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WIRB-Copernicus Group Acquires Research Dataware

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In addition to IRBNet, WIRB-Copernicus Group has also acquired Research Dataware's web-based software solutions to support Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUCs), Institutional Biosafety Committees (IBCs) and Institutional Conflict-of-Interests Committees (COICs). Together, this suite of enterprise-wide research compliance solutions provides institutions a comprehensive, convenient and affordable means of meeting the complex regulatory requirements of the research enterprise, while simultaneously enhancing business efficiency.



“We are delighted to welcome the extraordinary professionals of Research Dataware team into the WIRB-Copernicus Group.” said Donald A. Deieso, Ph.D., Executive Chairman of the WIRB-Copernicus Group. “IRBNet is a valuable extension of our platform for delivering the gold-standard of IRB review and consulting services to our institutional clients, including hospitals, universities and medical schools. Moreover, the IRBNet suite of software complements our nationally recognized Institutional Biosafety Committee, Conflict-of-Interests and IACUC consulting and review offerings.”

“We selected the WIRB-Copernicus Group as our partner for this business based on its deep experience and commitment to providing outstanding service for ethical and regulatory review, oversight and consulting for institutions conducting research,” said Jeremy Katz, President and Founder of Research Dataware. “The WIRB-Copernicus Group’s vision to transform ethical review is shared by our entire organization. We believe that they are the only partner that can support our company’s growth in academic and medical centers and hospitals.”

The acquisition of Research Dataware, LLC, is the first acquisition by the WIRB-Copernicus Group, which was created when Arsenal Capital Partners acquired Western IRB (WIRB) in February, 2012, and later Copernicus Group IRB (CGIRB) in June, 2012. The WIRB-Copernicus Group provides the world’s leading ethical and regulatory services to support the research enterprise.

About WIRB-Copernicus Group

Transforming Ethical Review

The two leading independent institutional review boards are now united to provide a comprehensive ethical review solution to sponsors, CROs and institutions. Guided by a team of ethical and regulatory experts, WIRB-Copernicus Group deploys decades of experience and best practices in protocol compliance, operational excellence, financial performance and overall efficiency. WIRB and Copernicus Group IRB have more than 60 years of combined experience reviewing research protocols and study-related information to ensure that subjects' rights and welfare are protected.

WIRB-Copernicus Group is transforming ethical review. For more information, visit www.wcgirb.com.

About Research Dataware, LLC

IRBNet offers the world's leading and most widely used electronic solution for managing research compliance for institutions of any size, with more than 1600 large, medium and small research institutions, boards and research sites registered on the National Research Network®. National Research Network members benefit from secure online access to comprehensive research oversight tools anywhere, anytime, including real-time collaboration between investigators and institutions anywhere in the world. The National Research Network Enterprise Portal further enables institutions to navigate the complex federal ethics compliance requirements governing human, animal, and recombinant DNA research, while seamlessly managing Conflict of Interest, Sponsored Programs and other critical research oversight activities. The IRBNet Ethics in Human Research Protection Award celebrates leadership in the field.



IRBNet and National Research Network are marks of Research Dataware, LLC. For further information on IRBNet, please visit <https://www.irbnet.org>.