

## Press Release

### Poietis announces formation of Scientific Advisory Board and appoints two first prominent Regenerative Medicine experts

Pessac, France – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Poietis, 4D Bioprinting company, announces formation of Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) and appointment of two first prominent Scientists in Regenerative Medicine. The SAB will serve as a key strategic resource to Poietis as the company expands capabilities of Next-Generation Bioprinting (NGB) platform to therapeutic applications and develops first implantable tissues such as a bioprinted skin substitute in collaboration with the Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Marseille. Poietis appoints Dr. Geoffrey Gurtner, MD, Johnson and Johnson Professor of Surgery, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Stanford University and Vice-Chairman of Surgery for Innovation at Stanford University School of Medicine (California, United States) and Dr. Michael H. May, President & CEO of the Center for Commercialization of Regenerative Medicine (CCRM) at Toronto (Canada).

*“The formation of Poietis’ SAB is a very important step towards company global deployment in the clinical area”* says Bruno Brisson, Poietis co-founder and VP Business Development. *“We are delighted to welcome Dr. Gurtner and Dr. May to our SAB, where they will be key contributors in further enhancing our efforts to bring bioprinting solutions to clinicians and patients with high unmet needs”.*

*“To have Dr. Gurtner, a world-renowned expert in tissue-engineering therapies for skin wound healing, join our SAB will enrich our R&D efforts to achieve the first-in-human of a bioprinted skin substitute in the coming years”* adds Dr. Fabien Guillemot, CEO and Poietis founder. *“We also believe Dr. May will prove invaluable to Poietis leadership team, and we look forward to his insights and guidance to accelerate the advancement of our bioprinting platform technology to address the key challenges in tissue manufacturing and regenerative medicine”.*

*“3D bioprinting is a once-in-a-generation transformative technology. By focusing its 3D printing platform on a clinical application of high unmet need, Poietis is leading the adoption of 3D printing in cell therapy and tissue engineering”* comments Dr. Michael H. May, PhD, President & CEO of the CCRM.



Dr. Geoffrey Gurtner, MD, is Johnson and Johnson Professor of Surgery and Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Stanford University, California; USA. He currently serves as the Associate Chairman for Research in the Department of Surgery and is the Executive Director of the Stanford Wound Care Center.

Geoff is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Dartmouth College and an AOA graduate of the University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine.

He completed a general surgery residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, a plastic surgery residency at NYU School of Medicine and received advanced training in microsurgery at the University of Texas-MD Anderson Cancer Center. He is board certified in both general surgery and plastic surgery. He is the author of over 180 peer-reviewed publications in

both scientific and surgical literature and editor for two major textbooks in the field: Grabb & Smith’s Plastic Surgery and Plastic Surgery. Geoff was awarded the James Barrett Brown Award (for best paper in plastic surgery) in both 2009 and 2010, and has been named “Researcher of the Year” by the American Society of Plastic Surgeons and the American Association of Plastic Surgeons. His research has led to the development of several novel biomedical technologies. Geoff has co-founded several start-ups focused on wound healing, aesthetics and cardiovascular health.





Dr. Michael May completed his PhD in Chemical Engineering at the University of Toronto in 1998 as an NSERC Scholar and was awarded the Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship. He is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Commercialization of Regenerative Medicine (CCRM) – a Canadian public-private partnership supporting the translation and commercialization of cell & gene therapies and associated enabling technologies through stakeholder networks and with specialized teams, infrastructure and funding. He is also CEO of CCRM Enterprises, the venture creation and investment arm of CCRM.

Prior to CCRM, Michael was the President and co-founder of Rimon Therapeutics Ltd., a Toronto-based tissue engineering company developing novel medical polymers that possess drug-like activity. Rimon's initial focus was on advanced wound healing. Michael sits on a number of boards and advisory committees, including: the Entrepreneurship Leadership Council at the University of Toronto; the Commercialization Committee of the International Society for Cell and Gene Therapy, the Alliance for Regenerative Medicine Foundation, CellCan and AgeX Inc. He is Chair of ExcellThera and co-moderates sessions in the health streams of the Creative Destruction Labs.

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**About Poietis:** Bioprinting company specializing in the development of new biomanufacturing solutions, based on Laser-Assisted Bioprinting, for human tissues. Poietis mission is to provide clinicians and patients with tissue engineering therapies thanks to its innovative, proprietary Next-Generation Bioprinting platform (NGB). The multimodal NGB platform is declined in two versions: one for in vitro tissue engineering research (NGB-R) and a clinical version (NGB-C) for the production of implantable bioprinted tissues. This multi-modal, automated biomanufacturing platform enables researchers to achieve superior tissue through high resolution, and enables the fabrication of complex tissues with repeatability and reproducibility. Poietis bioprinting technology is the result of innovative research carried out over ten years at Inserm and the University of Bordeaux. Poietis won the iLab competition in 2014, the World Innovation Challenge Phase II in 2017 and recently the EY Disruptive Strategy Award. The company currently employs 35 people. More information: [www.poietis.com](http://www.poietis.com)

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