

Questel acquires Expernova and reinforces its offer for R&D departments

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Questel, one of the world's largest online intellectual property service providers, announces the acquisition of **Expernova**, a gem specializing in scientific big data.

Expernova was founded in 2008 by Pascal Magnier and Clement Penin after they struggled to find the most relevant partner for a technology project. Since then, Magnier and Penin have been developing their Expernova platform to transform a complex scientific and technological environment into an easy, attractive, and collaborative map. Thanks to cutting edge big data technology and a specialization on emerging open innovation processes, Expernova is today disrupting **innovation talent management**.

Helping R&D teams accelerate and secure their invention cycles

According to Pascal Magnier, Expernova CEO, "This alliance will create unparalleled R&D capacities in scientific and technological information, analyzing over 10M expert profiles, 100M scientific documents, and the world's most comprehensive patent database".

By combining the best patent analysis tool on the market with the best of competency mapping, Questel intends to deliver a unique platform offering R&D teams the resources and knowledge they need to identify future technologies and monitor their ever changing environment.

"This software combination will facilitate and speed-up collaboration between IP experts and R&D teams" adds Charles Besson, Questel CEO.

Expernova is a reference player in the field of scientific Big Data and Open Innovation. Based in Montpellier (France), the company provides subscription services to its proprietary platform offering ecosystem mappings through the analysis of innovation players (experts, corporates, universities, etc.). Its original market positioning and strategic orientation earned Expernova numerous kudos: Mercure HEC prize, winner of the Concours Mondial d'Innovation (French Presidency) in Big Data category, ranked among the Top 15 scientific startups by the Elsevier Group. www.expernova.com

Questel is a worldwide leading provider of intellectual property solutions. Questel offers a comprehensive suite of SaaS for searching, analyzing, and managing invention and IP asset, as well as a unique collection of IP databases.

Questel is also the biggest foreign filer in the world through its subsidiary ITIP.

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