

PRESS RELEASE

More Manpower for Research

Dr. Lars Behrend joins SSS International Clinical Research and expands the executive board

Germering near Munich, Germany, August 03, 2017. SSS International Clinical Research GmbH (SSS), an innovative and flexible partner for European-wide clinical studies, continues to expand. As of now, the founder, Dr. Michael Sigmund and the new Chief Operating Officer (COO), Dr. Lars Behrend, will be working hand-in-hand to rapidly implement the international growth strategy. The new addition to the executive board meets the needs of the growth strategy and guarantees the well-known pharmaceutical industry customers full cooperation together with a strong and long-term partner.



For more than 20 years, SSS has been successful within the area of clinical contract research (Full Service Contract Research) for the development of medicines and medical products. For further process professionalization and the development of the three subsidiaries in Germany, Poland and Romania, Dr. Michael Sigmund, until now the sole CEO of the company, has decided to bring reinforcements on board to create a future-orientated executive management.

From July 2017, Dr. Lars Behrend (45) will fill the role of COO, covering the key areas of financial management, controlling and business development. Lars Behrend holds a diploma in biology and a PhD in cancer research. He has 15 years work experience in management and consulting within the medical sector, biotechnology and cleantech areas.

“Having Dr. Lars Behrend on the team is a real stroke of luck. Here is a person who not only has extensive experience as a management executive and knows all about the clinical and biotechnology sectors. He also has a real entrepreneurial personality with hands-on experience in developing professional organisational structures and knowing the importance of cooperative customer relationships.” comments Dr. Michael Sigmund the



personnel decision. “I have gained a sparring partner who exactly knows the critical phase when medicines move from theoretical research to the clinic. In future, I can concentrate more on the strategic development of our company.”

A **printable image** can be found at:

<http://www.cro-sss.de/application/files/3715/0166/9619/SSS-international-clinical-research-management-lars-behrend-left-michael-sigmund-right.jpg>

About SSS International Clinical Research (SSS):

Founded in 1993 and with about 50 employees today, SSS works with biotech, diagnostics and pharmaceutical companies throughout Europe as a clinical contract research institute (CRO). In 2009, the 1997 DIN EN ISO certification has been expanded to DIN ISO EN 9001. This ensures smooth, efficient and rule-consistent conduct of the contracted clinical studies. SSS provides a full spectrum service from medical and statistical planning, study submission and approval process at regulatory authorities and ethic committees, performance of full monitoring service up to the biometric assessment and the study report generation.

The special flexibility of the innovative and IT-process-driven company continues to convince corporations as well as medium-sized enterprises. The company headquarters is located in Germering near Munich with further locations in Poland and Romania. SSS is a member of the Federal Association of Contract Research Organizations (BVMA) and the business association of the German Biotechnology Industry, BIO Deutschland.

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