



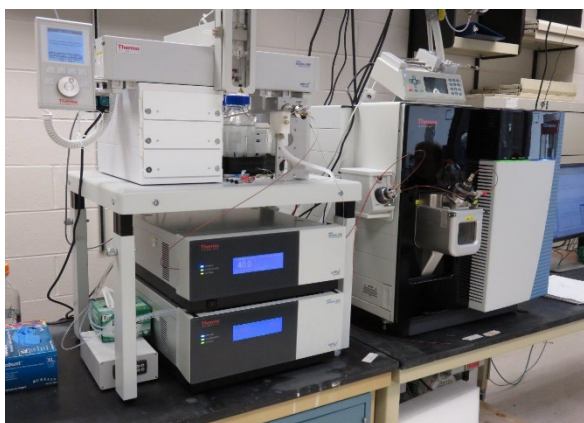
SynTech Research in 2015

A brief account of our main activities and achievements in 2015.....

Services, Sites and Facilities – alliance and acquisition

It has been a big year for expansion of SynTech's operations, including strategic alliance and acquisition activity, to help deliver its business growth targets for 2020. In June, we announced a partnership with the laboratory-based life sciences contract research company Symbiotic Research LLC (New Jersey), to complete our range of analytical services, particularly "hot" studies. Alongside this, we upgraded the Mass Spectrometry capability at our Stilwell, Kansas laboratories.

Reorientation of our UK operation was initiated in September, with the acquisition of Suffolk & Cambridge Crop Station, and the subsequent move of our field operations base, to this new fixed site, with its laboratory and glasshouse facilities. SynTech Research UK will focus on seed treatment, disease control, bio-stimulant trials and GLP studies.



Mass Spectrometer, Stilwell Laboratory



Cereal trial, UK

Services, Sites and Facilities – expansion

Our European capabilities were enhanced by significant growth in continental Europe. We have greatly expanded our operation in Germany, with six additional staff covering our two trials sites near Kiel and Munich. In Poland we established new sites near Wroclaw, Gdansk and Lublin, giving full country coverage from our five locations. To complete our Hungarian regional coverage we added a fifth satellite, in Debrecen, a key location for seeds/traits and GEP herbicide trials. SynTech now has 28 staff in Hungary.



Seed trial, Hungary



Spraying maize, Poland

At our Nimes, France station we added 900m² of heated/lit greenhouse space for Non-Target Plant testing of pesticides, early stage herbicide screening plant pathology and resistance monitoring. We continued to increase our US field sites, adding a new field site near Ames, Iowa, as the latest step towards full Mid-West coverage of seeds testing locations. This has been accompanied by significant investment in equipment, particularly for seeds trials, at our stations globally. We have also started Seed trials to evaluate new traits in India this year, following approval by the Andhra Pradesh state authorities to work on varieties from agricultural biotechnology research.



New glasshouse, Nimes



Maize Plot harvester

Services, Sites and Facilities – accreditations and capabilities

We were very pleased to obtain new accreditations in 2015, including GLP for all chemical and agricultural biotechnology studies in Argentina, and a further GEP licence for additional vegetable and fruit crops in Poland. We also added two new GLP coordinators for our fast-expanding programs in Asia Pacific.

During 2015 we conducted intensive training in laboratory and field pollinator studies for US and Latin America staff. Towards the end of the year we reviewed our global expertise in Biological Control Agent (BCA) laboratory and field trials, registering that we now have many years' experience with macrobial (invertebrate) and microbial agents, semio-chemicals, natural products and bio-chemicals, in Europe, the US and Latin America.



Pollinator trials training



BCA innoculum application

Events

In collaboration with the Government of Andhra Pradesh, India, SynTech organised a major conference on “Agribusiness Innovations and Contract Research”. This was accompanied by an interview by Hyderabad-based ETV News, with SynTech’s President, Dr Khosro Khodayari, on the future of the agricultural CRO sector and our expansion plans in the country. SynTech had prominence at a number of other national and international events, including its regular exhibits at the US National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants (Reno), and the Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry meetings (Salt Lake City and Buenos Aires).



Dr Khodayari at SynTech’s India conference.



SynTech at the NAICC

Appointments and Anniversaries

Our new appointments included a dedicated Technical Manager in Spain and a Field Testing Manager for Brazil. Finally, SynTech Research although still feeling young and fast-growing, was pleased this year to mark the 20th anniversary of SynTech Iberia!

All SynTech’s 2015 news items are at <http://www.syntechresearch.com/category/news/2015-news/>

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