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Cluster news

Join us at the Life Sciences Café!



Find your life sciences partner at the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster Life Sciences Café on **Thursday 7 July 2011** in [Café-restaurant Polder](#), Science Park Amsterdam.

Program:

- 16:00 - Regional update
- 16:10 - Bas van der Baan, Agendia/EDBA: *Life Sciences cluster strategy 2020: Focus on Valorisation*
- 16:20 - Geert Haksteen, Matrix Innovation Center: *Life Sciences incubator Matrix VI*
- 16:30 - Frank Baas, Regenesance: *Regenesance, a nerve regeneration company*
- 17:00 - Huib Ovaa, UbiQ: *Targeting the ubiquitin system with assay reagents and drugs*
- 17:30 - Network drinks

Participation is free. Please [register here](#).

Top sector Life Sciences plans revealed



Sector plans for nine national top sectors were revealed on June 17, with many good proposals for the Dutch Life Sciences & Health sector to become more competitive (read the plan [here](#)). This coming Friday, in the context of the Economic Development Board Amsterdam Area (EDBA), our regional Red Life Sciences cluster strategy will be announced, including iconic projects to realise our ambition. The plan is based on input of many cluster partners and can soon be found at www.iamsterdam.com/nl/economic-development-board.

HealthLab, living lab for care innovations, launched



June 15 HealthLab was launched: a network of organizations involved in the development and testing of care innovations, initiated by UvA, VU, HvA, INHolland, Sigra, AMSTA, Waag

Society, Amsterdam Innovation Motor and the municipalities of Amsterdam and Almere. 45 directors, managers and entrepreneurs attended the successful kickoff. This initiative is in line with our national top sector plan Life Sciences & Health, that advises on the start of so-called living labs. Check out www.health-lab.nl

LSFA invests in ACS Biomarker

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7 July
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Know-who Know-how

Our [Know-who Know-how Directory](#) of Life Sciences organisations should serve as a useful source in fostering the establishment of new contacts and collaborations in the industry.

Licensing opportunities

Your [point of entry](#) to technology transfer opportunities in the Life Sciences Centre Amsterdam.

Jobs

The Amsterdam Innovation Motor is looking for a [programme manager for the Life Sciences cluster](#).

[Find](#) (links to) and/or [submit](#) a job opportunity.

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Life Sciences Fund Amsterdam (LSFA) and Limburg Ventures have made an investment in ACS Biomarker, a biotech company focusing on the discovery, validation and commercialization of novel cardiovascular biomarkers. ACS Biomarker was established in 2007 as a spin-off of Maastricht University Medical Centre, before moving to AMC.

LSFA provides investment capital to biomedical starters in the Province Noord-Holland.

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Start-ups: how may we help you?



The Amsterdam metropolitan Area is home to a large number of small (<5FTE) and young (<5 year) life sciences companies. As part of the 'Amsterdam BioMed Cluster for accelerated growth' project we have now started to make an inventory of the specific needs of individual start-ups in order to develop, together with cluster partners, dedicated support measures that stimulate growth. If you are a start-up/spin off interested in an intake, please contact us via info@amsterdambioemed.nl. Service providers that wish to bring in their expertise are also invited.

BioScience@work for flexible lab staff



BioScience@work, a labour flexpool that meets the flexible demand for lab assistants and process operators, was launched June 15 in Leiden. A dedicated pool of professionals will work for the participating companies. BioScience@work was initiated by Cluster partners Synco Biopartners and Teva

Pharmaceuticals, together with Janssen Biologics, Randstad techniek and Leiden Bio Science Park. In need of flexible lab staff? Take a look at:

www.bioscienceatwork.nl

Looking for interns?



Based on a recent Life Sciences labour market analysis (Innotact 2011) both employers and centres of learning highly value the opportunity for students to spend a period of practical training in a professional work environment. At the request of several institutions, we are currently developing an "intern portal". Per 2011-2012, red (biomedical), green (agri-food) and

white (energy) Life Sciences employers are encouraged to use the online portal to submit project proposals and select candidates at the level of MLO (ROC A), HLO (InHolland) and WO (VU University).

Startup BioTxs wins Biobusiness Award at BioBusiness Event



With a focus on 'Strategic partnerships' this year's 6th BioBusiness Event offered another successful mixture of inspiring presentations, useful workshops and valuable network opportunities. In close competition with UbiQ, BioTxs won the Masterclass BioBusiness Award 2011: €10.000 plus

membership of Niaba. The startup specializes in early detection of blood circulation disorders before fatal consequences become visible. The BioBusiness Event, sponsored by the Amsterdam Biomed Cluster, attracted over 250 visitors.

Know-who Know-how at the BCF Career Event 2011

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National events

[Green Life Science Company Visit](#)

23 June 2011

[BioBusiness Summer School](#)

4-13 July 2011

[Life Sciences Café 16](#)

7 July 2011

[Life Sciences Talent Program](#)

26-30 September 2011

[Life Sciences Café 17](#)

13 October 2011

[Games for Health Europe](#)

24-25 October 2011

International events

[BIO International Convention 2011](#)

27-30 June 2011 - Washington DC, US

[European Cancer Cluster Partnering meeting](#)

14-16 September 2011 – Toulouse, France

[Animal Models and Relevance Predictivity](#)

10-12 October 2011 - Annecy, France



The Amsterdam BioMed Cluster is hosted by the [Amsterdam Innovation Motor](#)

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An all-time high of 2.600 career seekers attended this year's BCF Career Event held May 26 in the RAI. Potential employees and employers in Life Sciences, Chemistry, Food & Pharma mixed and matched. The Amsterdam BioMed Cluster stand attracted considerable interest as the "Know-who Know-how Directory" of companies and institutes provides a great starting point for anyone interested to get to know the industry. Take a look yourself and do send us your company profile if not already there: www.amsterdambiomed.nl/participants.

BIO Washington: tell us what we can do for you!



We are leaving for Washington this weekend to promote the Dutch BioDelta at the Holland Pavilion during BIO International Convention 2011, June 27-30. This includes you, valued BioMed Cluster partner. If you are not there yourself (why not?), and wish us to look into something for you, please let us know via sandra@aimsterdam.nl.

We welcome our new BioMed Cluster partners

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Partner news

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- [Genmab reduces operating loss](#)
- [Phylogica and Pepsican collaborate to optimize drug candidates](#)
- [Agendia Collaborates with AstraZeneca and NKI](#)
- [BioGeneration Announces Closing of BioGeneration Ventures II](#)
- [Teva acquires Cephalon for \\$6.8 billion](#)
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- [Biogen Idec Reports First Quarter 2011 Results](#)
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