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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 **21 April** 2011 in Café-restaurant Polder, Science Park Amsterdam.

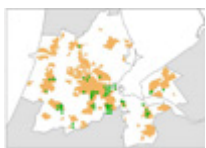
#### Program:

16.00: Sandra Migchielsen, manager Amsterdam BioMed Cluster: *Regional update*  
16.15: Gerrit Keizer, director Prionics Lelystad: *Flexible target fixing: the road to success*  
16.45: Rolf Jan Rutten, CEO Audion Therapeutics: *Towards drugs for treating hearing loss - Early stage funding by Big Pharma; not such a bad deal*  
17.15: Network drinks

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

Preceding the ABMC Life Sciences Café, Life Sciences Health has scheduled an informative presentation about the opportunities at the **BIO International Convention** for you as a company. For more information about this event, please [click here](#).

### Red Life Sciences one of the economic top sectors Amsterdam



The past months have been busy as the recently established Economic Development Board Amsterdam Metropolitan Area (EDBA) worked on an integrated Innovation and Knowledge Agenda for the region. To this end the EDBA (a regional advisory body made up of CEO's, scientists and government officials) is supported by dedicated taskforces for each of the region's seven economic clusters. Bastiaan van der Baan of Agendia represents the Red Life Sciences Cluster within the EDBA and leads the Red Life Sciences Cluster taskforce. EDBA, taskforce members and cluster strategy 2020 can be found [online](#). It goes without saying that your input and support as Amsterdam BioMed Cluster partner is sought and highly regarded in this process.

### BIO-Europe Spring 2012 in Amsterdam



BIO-Europe Spring, the second biggest partnering conference in the field of life sciences, will be held in Amsterdam next year, thanks to the efforts of the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster and Life Sciences & Health Innovation Program (LSH). The yearly conference, organized by EBD Group, intends to help biotech companies to find the right partner for growth and success. BIO-Europe Spring 2012 will take place from 19-21 March in the Amsterdam RAI.

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#### Join us on LinkedIn



#### LS Cafés 2011

**21 April**

**7 July**

**13 October**

Participation is free

#### Not a partner yet?

[Submit](#) your (company) profile today and enjoy the [benefits](#) of being a partner in the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster. It is free

#### 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

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

#### Supply & Demand

Is anyone looking for a **Harvard life sciences grad** and technology marketing expert to add to their team in a research, sales, or communication role? Please send an e-mail to

## Register now for BIO 2011 in Washington



Life Sciences Health will present the Holland Pavilion under the Dutch Masters of Life Sciences flag at BIO International Convention in Washington (June 26-30). Companies and institutes from the Dutch life sciences sector can use this opportunity to connect to a large market and a broad network.

Amsterdam BioMed Cluster will be present to promote its

Cluster partners in the international arena. Read more about the opportunities at the Holland Pavilion on [our website](#).

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## BioPortEurope joins ministerial trade mission to India



BioPortEurope is taking part in a trade mission to India lead by Minister Schultz van Haegen of Infrastructure and Environment, from April 3 to 7. The central theme of the mission, that is to visit Delhi and Mumbai, is 'Smart and Sustainable Solutions for Transport and Logistics'. BioPortEurope will lead a seminar on the benefits of accessing the European market through the Netherlands for biopharma companies in its extensive network.

Last January, BioPortEurope together with strategic partner

PwC, visited biopharma companies in Mumbai and Ahmedabad. In addition we attended the Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2011, a large and ambitious investment event for the rich industrial region of Gujarat, resulting in several leads for collaboration.

If you are interested in doing business related to India, please contact us via [www.bioporteuropa.nl](http://www.bioporteuropa.nl).

## First network meeting for HR specialists in Life sciences



As the availability of skilled talent is a critical success factor for a growing biomedical life sciences sector, the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster is involved in a number of talent related activities. Sandra Migchielsen, cluster manager for life sciences, will talk about 'The Talent Factor' at the first BCF network meeting for HR managers and specialists in Life Sciences,

Chemistry, Food and Pharma, that will be held April 27 in Amsterdam. Please inform your HR contact about this platform and program. The meeting is an initiative of Hyphen Projects, hosted by the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster.

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## Small businesses pay special price at BCF Career Event



For several years, BCF Career Event has been the largest career event for job seekers to meet employers in the Life Sciences, Chemistry, Food & Pharma. This year too, about 2.000 visitors are expected to attend the event on May 26 in Amsterdam RAI. To stimulate small companies

(less than 50 employees) to join, there are now two special packages available. Check out the details at <http://www.bcfevent.nl/documenten/Actiepakketten.pdf> or visit [www.BCFcareerevent.nl](http://www.BCFcareerevent.nl). Amsterdam BioMed Cluster has been a host sponsor of the event in Amsterdam since 2007.

## Amsterdam BioMed Cluster hosts Lab Career Event



The Amsterdam BioMed Cluster is host sponsor of the 5th Lab Career Event, which will be held November 22 in Amsterdam

RAI. The event has been set up to match lab personnel at vocational (mbo) and applied (hbo) level with potential employers and institutions of higher learning.

More information: [www.labcareerevent.nl](http://www.labcareerevent.nl)

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Hungarian contract research organization **HungaroTrial** is visiting the Netherlands in the second half of April to explore the Dutch market and meet possible business partners.

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Are you interested in the services of a flexible biotechnology labor pool? Click [here](#) for more information about the **Bioscience Flexpool**.

Looking for specific expertise, a service facility, collaboration, new technologies or IP? Try our **Supply & Demand service** yourself, a simple, fast, free, informal and nonconfidential e-mail based system drawing on knowledge and services from your peers.

## National events

### Biomedica

7-8 April 2011

### M&A seminar: EU legal & regulatory aspects

13 April 2011

### IFAPP Science2Business Conference 2011

18-19 April 2011

### Partnering and networking at Bio Washington

21 April 2011

### Life Sciences Café 15

21 April 2011

### BCF HR Meeting

27 April 2011

### BCF Event

26 May 2011

### BioBusiness event

7 June 2011

### Valorisation Day

22 June 2011

### BioBusiness Summer School

4-13 July 2011

## Event AIM11: looking back on 5 years of innovation stimulation



More than 300 relations attended the AIM Event11 in Nemo on March 14. This year, the booklet *AIM 2077-2011* presented to the mayor described the activities, achievements and lessons learned in the past four years. Diogo Vasconcelos (Chair Business Panel on Future EU Innovation Policy, set up by the European Commission & Distinguished Fellow Cisco Systems

International) held an inspiring keynote lecture on 'Reinventing Europe through innovation'. The program was closed with a fashion show, an innovation market and network drinks.

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## We welcome our new BioMed Cluster partner



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### Partner news

- Pepscan and Zealand Pharma awarded grant for novel peptide drugs
- Merck Buys Microbiology Business of Biotest
- AMT makes good progress in 2010
- AMT receives grant from Duchenne parents organization
- Genzyme Completes Sale of Pharmaceuticals Business
- Merck's 2010 Profit Climbs to EUR 642 Million
- Sanofi to buy Genzyme for more than \$20 billion
- Genzyme Reports Financial Results for 2010
- Merck Aims for More Women in Management
- Teva seeks more buyouts
- Roche pulls out of a diabetes drug alliance with Ipsen
- Genzyme Sells Diagnostics Business to Sekisui Chemical
- AMT Receives € 1.1 Million EU Funding
- Abbott Cuts 1,900 Jobs From US Drug Business
- Fornix realises net profit of €13.5 million
- Genzyme to establish production facility in Belgium
- Quintiles opens facility in India
- Forbion cashes in on sale Biovex
- Agilent and Kreatech expand commercial relationship
- Mibiton Funds invest 2 million euros in Dutch Life Sciences Infrastructure
- Fornix sells Laprolan
- Merck partners with Parexel to make follow-on biologics
- Biogen plans to diversify into follow-on biologics
- AMT supports development of Sanfilippo B Gene Therapy
- Bert de Jong new General Manager Genzyme Nederland
- AMC receives grant for training of medical specialists
- Biogen Idec announces management changes
- Forbion leads \$33 Million financing of PneumRx
- Partnership Kiadis and Hospira to commercialize ATIR
- Mercator and Pepscan collaborate on cancer-homing peptides
- Five VUmc researchers receive NWO grant
- IOP grant for IMPACT research project UvA, AMC and LUMC
- Biogen Idec extends partnership with Neurimmune
- Merck and sanofi-aventis Investigate Novel Combinations Against Cancer
- UMCs join forces in development of new drugs

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### International events

#### BioTrinity 2011

12-14 April 2011 - Newbury, Berkshire, UK

#### Design of Medical Devices Conference

12-14 April 2011 - University of Minnesota, USA

#### Knowledge for Growth

5 May 2011 - ICC ghent, Belgium

#### Trade mission to Italy

8-10 June 2011 – Bologna, Italy

#### BIO International Convention 2011

27-30 June 2011 - Washington DC, USA

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