



Focus on Scient'x

Interview of Michael D. Huggins, President and Chief Executive Officer of Scient'x

How would you describe Scient'x and can you give us the reasons why you joined this company ?

— Founded in 1988, Scient'x is a privately held company that specializes in the development of innovative solutions in spine surgery. Based in Paris, France—with a global presence in over fifty-two countries worldwide—Scient'x has become the largest independent spine implant company outside of the USA. The strong foundation and focus on innovation, scientific investigation and education attracted me to the company.

Scient'x pioneered spinal instrumentation and introduced PEEK implants to spinal surgery as well as posterior dynamic stabilization technology. Our product

offerings in this sector include the Isobar™ TTL Dynamic Rod and the Aladyn™ Dynamic Plate. Recently, we strengthened our position in the dynamic stabilization market with our re-acquisition of the Isobar license and the recent FDA clearance of our Isobar Duo™ Dynamic Stabilization System. Our portfolio contains a number of other innovative product lines including a second generation ceramic cervical disc, the Discocerv™, and the plate-cage combination implants.

This combination of a broad portfolio with a global presence, coupled with a highly motivated team, solid surgeon relationships, and a strong shareholder in the name of HealthpointCapital, convinced me to join Scient'x.

What is your strategy for Scient'x in the next few years ?

— Scient'x is re-dedicating itself to the support of spinal surgeons' practice and innovation in a joint effort to enhance patients' quality of life : hence "Your Expertise, Our Support". I am a firm believer in the combination of science-based innovation, clinical outcomes-based study, and education. This along with a firm commitment to service and technical expertise is what fosters success.

The company's long history and strong surgeon relationships have enabled it to accumulate the longest follow-up to date on its dynamic stabilization as well as motion preservation systems. The company will further invest in portfolio development and clinical studies to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of these devices.

Scient'x will also endeavor to build a leadership role in education and training at the international, regional and local level. Partnered with a world-class faculty, we will provide a variety of opportunities for surgeons to train and exchange ideas. These will include events such as the yearly "Basic'x" cadaver workshops, as well as "Inspiration" meetings bringing more than 100 surgeons from all over the world in every edition. Scient'x also supports the Sisyphean Society, a global group that convenes yearly to address number of current and emerging issues in spine surgery. Last but not least, Scient'x is a proud and historical sponsor of ArgoSpine since 1996.

“ We are proud of our history in research and education and will continue to expand our commitment in the coming years. ”

ABOUT SCIENT'X MANAGEMENT TEAM



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Mr. Michael D. Huggins is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Scient'x SA. Mr. Huggins has a vast amount of experience in orthopedic innovation and operations, as well as, quality driven product development, and was formerly President of Synthes' global spine business. During his fourteen years at Synthes, he played a key role in transforming the company into a global business and in making significant

inroads in the US spine market. At Synthes, Mr. Huggins developed worldwide standing for his emphasis on the highest standards of quality, clinical efficacy and surgeon training. Mr. Huggins held prior executive positions at various manufacturing companies. Mr. Huggins holds a B.S. from Villanova University and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. ■