

Cerbios founder and former president, received an honorary doctorate from St. Petersburg's Society of Oncologists



To his surprise, last March 5, Dr. Attilio Melera, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Cerbios-Pharma S.A. (henceforth "Cerbios") received the Doctorate Honoris Causa from the Scientific Society of Oncologists of St. Petersburg.

"I didn't expect it!" was the exclamation of Dr. Melera on the honor received during an informal meeting with Professor Vladimir Semiglazov head of the surgery department of the NN Petrov Research Institute of Oncology in St. Petersburg as well as president of the local Society of Oncology.

Dr. Melera is one of the founders of the chemical activities of Cerbios that began in 1979 with the creation of the company SAPEC SA in Barbengo (Switzerland).

Starting with two employees on the basis of a request to produce Calcium Folate, an important product for the support of chemotherapy, SAPEC started to produce and sell this product in 1982 with significant growth in subsequent years. SAPEC was later merged with Cernitin SA and Bioferment SA to become the current chemical division of Cerbios-Pharma S.A..

Today Cerbios counts 105 employees: it is one of the largest producers of folic acid derivatives used in cancer treatments.

Petrov Institute of Oncology

N.N. Petrov Institute of Oncology, St. Petersburg, consists of a cancer hospital (405 beds) and research facility (8 laboratories). It provides surgical, therapeutic and radiological treatment for all major types of cancer to 8000 hospital patients per year. The Institute owns a large collection of archival tissues (more than a million tumor and normal tissue blocks obtained from 270 000 patients since the year 1926). Research activities include studies of molecular mechanisms of cancer development, chemical carcinogenesis, age-related and endocrine aspects of cancer formation, etc.

N.N. Petrov Institute of Oncology has an extensive expertise in various aspects of cancer research. Patients studies include the evaluation of efficacy of various screening programs as well as clinical trials of novel treatment approaches. For more information see the following link [Petrov Institute of Oncology](#)

About Cerbios-Pharma SA

Cerbios is a privately held company located in Barbengo (Switzerland) specialized in the development and manufacturing of chemical and biological APIs for her partners world-wide. APIs made by Cerbios cover small molecules (Chemical Division), large molecules and Probiotics (Biological Division).

Services for third parties under exclusive manufacturing are offered in the area of HPAs for the Chemical Division and Recombinant Proteins for the Biological Division.

Full CMC support is provided to her partners in order to supply them with cGMP clinical batches, registration/validation material, and APIs from commercial manufacturing.

Paramount to this is the availability of all the documentation required for a successful registration.



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