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Chief Executive, BioIndustry Association (BIA)

Aisling Burnand was appointed Chief Executive of the BioIndustry Association (BIA) in February 2003, having joined the BIA in September 1998 as Director of Public Affairs, becoming Deputy Chief Executive in 2001. She has been responsible for all aspects of the Association's internal and external

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Karin Duncker

Executive Director, New York Biotechnology Association

Karin Duncker has served as Executive Director of the New York Biotechnology Association, Inc. (NYBA) since 1998, and has been on staff at the association for 12 years. Ms Duncker also serves as a liaison to regional industry organisations and economic development agencies throughout the state. This effort has helped unify New York's diverse biotechnology business sector while also developing a targeted legislative agenda that benefits biotech clusters across the state. Ms Duncker

has submitted testimony at NY State Assembly and Senate hearings and NYC Council meetings, and has participated on the NYC Mayor's Taskforce on Economic Development. Prior to joining NYBA, Ms Duncker worked in corporate training and development at the Long Island Lighting Company and the Pall Corporation. She began her career in the field of education. Ms Duncker received her BA and Graduate Fellowship in marine biology from Hofstra University. ■

Renato Galliano

Vice President, European Association of Regional Development Agencies (EURADA)

Renato Galliano is the first Vice President of the European Association of Regional Development Agencies (EURADA). He is also the General Manager of Milano Metropoli Development Agency, the agency for the sustainable development of the Metropolitan Area of Milan, where he has been working since

1997, and a lecturer at the Polytechnic of Milan, where he has managed several research programmes on local development and urban regeneration. He was President of Comunimpresa, a regional development agency located in North-West of the Milan metropolitan area, from 2003 to 2005). ■

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Romeo Paioni is Head of Scientific and External Affairs of Novartis Pharma Development in January 1999. Prior to that, he was Head of Novartis Preclinical Development and Project Management, Basel Operations. Prior to this, at the time of the merger of CIBA and Sandoz in 1997, Dr Paioni filled various positions within several therapeutic areas of the Pharmaceutical Division of CIBA. From 1990 to 1997 he was Head of CIBA's Pharma Research at

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Caroline Ruggieri is the Acting Executive Manager Emerging Biopharmaceutical Enterprises (EBE). Prior to this she served as Manager for International Relations at the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) in Washington, DC. In this capacity,

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