

The GERMETHEQUE Biobank chooses TD-Biobank® from TECHNIDATA to equip its 5 sites

Montbonnot, December 19, 2011: To equip its 5 sites, the GERMETHEQUE Biobank has chosen TD-Biobank®, the new solution for bio-repository management from TECHNIDATA, the leading supplier of software for clinical and anatomic-pathology laboratories. This new module, which forms part of the TECHNIDATA TD-Synergy software suite, adds value to biological specimens and optimizes traceability.

An efficient tool to maximize value and traceability

This dedicated module addresses the needs of single or multi-site biobanks and organizations who want to manage and add value to their stored specimen collections (tissues, blood products, DNA, RNA, cells, etc) for research, diagnosis and donation activities. Biological annotations, sample storage and retrieval features, research protocols and collections management, contribute to an efficient biobank solution, and help biorepositories to promote scientific collaboration.

"We wanted a single solution to equip our multi-site bio-repository, and we chose TD-Biobank for our five sites. This solution has not only enabled us to manage our multi-site organization, but has also significantly improved traceability, data security, and storage visibility, with centralized management of our collections. It is essential that our biobank can offer a very high level of expertise and quality to the international community of researchers. The Germethèque biobank is the first and, indeed, the only biobank in France dedicated to the study of human reproduction, storing gametes and germinal tissues, to name but a few", explains Dr Nathalie Moinard, Assistant Coordinator of the Germethèque biobank and a Pathologist at the Sperm and Egg Research Bank (or CECOS) at Toulouse Hospital in France, the pilot site for the project.

Based on Web technologies, TD-Biobank has been designed for an easy and rapid global deployment and offers an intuitive interface that saves time and optimizes users' experience.

An asset to meet legal requirements

TD-Biobank provides a high level of quality and traceability. It helps laboratories in their certification process and contributes to meeting regulatory and legal requirements.

"Creating collections catalogs is a legal requirement. We much appreciate TD-Biobank, which enables us to do so easily. This module has also facilitated our certification process to the ISO 9001/NFS 96-900 standards: before deployment of the solution, we were issued with a non-conformity notice last year after the certification audit. Today, now that TD-Biobank is deployed and being used routinely since April 2011, we are proud to say that we are 100% compliant. We even received the congratulations of the auditor for our bio-repository system management, a great way to crown this project", concludes Dr Moinard.

For more details on TD-Biobank:

<http://www.technidata-web.com/solutions-a-services/lis-solutions/biobanks>

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With over 30 years' experience in the field of lab management, TECHNIDATA has become one of the leading global software suppliers for clinical and anatomic-pathology laboratory information systems. Developed in full compliance with the ISO 9001/ISO 13485 quality standards, TECHNIDATA software products are distributed in more than 25 countries worldwide and cover all the clinical laboratory disciplines: Biochemistry, Hematology, Immunology, Microbiology, Virology, Histology, Cytology, Genetics, Blood Banking, Transplant Management, Biobanking.

Products and services: laboratory Information System (TD-Synergy® suite), Middleware solutions (TD-Harmony® suite), Instrument workstations, Point of Care Testing Management, Web-based requests and results module, Services (consulting, development, support, training activities)

About the GERMETHEQUE biobank

The multi-site GERMETHEQUE biobank, created in 2007 with the support of INSERM (the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research) and ANR (the French National Research Agency), has five 5 CECOS sites (Sperm and Egg Banks) in Clermont-Ferrand, Grenoble, Marseille, Paris-Tenon and Toulouse, the coordinating site. GERMETHEQUE's objectives are the collection, storage, management and exploitation of biological resources, in particular for the study of human reproduction. It stores gametes, germinal tissues, somatic and germinal DNA, seminal plasma, to name a few, and holds more than 5000 samples.