



ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Announces Election of Laura A. Brege to Board of Directors

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SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 5, 2008--ACADIA Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Nasdaq: ACAD), a biopharmaceutical company utilizing innovative technology to fuel drug discovery and clinical development of novel treatments for central nervous system disorders, today announced the election of Laura A. Brege to its board of directors. Ms. Brege will fill a vacancy on the Board and serve as a Class III director. The terms of the Class III directors expire at the annual meeting of stockholders in 2010.

"We are delighted that Laura Brege has joined ACADIA's board," said Uli Hacksell, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of ACADIA. "Her strong blend of financial, operational, and industry experience will be a valuable asset as we continue to advance our pipeline of drug candidates and position them for commercial success."

Ms. Brege is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Onyx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. where she is responsible for sales and marketing, medical affairs, legal, business development, and compliance functions. She joined Onyx in June 2006 as Executive Vice President and Chief Business Officer and was promoted to her current position in October 2007. Before joining Onyx, Ms. Brege was a general partner at Red Rock Management, a venture capital firm. Prior to Red Rock, she was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at COR Therapeutics. Earlier in her career, Ms. Brege served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Flextronics and Vice President and Treasurer of The Cooper Companies. Ms. Brege earned her undergraduate degree from Ohio University and has an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago. Ms. Brege also serves on the boards of Angiotech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and The Ohio University Foundation.

About ACADIA Pharmaceuticals

ACADIA is a biopharmaceutical company utilizing innovative technology to fuel drug discovery and clinical development of novel treatments for central nervous system disorders. ACADIA currently has five mid-to-late stage clinical programs as well as a portfolio of preclinical and discovery assets directed at diseases with large unmet medical needs, including schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease psychosis, sleep maintenance insomnia, and neuropathic pain. All of the drug candidates in ACADIA's product pipeline emanate from discoveries made using its proprietary drug discovery platform. ACADIA's corporate headquarters is located in San Diego, California and it maintains research and development operations in both San Diego and Malmo, Sweden.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this press release that are not strictly historical in nature are forward-looking statements. These statements include but are not limited to statements related to the potential benefits from this appointment to ACADIA's pipeline of drug candidates or their commercial success. These statements are only predictions based on current information and expectations and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual events or results may differ materially from those projected in any of such statements due to various factors, including the risks and uncertainties inherent in drug discovery, development and commercialization, and the fact that past results of clinical trials may not be indicative of future trial results. For a discussion of these and other factors, please refer to ACADIA's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 as well as ACADIA's subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. This caution is made under the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement and ACADIA undertakes no obligation to revise or update this press release to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof.

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