

HR news:

Sophia Wolf and Leyla Djanklich join the BioRegio STERN Management GmbH team

More good recipes for innovations and routes onto the market

(Stuttgart) – For many years, BioRegio STERN Management GmbH has been one of the largest and most successful bioregions in Germany. Start-ups and investments by and for companies in the cluster testify to the continued success of this business development institution, which has launched and provided long-term support for many national and international research projects. Project Managers Sophia Wolf and Leyla Djanklich have now joined the team headed by Managing Director Dr. Klaus Eichenberg.

Since September 2024, Sophia Wolf, MSc, has been providing support for the BioRegio STERN Management GmbH team. Her role involves working in two areas – project and technology transfer management and press and public relations. Wolf, who is 28 years old, first completed a degree in media and information management in Offenburg, before going on to study nutritional medicine at the University of Hohenheim. In addition to a medical management position at Wörwag Pharma GmbH in Böblingen, Wolf primarily worked in scientific roles, including at Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin and at Tübingen University Hospital, where she carried out clinical and research work as part of the nutrition and weight regulation working group. The focus of her research at Tübingen University Hospital was on the effects of isolation on gastrointestinal function and symptoms. As she explains, she has always been interested in how the human body works and the effects of nutrition. “I’m delighted that, through my work at BioRegio STERN Management GmbH, I can help get innovative products and treatments into people’s day-to-day lives faster, thereby improving the quality of their lives,” she says. And there’s no doubt that this nutritional specialist has good “recipes” to help her do exactly that.

Since November 2024, Leyla Djanklich, MSc, has also been working at the business development institution for the life sciences sector. As part of her role, she will be

supporting the ZIMT project AIM (Access for Innovation in Medical technology), which is developing a new industry-in-clinic platform. “With the AIM project, we are specifically bringing industry and hospitals together to drive forward the development of innovative medical devices effectively and serve the current medical needs of doctors and patients alike,” she explains. Djanklich, who has a bachelor’s degree in biomedical sciences from the University of Reutlingen and a master’s in interdisciplinary product development, is the perfect person for this role. She is concentrating on the issue of how innovative products and medical devices can be launched onto the market. During her time at the University of Reutlingen, this 29-year-old’s studies included participation in life sciences projects focusing on topics such as implant coatings and smart textiles. As part of her further training, she also focused on quality management for medical devices, good clinical practice (GCP) and good manufacturing practice (GMP). Since her student days, Djanklich has used and appreciated the extensive range of information relating to contacts and topics at BioRegio STERN Management GmbH, so she did not hesitate to apply for the project manager vacancy advertised – a role that will enable her to contribute her expertise.

About BioRegio STERN Management GmbH:

BioRegio STERN Management GmbH promotes economic development in the life sciences industry, helping to strengthen the region as a business location by supporting innovations and start-up companies in the public interest. It is the main point of contact for company founders and entrepreneurs in the Stuttgart and Neckar-Alb regions, including the cities of Tübingen and Reutlingen. The STERN BioRegion is one of the largest and most successful bioregions in Germany. Its unique selling points include a mix of biotech and medtech companies that is outstanding in Germany and regional clusters in the fields of automation technology and mechanical and plant engineering.

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