

If you cannot read this mail, [click here](#).



December 8, 2011

Cluster news

2012, here we come!

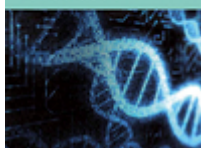


Have you already registered for BIO-Europe Spring 2012? The year 2012 brings [BIO-Europe Spring](#) to the Netherlands, one of the “must attend” partnering events on the Life Sciences & Health calendar. Young biotech companies that have been created in the past three years with less than 25 employees and developing new therapeutic products or offering an innovative service will receive a reduced registration fee per person of EUR 990 (plus VAT) early registration (offer valid until January 15, 2012); EUR 1,190 (plus VAT) late registration (after January 15, 2012). To take advantage of the discount, companies need to include the comment “Dutch early stage discount” in the comment field during registration. Discounts will not be offered retroactively.

Together with PwC and Syntens, the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster has scheduled new dates for more **Life Sciences Café's** in 2012. Our [Café of January 26](#) features, among others, *Bert Verhage* (Will-Pharma).

On behalf of the team, we wish you a happy and healthy 2012. We look forward to continuing our partnership in building the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area for Life Sciences!

Topsector Life Sciences: now is the time to provide your input



Based on the life Sciences & Health topsectorplan [Voor een gezond en welvarend Nederland](#) industry, academia and government are currently designing a plan that will be directional for future government investments in research and innovation. Ten roadmaps that adequately cover the sector have been developed, and now the taskforce and roadmap teams would like to receive your input. You might wish to become actively involved in the roadmaps close to your business and research interests.

Please send your input until **12 December** via www.zonmw.nl/lsh, and join the session on the topic on Monday

19 December in Amersfoort.

[More...](#)

Update Amsterdam Economic Board



Having put together a strategic plan to stimulate innovation and growth in Life Sciences & Health, the Life Sciences team of the [Amsterdam Economic Board](#) is now working on its implementation with the help of regional industry, academia and government. With a focus on valorization to generate growth, various building blocks for a solid valorization infrastructure have been defined. On December 7 the Board advised positively on supporting Life Sciences Fund Amsterdam II, and



Follow us on Twitter:
[@AmsterdamBioMed](https://twitter.com/AmsterdamBioMed)



LS Cafés 2012

- [January 26](#)
- April 12
- July 5
- October 18

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

a Proof of Concept Fund.

First pile for Matrix VI at Science Park Amsterdam



Today, December 8, saw the festive start of [Matrix VI](#), an innovative and sustainable building providing lab and office space (6.000 m²), as well as services for life sciences companies. The concept and design of Matrix VI is based on 17 years of managing and exploiting Matrix buildings I to V at Science Park Amsterdam. Matrix VI is an extension of Biopartner Center/Matrix V, home to life sciences companies such as Agendia, SMS-oncology and BioDetection Systems. Completion planned for the end of 2012. The project is an excellent example of collaboration in the regional triple helix.

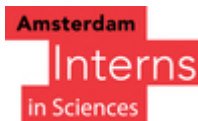
Health-Lab nominated for Innovation Award



Health-Lab has earned a nomination for the Accenture Innovation Award in the category Health & Public Service. [Health-Lab](#) is 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. The award was presented on November 10.

[More...](#)

Employers find your next intern via www.internsin sciences.nl



The collective Amsterdam-based (Life) Sciences educators ROC Amsterdam, Inholland and VU University, together with the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster, have developed an online 'one-stop-shop' for life sciences interns to supply all levels of the industry. The site was launched at LabCareer Event 2012 in the RAI on November 17. www.internsin sciences.nl matches students seeking practical work experience (MBO, HBO, WO) with employers active in the field of life sciences & health, food & flowers, chemistry, and environment. Employers are invited to submit project proposals to www.internsin sciences.nl.

Life Sciences Entrepreneurship Program for PhDs and Postdocs



During his internship at the Amsterdam Innovation Motor, VU Life Sciences student Eric van der Pluijm explored the need for, and best approach to, assisting PhD students and Postdocs in successfully setting up spin-off companies or pursuing a career in the Life Sciences industry. By means of literature surveys and interviews with companies and knowledge institutes, it was found that a need exists for general business knowledge (IP, value chain, marketing, Life Science market) and basic entrepreneurial skills. Taking into account existing programs such as BioBusiness Summer School and BioBusiness Materclass, an easily accessible program, focussing on creating awareness, is currently being developed for PhDs and Postdocs with local knowledge institutes, their TTO's and Amsterdam Center for Entrepreneurship.

Life Sciences Talent visits Lelystad



On Thursday December 8, 2011, PCDI and the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster are organizing another Life Sciences Talent Company Visit. This time career opportunities in the area of human and veterinary infectious diseases will be explored. On the program, hosted by the Central Veterinary Institute (CVI) are Immuno Valley, CVI and MSD Animal Health, as well as a visit of the labs. Talent activities are free upon registration; [find out more here](#).

BioBusiness Summer School 2012: Jumpstart your business

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

Life Sciences Company Visit
December 8, 2011

Designers & Artists 4 Genomics Award
December 8, 2011

SIMS
December 9, 2011

Dutch Life Sciences & Health Conference
December 13, 2011

Qserve Conference
December 14-15, 2011

BIO-Europe Spring
19-21 March 2012

BioCapital Europe
March 31, 2012

Amsterdam Science and Innovation Award
May 25, 2012

BioBusiness Summer School
June 25-29, 2012

International events

European Career Fair
January 21, 2012

Medtec Europe
March 13-15, 2012



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

SUBSCRIBE

career



In 2012, the fifth BioBusiness Summer School will take place from June 25–29 in Amsterdam. This international summer school is set up for PhDs, postdocs and MSc students with a Life Sciences background to support their career orientation in industry and to teach them the principles of biobusiness. During the intensive five-day program, they will learn about subjects such as product development, intellectual property rights, business models, entrepreneurship and finance. The online registration is now open. For more information and registration visit www.biobusinesssummerschool.nl.

We welcome our new BioMed Cluster partners

- [KAIN](#)
- [Micro-Serve Laboratory](#)

Partner news

- [VU researchers identify genes that influence platelet volume](#)
- [Pharmaceutical industry participates in Immuno Valley program](#)
- [Agilent makes acquisitions](#)
- [Former Abbott employees launch consultancy](#)
- [AMT Provides Business Update Q3](#)
- [Genzyme and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Collaborate](#)
- [EU Orphan Designation for AMT's Hemophilia B Therapy](#)
- [VU: IVF and naturally conceived twins are similar](#)
- [AMC: Gene locus associated with Kawasaki disease](#)
- [ORCA receives up to €5 Million Innovation Credit](#)
- [AMC: Expensive TB test is cost-effective](#)
- [Microbiome wins 4th place in FD Gazellen](#)
- [AIMM Acquires IBIS' iSPR Screening Platform](#)
- [EuroTransBio for VUmc and SomantiX](#)
- [AMC: Colorectal cancer stem cells predict effect treatment](#)
- [Galapagos wins Scrip Award](#)
- [AMT will reduce staff by half](#)
- [AMC no longer on black list breast cancer treatment](#)
- [Biogen Idec Reports Third Quarter 2011 Results](#)
- [Global Collaboration Biogen Idec and Portola](#)
- [Forbion leads €9.6 Million Expansion Financing of Curetis](#)
- [Merck Total Revenues Increase by 4%](#)
- [Agendia Appoints New CEO and Supervisory Board Member](#)
- [David Meeker CEO of Genzyme](#)
- [Merck Returns Rights for Safinamide to Newron](#)
- [Abbott to Separate into Two Companies](#)
- [Norgine and Jubilant Collaborate in Gastrointestinal Therapeutic Area](#)
- [Forbion participates in €7 million Financing of Hookipa](#)
- [VUmc finds out how tumor cell tricks drugs](#)
- [AMC and VUmc jointly recruit temps](#)
- [Boehringer licenses HIV drugs to Gilead](#)
- [Merck and Ono Form Collaborations for MS and Cancer](#)
- [VUmc opens cancer center](#)

Regional news

- [Amsterdam ranks 4th in best European cities for business](#)

If you want to receive this newsletter and are not yet a subscriber, please [subscribe](#).

UNSUBSCRIBE

If you do not want to receive this newsletter, please [unsubscribe](#).

CONTACT

De Ruyterkade 5
1013 AA Amsterdam
T +31 (0)20-5241123
E: info@amsterdambiomed.nl

- [Schiphol wins Leading Edge Award](#)
- [Medical business park near AMC](#)
- [Grants for young Amsterdam researchers](#)

Other news

- [The Netherlands popular with international researchers](#)
- [The Netherlands tops Global Connectedness Index](#)
- [Dutch are interested in life sciences](#)
- [Find US talent at European Career Fair](#)