**“INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH“ LTD**

**History**

The company was founded 10 years ago by Prof. Metka (University of Vienna) and Vladislava Georgieva with the scope of managing projects in the field of scientific research in Bulgaria. Prof. Metka /http://www.markus-metka.at/ is a well-known physician in Austria and all German-speaking countries in Europe. IMR participated in the research programmes of the EU such as 7FP, COST, etc.

The company is the first private medical research institute in the country working in the field of personalized medicine. It has been registered in the Bulgarian Current Information System with the Ministry of Education and Science: <http://cris.mon.bg/public/OrganisationView.do>. The register provides further detail of the company background and projects.

**Capacity – Management, Administrative, Scientific**

The company has a linear structure of management with a Chief Operating Officer and Senior Research Fellow managing a team of senior and junior researchers. Its administrative capacity is built in the process of preparing project applications for the EU’s research programmes and in relation to its regular activities for big pharma companies. In scientific teams, the company works both with in-house researchers specialized in medicine and biology and with an associated team of consultants, attracted to its activities on a case by case project basis.

**Main object of activity**

The Institute's activities are focused on personalized medicine, companion diagnostics and genetic testing. IMR provides a full spectrum of contract research organization services, following ICH, GCP and international regulatory guidelines. Moreover, IMR is experienced in compiling, processing and analyzing databases, study design and overall project management in the field of medicine, healthcare, life sciences and biotechnology.

The company has built strong partnerships with many of the leading healthcare professionals in Bulgaria and is part of a well-established network within the community. Some of these include partnerships with pharmaceutical and biotech companies and has worked with many of the leading healthcare professionals in Bulgaria. Thus, it can successfully act as a connection between patients and pharma industry.

The IMR’s team combines a belief in quality and customer care with a can – do spirit. During the years of its existence it has worked with the whole spectrum of research positions, and presently acts as a hub of research expertise.

**Facilities**

IMR is located in a modern and well-furnished office building in downtown Sofia with all the essential equipment needed for the conduction of trainings and transfer of knowledge - computers, Internet, multimedia and screens.