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Almac has enhanced its WebEZ web-based randomization system, and is relauching the product as aXcess, which includes similar features along with enhanced functionality. According to the company, aXcess is fully configurable, can be set up quickly, and is cost effective. Also, Almac's IVR/IWR system features new language capabilities and data integration.

The new aXcess provides an alterna-

tive to using paper-based or manual systems to automate patient randomization and supply chain management for small to mid-sized studies. Almac's system offers the benefit of a web-based randomization system, including the latest reporting functionalities, shorter timelines for system build, and a price point to fit tight study budgets, according to the company.

"The new IVR/IWR system, aXcess, coupled with our clinical packaging and

distribution bundle gives companies who would typically utilize a paper-based approach to randomization and supply chain management an alternative option. This option more effectively manages the trials our clients are conducting at a cost that works within their budgetary restrictions," said Donna Christopher, vice president of operations.

More info: www.almacgroup.com

Tibco Spotfire, Chemaxon Integrate Chemical Solution

TIBCO Software, Inc. and ChemAxon have fully integrated the TIBCO Spotfire Analytics Platform with ChemAxon's Instant JChem data management application. The integration provides new levels of visualization, and makes analysis and exploration available to the life science community.

Instant JChem is ChemAxon's desktop chemistry solution that allows scientists to manage and search chemical structures and related information. Through JChem, scientists can create, explore and share chemical and non-chemical data stored in local and remote databases. With this integration, Instant JChem's data generation and management capabilities are now fully exposed to TIBCO's Spotfire Analytics Platform, adding new levels of chemical search, analysis and visualization capabilities to speed and refine the analytic process.

With TIBCO Spotfire, chemists can evaluate data derived from screening, ADME, and chemistry research efforts focusing on compound series. TIBCO Spotfire accommodates new information and allows chemists to spot trends in complex datasets through the use of multiple linking visualizations and chemical structure viewing.

"We're constantly seeking ways to provide increased value to the life science community," said Ben McGraw, director of life science industry solutions for Spotfire, TIBCO Software, Inc. "One of our goals is to partner with leading

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MIELE HAS INTRODUCED THE SYSTEM4LAB glassware washer solution, which includes the machine, detergents, service and application support for the life of the machine, as well as a five-year limited warranty.

"When customers purchase a Miele glassware washer, they purchase much more than just a machine. They purchase a system that delivers analytically clean repeatable results year after year," said Deborah Ruriani, marketing communications manager for Miele Professional. "And along with that purchase, they receive a connection to a world-class application lab and nationwide service support team as well as proper detergents for cleaning. Essentially, they purchase a System4 Lab. And now, for the first time, Miele is providing a five-year limited warranty for this purchase."



The System 4 Lab is constructed of 304/316 stainless steel with pumps and heating elements that are designed to deliver consistent results. Miele provides a dedicated service network with call center support and makes replacement parts, which are stocked in the U.S. and backed by a 90-day warranty. The company also offers an application Support Lab in Princeton, NJ that provides complimentary application assistance for the life of the machine. Also, the neodisher detergent packages are provided and are designed to meet customer needs.

More info: www.miele-pro.com

solution providers in each discipline within life science. By providing an integrated offering that works with Instant JChem, we feel we're delivering a valuable solution to the chemical scientist."

Terracon Completes Factory Acceptance Testing

Terracon Corp. has received a sign-off from a large pharmaceutical company following factory acceptance testing of two of its products: TerraSpray Rinse Station and a custom-designed mixing tank. Both products have been delivered to the customer's U.S. lab facilities. The factory acceptance testing was conducted at Terracon's Holliston, MA facilities to demonstrate the functionality and safety features of the rinse station and mixing tank.

Rob Jewett, Terracon's president said, "The customer's lab manager saw the TerraSpray Rinse Station as a way to increase efficiencies at the facility. A great number of carboys are used by their group on a day-to-day basis, so many, in fact, that they need to periodically have a 'carboy cleaning day' to catch up and clean and rinse them all. This rinse station will change all that and deliver significant time savings."

According to the company, the non-metallic TerraSpray Rinse Station allows users to efficiently and effectively rinse carboys and containers by placing the container upside down on top of the rinse station and activating the fluid-driven rotary spray nozzle.

The polyethylene mixing tank was custom-designed for the pharma company's process development group, which regularly had to contend with clouds of dust that would form after combining various compounds. The new tank incorporates a funnel that allows workers to safely add chemicals, and a hood to capture any vapors that might escape.

AcuTemp Expands Frozen Packaging Solutions

AcuTemp Thermal Systems has expanded its AcuTemp frozen packaging solutions designed to reduce the amount of dry ice required for shipping. AcuTemp's expanded frozen solution offering is comprised of 27 payload sizes, with durations that range from 24 to 192

AdvantaPure Introduces AdvantaTube Sealer & Welder

ADVANTAPURE HAS INTRODUCED THE ADVANTATUBE SEALER and the AdvantaTube Sterile Welder. The two machines, designed for biopharmaceutical process applications, are preprogrammed to seal and weld the company's AdvantaFlex biopharmaceutical grade TPE (thermoplastic elastomer) tubing.

"Customers have been asking us about welding and sealing equipment for AdvantaFlex," said David Schwass, director of sales. "They wanted something that's made to work with our TPE tubing, because it lets them use a single tubing material in their processes."

According to the company, AdvantaFlex TPE tubing is sealable and weldable, it works well in peristaltic pumps, can be molded to form sampling and batch filling assemblies, and exhibits low levels of extractables.

Using an automated process, the AdvantaTube Sterile Welder produces tubing welds, where two open ends of tubing are heated and joined to form a leak-free, single length of tubing. The welder maintains the sterility of wet, dry, or fluid-filled tubing and works with gamma irradiated and autoclaved AdvantaFlex. The table top unit features an average cycle time of three minutes. The welder is provided with heat and time settings for AdvantaFlex tubing, although settings for other TPE tubing are available.

The AdvantaTube Sealer and Sterile Welder can accommodate tubing wall thicknesses from 0.0625" to 0.125" and are designed for tubing with an O.D. of up to 0.75". In addition to standard 110 VAC power inputs, 230 VAC and various plug adaptors are available.

More info: www.advantapure.com



hours. According to the company, the design allows for a significant reduction in the amount of dry ice needed, and thermal testing has shown that for the same payload and duration there is an average reduction of 88% over EPS and a 67% reduction over PUR.

The associated challenges with dry ice can include handling, cost, and availability. According to the company, many airlines and forwarders are increasing the overall freight capacity but decreasing dry ice capacity, increasing the possibility of dry ice shipments being "bumped".

To reduce dry ice, AcuTemp packaging utilizes ThermoCor vacuum insulation in a patented molded design that results in less dry ice, smaller packaging size, longer hold times, larger payloads

and superior temperature control, according to the company. Also, lightweight features of ThermoCor allow for more design flexibility.

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