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Celerion appoints Dr. Raymond Farmen as Vice President of Global Bioanalytical Services

(Lincoln, NE; June 29th, 2011) – Celerion, the premier provider of innovative early stage drug development solutions, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Raymond Farmen as Vice President of Global Bioanalytical Services. Dr. Farmen will have responsibility for the company's bioanalytical operations in Zurich, Switzerland and Lincoln, Nebraska USA.

Dr. Farmen comes to Celerion with over 30 years of experience in the contract research organization (CRO) and pharmaceutical industries. Prior to joining Celerion, he held executive positions at PharmOptima, a CRO that specializes in ocular research services; Eurofins AvTech Laboratories, a CRO that specializes in small and large molecule bioanalytical chemistry as well as QC testing and analysis of finished drug products and pharmaceutical ingredients; and Camargo Pharmaceutical Services, a CRO that provides scientific and regulatory oversight during the drug development process. Dr. Farmen also held leadership positions in the bioanalytical sciences at MDS Pharma Services, Phoenix International Life Sciences, and Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Dr. Farmen has in-depth knowledge of both large and small molecule bioanalysis, DMPK, regulatory strategies, and GLP/GMP regulations. He played a pivotal role at the Crystal City meetings which helped to shape the early regulatory landscape and guidelines for bioanalysis of pharmaceutical products.

"We are very pleased to have Ray on the management team at Celerion," said Susan Thornton, President and CEO of Celerion. "His in-depth knowledge of drug development, bioanalysis and regulatory strategy from both the client and CRO perspective will be a great asset to our organization."

Dr. Farmen earned his doctorate in pharmacology from Indiana University and did post-doctoral research in Biochemistry at the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, New York.

About Celerion

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