

Avantea expands in France as Equitechnic joins the Group

Avantea announces that Equitechnic, a leading equine reproduction center based in France, is joining the Group, marking a further step in its European growth strategy.

This transaction is part of a broader strategy to strengthen Avantea's presence in key markets, while continuing to deliver a model based on scientific excellence, process control and proximity to breeders. With this step, Avantea brings its consolidated expertise in OPU-ICSI directly to the French market, further expanding the opportunities available to breeders.

Equitechnic will continue to operate under its current structure, maintaining its existing team led by *Marc Spalart*. The center will preserve its identity and long-standing client relationships, ensuring full operational continuity and widening the portfolio services with advanced technologies such as ICSI.

"Joining Avantea represents a natural evolution for Equitechnic" said Marc Spalart, General Manager of Equitechnic. *"The equine reproduction market is evolving rapidly, and techniques such as OPU-ICSI are becoming increasingly central for breeders aiming to fully harness the genetic potential of their mares. Continuing to work with*

the same team and philosophy, while progressively integrating these technologies, will allow us to support our clients in this evolution."

The objective of this integration is to complement and enhance the services already provided by Equitechnic, through the progressive integration of advanced reproductive technologies such as OPU-ICSI. In this context, Avantea confirms the continuation of its long-standing established collaboration with partner clinics in France, which will remain central to OPU activities. This model remains unchanged and ensures flexibility, proximity, and continuity for breeders already working within the existing network.

"This step represents an important evolution in making advanced reproductive technologies increasingly accessible, while maintaining the highest standards of quality that characterize Avantea." said *Cesare Galli*, co-founder of Avantea. *"We bring directly to France a know-how built over more than 30 years, with the goal of supporting breeders through reliable, science-based solutions, in a key region for horse breeding."*

With this step, and the recent opening of Avantea NL in The Netherlands, Avantea strengthens its position as the leading European player in equine assisted reproduction.

About Equitechnic

Equitechnic, established in 1984, is a recognized equine reproduction center in France, providing a wide range of services to breeders, including stallion semen collection and cryopreservation, artificial insemination, embryo transfer, recipient management and newborn foal adoption. Thanks to its expertise, reliability, and close relationship with clients, Equitechnic has become a trusted partner for breeders across the French market.

About Avantea

Avantea, established in 2008, is the leading biotech company in equine assisted reproduction and advanced biotechnology, headquartered in Cremona, Italy. The company operates the most advanced ICSI laboratory in Europe and the largest semen bank dedicated to ICSI. Since its foundation, Avantea has produced more than 45.000 embryos, supporting breeders worldwide in maximizing genetic potential and reproductive efficiency through continuous research and innovation.

Beyond its equine division, Avantea is also active in livestock species, developing solutions in the fields of animal breeding and biomedicine. The company is also actively involved in international biodiversity conservation projects, applying its advanced reproductive technologies to help safeguard critically endangered species, such as the northern white rhinoceros.