



Fasteris Announces Illumina CSPro Certification for Genome Analyzer Applications

Geneva, Switzerland, 9 January 2009 – Fasteris SA announced today that it has successfully completed Illumina CSPro™ certification for Genome Analyzer Applications, gaining entry to an elite group of Illumina genomics service providers globally. Illumina Inc., a San Diego-based company, provides leading-edge genetic analysis tools to genomics centers worldwide.

Illumina CSPro is the collaborative service provider partnership dedicated to ensuring the delivery of the highest-quality data available for genetic analysis applications. Illumina CSPro participants undergo a rigorous two-phase certification process that includes minimum data generation, data certification, and an on-site audit of the facility and processes.

"We have been very pleased to work with illumina as one of the two pilot partners for the Illumina CSPro Sequencing Program," said Laurent Farinelli, co-founder and CEO of Fasteris. "CSPro certification is a natural extension of our commitment to and long experience with the Genome Analyzer technology. We are very pleased to be affiliated with a global program of this nature that emphasizes a commitment to quality, collaboration and world-class service, principles that are of utmost important to Fasteris as well".

"Illumina CSPro recognizes organizations that provide customers with industry-leading data quality and service in genetic analysis," said Karen Possemato, Illumina's Director of Corporate Marketing. "Now that Fasteris is a global CSPro sequencing partner, we are excited to work with them to make it easier for researchers to access the power of Illumina's genetic analysis technologies."

About Fasteris

Fasteris (www.fasteris.com) is a leading provider of next-generation genomics services. We have a long experience with the ultra-high throughput DNA sequencing, not only because we were the first service provider company to acquire an Illumina Genome Analyzer system in 2006, but also because we co-invented the "DNA Colony" (or DNA Cluster) technology in 1996, which was later incorporated into the Illumina Genome Analyzer System.

Being among the very first users of the system, we developed a very broad range of applications for the analysis of genetic variation and biological function. We adapt our



protocols, from sample preparation to bioinformatics analyses, to help researchers extracting the relevant genetic information from their samples.

We provide highest quality service for a comprehensive range of applications such as **ChIP-SEQ**; **small RNAs**; **Genomic Shotgun** (Whole genome re-sequencing, *de novo* sequencing, genotyping, targeted re-sequencing, array-capture); **mRNA-SEQ** (Whole transcriptome shotgun, Illumina- or Fasteris-developed protocols); or **Gene Expression** (SAGE-like with *NotI* or *DpnII* and *MmeI* or *EcoP15I*). For all these applications we provide "à la carte" **Bioinformatics** analyses. To reduce sequencing costs we developed **Multiplexing**: Bar-coding or Indexing to analyze several libraries in a single channel.

Our customers around the world include leading genomic research centers, academic institutions, and biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies.

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