

## Dear Friends and Collaborators of Protagen,

the first quarter of what promises to be an exciting year has already passed - we hope that you enjoyed a relaxing Easter Break. In January we were very privileged to announce that Bernd Kirschbaum has joined our Board of Directors and will support our Pharma Collaborations efforts together with our partner QIAGEN going forward. The development of our Multilisa assays is well on track and we expect our first CE-Mark test to be available in the second quarter, with further assays to follow later in the year. As always we will keep you informed of our progress and look forward to connecting with you throughout the year.



### MATURA Consortium



Our application to the MATURA Consortium was successful and will support our RA programs going forward. The MATURA consortium aims to enable early, effective treatment and improve the cost-effectiveness of care in the UK who suffer from the rheumatoid arthritis. The MATURA consortium is led by Professor Costantino Pitzalis, and combines 12 academic groups with now 10 industry partners. The whole team is very much looking forward to this exiting endeavor.

### Conferences & Meet us @



In January we had our most successful JP Morgan conference to date, where we connected and engaged with numerous investors, potential strategic Dx partners, and pharma and biotech representatives. Our presentation at **Biotech Showcase** was well received and many of the connections made will be paramount to our R&D, sales and commercial efforts throughout the year. In June, we will attend the **EULAR conference** in Rome, Italy, where we will host poster presentations and hope to be able to meet you.

### Corporate News & PR

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TODAY'S SHOW:

[In Autoimmune Disease, We Are Finding Clarity Beyond the Genome](#)

There are some disease areas whose underlying genetic causes are extremely complicated, such as autoimmune disease. Stefan Muelner and Protagen are finding better biomarkers by looking at proteins, specifically antibodies.



We renewed our contract with our PR agency partner, Biostrata, and implemented our new annual PR strategy and plan. As a result, the Protagen story has appeared in several well-known publications in recent months. To find out a bit more about the recent developments and how they could be applied to benefit your organization, please view some of the recent articles and interviews published throughout the last quarter: **The Wall Street Journal**, **Mendelspod**, **Transkript** and **TDZO Magazin**.

## Quartely Update

We look back to a very busy quarter. Following a successful JP Morgan conference, we were able to welcome many new and international partners in Dortmund. Our first Pfizer project was successfully concluded and we have made significant progress on

our SLE stratification assay which is aimed at supporting any pharma SLE development project. This product will now be opened up and offered to pharmaceutical companies in the field together with our partner QIAGEN and the support of Dr. Kirschbaum.

Our ISO 9001:2008 recertification audit was successful and we also had our ISO 13485 audit and expect certification during the next quarter, which will coincide with the launch of our first CE-Mark product for SSs with further assays to follow later in the year.

## News

### Protagen AG Appoints Bernhard Kirschbaum as New Board Member

PROTAGEN AG, a leading specialist in the development of novel diagnostic tests and companion diagnostics (CDx) in the autoimmune field, today announced that the former Head of Research and Early Development of Merck-Serono...

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### New Webpage Content and Interview Links

To view the recent feature articles, interviews and informative content such as our new 'diagnostics for autoimmune disease' infographic, please feel free to visit our website and read more. We invite your comments and look forward to your feedback.

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### Finally – Easter Eggs

According to Guinness World Records, the largest Easter egg hunt consisted of 501,000 eggs that were searched for by 9,753 children accompanied by their parents at the Cypress Gardens Adventure Park in Winter Haven, Florida, USA, on 1 April 2007. Yours may not have been quite as large but we hope equally successful.

