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**OREGON TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH AND DRUG DEVELOPMENT
INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

M. Patricia Beckmann, Ph.D. has extensive experience as a biotechnology researcher, operational manager and venture capitalist

Portland, Oregon — A prominent researcher with more than 25 years of experience leading biotechnology projects and companies has been named the Executive Director of the [Oregon Translational Research and Drug Development Institute \(OTRADI\)](http://www.otradi.org), the state's effort to commercialize therapeutics to combat infectious and other diseases via a collaboration between Oregon universities and industry.

M. Patricia Beckmann, Ph.D., was most recently a Kauffman Fellow at the Accelerator Corporation in Seattle and a Venture Partner with Northwest Technology Ventures fund in Portland. Beckmann served as the Chief Scientific Officer for Homestead Clinical Corporation, an Accelerator-backed start-up focused on the development of diagnostic biomarkers for oncology and other disease indications. Prior to that, she was a biotechnology investment specialist for Vulcan Capital, the investment platform for Microsoft Co-Founder Paul Allen.

Dr. Beckmann spent the majority of her career at Immunex Corporation (now Amgen) in research, administration and law. She is a co-inventor of Amgen's blockbuster rheumatoid arthritis drug Enbrel, as well as several other drugs in clinical trials. She was awarded National Inventor of the Year in 2001 for her work discovering TNF receptor molecules that led to the development of Enbrel.

"Patricia is a welcome addition to our research center," said OTRADI Board Chair, Robert Jordan, Ph.D., director of antiviral research for SIGA Technologies Inc. "The fact that she has worked with public and private universities, research institutions, corporate research labs and biotechnology start-ups gives her a breadth of experience that is remarkable."

Beckmann holds a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Pharmacology. She pursued postdoctoral studies as a Fulbright Scholar at the Ludwig Institute in Uppsala, Sweden and at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD.

"I am excited to help build a bridge between the outstanding biomedical research at Oregon's universities and development of commercial life science opportunities in the state. OTRADI is uniquely positioned to help identify and develop novel therapeutics in collaboration with both the universities and the corporate sector in Oregon. We look forward



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to supporting academic researchers while helping to create new life science economic development in the state. Oregon's visionary approach to creating Signature Research Centers to foster accelerated commercial development and academic collaboration is unparalleled." Beckmann said.

About the Oregon Translational Research and Drug Development Institute:

[OTRADI](http://www.otradi.org) launched in 2007 as an Oregon Signature Research Center dedicated to the collaboration and commercialization of biological compound discoveries. Such discoveries can be developed as therapeutics for a wider variety of diseases through commercial companies, bringing more economic development and scientific talent to Oregon. OTRADI brings the lab to the market via partnerships with Oregon universities, private bioscience companies, the life science industry and public and private funders. Start-up funds for OTRADI originate from a legislative allocation to [Oregon Innovation Council \(Oregon InC\)](#), and are administered by the [Oregon Economic and Community Development Department \(OECDD\)](#). For more information, regarding OTRADI see www.otradi.org or call (503) 227-1814.