

RCPE

Research Center Pharmaceutical Engineering

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RCPE Welcomes Its First Spin-Off

Although RCPE, a competence center established by Graz University of Technology, the University of Graz and Joanneum Research, is only 3 ½ years old, it can proudly announce its first spin-off: on February 1, 2012, business area "Regulatory Services" became Pharmaceutical and Regulatory Services GmbH (PRSG).



Regulatory services are more and more in demand

Regulatory services, i.e., services that relate to drug approval, are increasingly in demand. RCPE recognized this trend and in November 2009 created a business unit that specialized in this area. This strengthened the strategic direction "Pharmaceutical Engineering and Production Processes" of the HTS cluster.

Due to the positive development of the business unit and the increasing demand for regulatory services, it made sense to spin off this area as an independent company. "Although we lose a very successful business," said Dr. Thomas Klein and Prof. Dr. Johannes Khinast, the two managing directors of RCPE, "we are convinced that we made the right decision."

"Since our service has been in big demand from the start, we are very confident about the future," said the managing director of PRS G Mag. Lydia Morawetz. She was responsible for developing the business unit at RCPE. For many companies, especially smaller ones, the approval process is time-consuming and expensive.

PRSG can help by providing competent advice and individual complete solutions for the entire approval process.



First spin-off of TU-Graz's daughter company RCPE is created

Graz University of Technology can be viewed as the "mother" of the Competence Centre RCPE. After the establishment of a Chair of "Pharmaceutical Engineering" in 2005, Europe's first center of excellence specializing in this field of research was founded in 2008. Now this spin-off of the Technical University of Graz created its own first spin-off.

The reason of RCPE's successful development is its successful cooperation with Graz University of Technology and other partners at the science and business location Styria.



Fig. 1: Logo of PRSG



Impact and effects

As the main partner, Graz University of Technology is now looking beyond RCPE's first spin-off. Harald Kainz, Rector of Graz University of Technology remarked: "RCPE is a unique Europe research company in the field of pharmaceutical process and product development. These application-oriented research and development projects form a bridge between industry and academia. With the establishment of PRSG, a further step in the direction of the market and customers was made. Multidisciplinary approaches and latest knowledge create ideal conditions for a successful development of this promising business idea."



Fig. 2: Prof. DI Dr. Johannes Khinast (RCPE), PRSG Business Director Mag. Lydia Morawetz und Mag. DI Dr. Thomas Klein (RCPE) (v.l.n.r.); © Kunztfoto

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