abroad for a comprehensive database. At www.swisslifesciences.com, a minimum of effort provides an overview of the various organizations belonging to Switzerland's life-science community.

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