

Printer Friendly VersionWEB LINK - <http://expresspharmaonline.com/20101015/pharmalife03.shtml>**Appointment****New CEO, CFO at Ecron Acunova***Our News Bureau - Mumbai*

DA Prasanna, Founder and Chairman of Ecron Acunova (EA), announced the reappointment of Dr Klaus D Wiedey as a Managing Director of EA and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Europe and Lalit Kanta Mahapatra as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Wiedey succeeds Dr Antal Hajos, reassuming the overall responsibility for business, strategic and operational aspects of the European operations.

As founder and CEO of Ecron in Europe, Wiedey led the company for more than two decades. He has 35 years experience in the pharmaceutical and CRO industry. Prior to starting Ecron in 1986, Wiedey worked in leading positions at Boehringer Mannheim, Basotherm and Byk-Gulden. He is member of several reputable professional societies and speaker at various international forums. Wiedey is MD with specialisations in clinical pharmacology and medical informatics, and he holds a GDPPharMed Diploma in Pharma Medicine.

As the CFO, Mahapatra will be based in Bangalore and will be responsible for controller-ship, financial management and financial integration of business across services and geographies. Reporting to the chairman of the board, he will manage shareholders expectations, oversee corporate governance and lead the M&A activities of the company.

Prior to joining EA, he worked with Schneider Electric Company as a Head of Finance of the Global Technology Centre and the project contracting business. He was part of their global acquisition team and was instrumental in acquiring companies in India and Europe.

He has over 15 years experience with companies like Siemens Information Processing Services, Pacific Internet and Price Water House Cooper. His areas of expertise include strategic planning, fund management and harmonising accounting practices to US GAAP, global IFRS standard and Indian GAAP. He is also a SAP champion in Finance module.

Speaking on the appointment, DA Prasanna, Founder and Chairman of Ecron Acunova said, "Lalit brings a wealth of experience to realise our aspiration of profitable growth and leadership in clinical research services."

On his appointment, Mahapatra said, "My experience has garnered me exposure in both European and Asian markets. I am excited to be a part of EA that has grown manifold in a short span of time and has been committed to global compliance. I believe in this company and look forward to contributing to its future."