



ARPIDA INVITED TO PRESENT DATA ON ICLAPRIM AT SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

Reinach, Switzerland, 9 April 2008. Arpida Ltd. (SWX: ARPN) announced today that a total of 13 abstracts on iclaprim have been accepted for the upcoming 18th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID) which takes place in Barcelona, 19-22 April 2008. ECCMID is a premier European conference where thousands of scientists and physicians gather to discuss the latest developments in their field.

Arpida will be presenting additional efficacy and safety data regarding ASSIST-2, the second pivotal Phase III trial with intravenous iclaprim in complicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections (cSSSI). Moreover, data from Phase I studies with intravenous iclaprim, as well as preclinical data will be presented. Arpida's senior scientists and external partners have been invited to present four of the accepted abstracts as oral presentations for a broad audience at the conference.

The abstracts are expected to be available online on the conference website starting today, 9 April 2008.

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About Arpida Ltd.

Arpida (SWX: ARPN) is a biopharmaceutical company with research facilities in Reinach, Switzerland and in the USA. It focuses on the discovery and development of novel drugs that seek to overcome the growing problem of microbial resistance. The most advanced compounds include an antibacterial under regulatory review and an antifungal in Phase III.

Arpida's leading product candidate is intravenous iclaprim, a potent antibacterial that targets severe infections requiring hospital treatment, including those caused by methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). The clinical programme for the first indication, complicated skin and skin structure infections (cSSSI), has been completed. The submission of the NDA to the US FDA was completed in March 2008.

In December 2007, Arpida announced the enrolment of the first patients in a Phase II clinical study with intravenous iclaprim in the treatment of patients with hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP), ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) or healthcare associated pneumonia (HCAP).

In January 2008, the US FDA granted authorisation to progress oral iclaprim into a Phase II 'intravenous-to-oral' switch trial. Iclaprim could be offered not only as an intravenous therapy for hospital use in acute situations, but also as an oral formulation, allowing early patient discharge followed by outpatient treatment. This switch could be a valuable instrument in reducing healthcare costs and enhancing patient comfort.

Arpida's fourth most advanced antibiotic programme, AR-709, targets upper and lower respiratory tract infections acquired in the community setting. AR-709 exhibited potent activity against a large panel of pneumococcal clinical isolates including those resistant to currently used drugs. Promising results of "first-in-man" studies with AR-709 were published in March 2007.

An additional compound, AR-2474, has achieved *in vivo* proof of concept. AR-2474 has been shown to be effective in eradicating pathogens in preclinical models of skin infection and nasal carriage.

Apart from the antibiotic programmes, Arpida has an innovative antifungal therapy (TLT) which is in Phase III clinical trials in Europe, targeting onychomycosis.

Moreover, the company has several other leads in optimisation and additional discovery programmes derived from its own discovery platform at various research stages.

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