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### New Management at Lyonbiopôle

***Lyon, 3 January 2008 – The Board of Directors at Lyonbiopôle has appointed Yves Laurent as the General Director of the competitive cluster. He succeeds François Guillemin who has held this position ever since the cluster was set up.***

Yves Laurent is 48 and was born in Brussels. Until his recent appointment, he was previously the Director of the Christophe Mérieux Center - Center of R&D in Molecular Biology and Microsystems of bioMérieux- in Grenoble. He was also formerly the Deputy Director of the Department of Advanced Technology of the same company. From 1994 to 2003, Yves Laurent ran his own company: as the CEO, he set up and developed Genome express (DNA sequencing), which has become Cogenics today. He also has a solid "field" experience in sales, acquired previously with Sanofi and Applied Biosystems.

Yves Laurent holds a DEA (French post graduate degree obtained after five years of university education) in Bio physical chemistry and Cell and Molecular Biology.

*«His knowledge of SMBs and big companies along with his experience as a head of company and his proven sales and scientific skills will enable Yves Laurent to further the development of the cluster on both a national and international level. We would like to take the opportunity to thank François Guillemin, Yves Laurent's predecessor for his outstanding contribution at the Management level of Lyonbiopôle right from its creation»,* declared Philippe Archinard, President of Lyonbiopôle.

*"The mission entrusted to me by Dr. Christophe Mérieux was to set up a dynamic organization adapted to the objectives laid down by the Board of Directors of the cluster" adds François Guillemin; these targets have been reached and it is now time to pass the helm."*

Keeping in line with the strategy of the cluster, Yves Laurent underlines: *"My priorities include launching the Infectious Disease Center, increasing the participation of SMBs, promoting the international development of Lyonbiopôle and expanding our list of members while furthering the dynamic creation of R&D projects".*

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