



Press Release

TWB announces the departure of Olivier Rolland and the arrival of Fabrice Garrigue as Executive Director

Toulouse (France), May 16, 2023: TWB, expert in conducting R&D projects in industrial biotechnologies and designer of sustainable and innovative solutions, announces the departure of Olivier Rolland, who arrived in 2019, and the arrival of Fabrice Garrigue to succeed him as Executive Director. After having successfully led the development of TWB over the last four years, Olivier Rolland has decided to pursue new professional adventures.

Under the leadership of Olivier Rolland, TWB obtained the second phase of government funding for the period 2020 - 2025 and has continued its development to become a major player in industrial biotechnology on a European scale.

Today, TWB brings together 50 key biotech players in its public-private consortium and has nearly 70 employees. Since its creation in 2012, TWB has conducted more than 280 R&D projects and invested €9M in 45 exploratory projects carried out by external laboratories and leading to breakthrough innovations. Since 2019, and despite the pandemic, TWB has continued to expand with a 30% increase in revenue. Its workforce and revenues from scientific projects have increased by 40% over the same period. TWB thus confirms its ambition to become the partner of choice and the European leader in industrial biotechnology innovation by 2025.

“The Strategic Steering Committee of TWB salutes the involvement and the remarkable results obtained by Olivier Rolland and all his team over the last four years”, comments **Nicolas Seeboth, Research Director Polymers and Chemical Additives at Michelin and Chairman of the Strategic Steering Committee of TWB.**

Fabrice Garrigue joins TWB with the mission to ensure the continuation of its development while reinforcing the operational excellence and the integrated offers which ensure the success of its model. The new Executive Director has a wealth of professional experience in plant-based chemicals and biotechnology industries, both in large industrial groups and in start-ups.

About TWB

As an expert in research and development (R&D) projects, TWB supports industry in the development of innovative and sustainable solutions for the benefit of the planet and mankind. TWB sets up and conducts R&D projects in the field of industrial biotechnologies in collaboration with public laboratories and industrialists, supports the development of start-ups by offering them accommodation in its premises in a state-of-the-art scientific and technological environment and encourages the emergence of breakthrough innovations. By bringing together researchers, entrepreneurs, funders, institutions and industry, TWB integrates and leverages all the skills and expertise and creates synergies while simplifying the contractual relationship. This unique model accelerates the innovation process necessary for the creation of an eco-responsible industry.*

Since its launch in 2012 and with a consortium of 51 private and public members as of December 1, 2022 (industrials, start-ups, investors, research organizations, local authorities, etc.), TWB has contributed to the realization of nearly 285 collaborative R&D projects and to the growth of numerous start-ups that have raised a total of more than €250M.

* TWB is a Joint Service Unit, managed by INRAE, under the triple supervision of INRAE/INSA/CNRS.

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