Viennamycin project:

New antibiotic, named viennamycin, was isolated from a soil-dwelling bacterium of the genus *Streptomyces* in the Pharmaceutical biotechnology group (head Sergey B. Zotchev). Genes for the biosynthesis of this antibiotic were identified, and both genetic engineering and manipulation of growth conditions are being used to enhance production. The antibiotic is being tested against a panel of Gram-positive pathogenic bacteria in cooperation with Medina Foundation (Spain). This work is supported by Austria Wirtschaftsservice Gesellschaft mbH, project P1715748-WZP01 “Viennamycin Antibiotika”. Mag. Arthur Kaplan is employed on the Viennamycin project.