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October 6, 2011

Cluster news

Join us at the Life Sciences Café!



Find your life sciences partner at the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster Life Sciences Café on **Thursday 13 October 2011** in Café-restaurant Polder, Science Park Amsterdam.

Program:

16.00: *Regional update*

16.10: **Heico Breek**, CEO ACS Biomarker: *Multi-marker strategies, the new challenge*

16.35: **Carine van den Brink**, lawyer and founder of Axon, science based lawyers: *Legal challenges when you start your own company. BiosparQ, a case study*

17.00: **Tamara Elmore**, Patent Attorney with Vereenigde: *Due diligence associated with the transfer of patent rights: a case study with Pangenetics B.V.*

17.25: Network drinks

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

Amsterdam inbusiness appoints dedicated LS acquirer

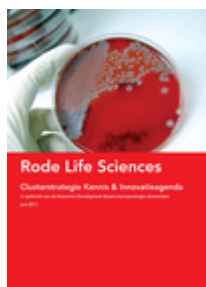


Kelly Trommels has recently been appointed dedicated life sciences acquirer for the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area. The assignment, initiated by the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster, is in line with the ambitions of the Economic Development Board to achieve a leading life sciences cluster in 2020.

The life sciences acquirer will focus on growing and maintaining existing business (investor development) and attracting foreign life sciences companies. Parties participating in this initiative are Science Park Amsterdam, AMC, Amsterdam Innovation Motor, VU university/VU University Medical Center, and amsterdam inbusiness.

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EDBA Life Sciences cluster strategy "Focus on Valorization"



In [Naar de Top; het bedrijvenbeleid in actie\(s\)](#) Minister Verhagen, Ministry Economic Affairs, Agriculture & Innovation, recently revealed his plans regarding the Dutch topsectors. The document includes actions to improve the competitiveness of the Dutch life sciences sector.

Simultaneously the Economic Development Board Amsterdam published its Knowledge & Innovation Agenda 2020. The EDBA [Cluster strategy for Life Sciences](#), built on input from many Amsterdam BioMed Cluster partners, focuses on excellent science, valorization and collaborative research for the cluster to gain critical mass and impact. To realize this ambition priorities



LS Cafés 2011

[13 October](#)

Free participation after [signing up](#).

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.

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are currently being worked out in the area of funding (Life Sciences Fund Amsterdam II, Proof-of-Concept Fund), and imaging infrastructure supporting valorization through co-development of therapies and diagnostics related to neuroscience and oncology.

Technological infrastructure stimulates inter-organizational collaboration

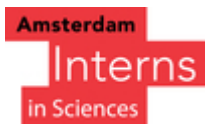


Intern Anke Hoefnagels, student Medical Biology (master program Management and Technology) from Radboud University Nijmegen, studied 'the effect of technological infrastructures on inter-organizational collaboration within the Amsterdam Life Sciences Cluster'. Anke's results show a positive effect of single-sited technological infrastructure on the

degree of collaboration. Single-sited infrastructure relates to infrastructure that is based in one location, such as imaging equipment, as opposed to distributed (e.g. mouse models, biobanks, patient cohort) and virtual (e.g. software) technological infrastructure.

Technological infrastructure available with regional companies and knowledge institutes will be made available online. This should further stimulate collaboration and strengthen the cluster.

'Interns in Sciences', one-stop-shop for interns, to be launched at LabCareer Event 2011



This year's LabCareerEvent will take place 22 November 2011 in the Amsterdam RAI. The Amsterdam BioMed Cluster hosts this year's event, aimed at informing research and laboratory students at MBO and HBO level of the many career opportunities in the industry. Cluster partners seeking skilled

talent are encouraged to use this Event to present themselves (www.labcareerevent.nl).

As reported earlier, the collective Amsterdam-based Life Sciences educators ROC A, Inholland and VU University, together with the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster, are developing a 'one-stop-shop' for life sciences interns to supply all levels of the industry with students seeking practical work experience. This online tool will be launched at LabCareerEvent 2011.

In the coming weeks life sciences employers will be approached to submit their profile and internships for all levels of education. Interested? Please contact us at interns@aimsterdam.nl.

Life sciences top talent explores career opportunities in Amsterdam



Life Sciences Health and the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster hosted the fourth edition of Life Sciences Talent Program 2011 from 26 to 29 September. Over four days thirty top talents, master students, PhD's, and post-docs explored career opportunities in Life Sciences in the Netherlands. The Amsterdam Metropolitan Area was well represented as visits

were paid to companies (Crystallics, TEVA Pharmachemie, DSM) and knowledge centres (NKI-AVL, AMC, LUMC). The program was closed with the traditional and sunny Amsterdam BioMed Cluster BBQ at Strand Zuid.

Since the program is in place, almost 30 participants have found positions in the Dutch life sciences industry.

Pitch your company at BIO Europe Düsseldorf



On Monday October 31, Life Sciences Health will present the Dutch life sciences & health sector at the BIO Europe in Düsseldorf, offering a limited number of Dutch biotech companies the opportunity to hold a short pitch for a broad

services from your peers.

National events

[Meet Australian companies at Australian Showcase](#)
7 October 2011

[Automation in Pharmaceutical Industry](#)
11 October 2011

[Life Sciences Café 17](#)
13 October 2011

[Games for Health Europe](#)
24-25 October 2011

[Highway 2 Health](#)
24-25 October 2011

[Zorg\(en\) voor Morgen conference](#)
3 November 2011

[Connecting Biobanks](#)
21 November 2011

[Lab Career Event](#)
22 November 2011

[Life Sciences Momentum](#)
22 November 2011

[Chemistry & life sciences career days](#)
25-26 November 2011

[BIO-Europe Spring 2012](#)
19-21 March 2012

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International events

[BioPartnering Europe](#)
9 October 2011

[Animal Models and Relevance Predictivity](#)
10-12 October 2011

[BIO Europe 2011](#)
31 October-2 November 2011

[Medica](#)
16-19 November 2011

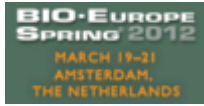
[Trade mission red biotech Belgium](#)

audience.

Thanks to the efforts of Life Sciences Health and the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster to bring BIO Europe Spring 2012 to Amsterdam, the Dutch pavilion will also be placed in Düsseldorf. We are most happy to showcase your company at the Dutch pavilion, please inform us if you are attending BIO Europe this fall.

Interested to pitch? Please send an email to [info\[at\]lifescienceshealth.com](mailto:info[at]lifescienceshealth.com).

Apply now to present at BIO-Europe Spring 2012



BIO-Europe Spring is the second largest European partnering event in life sciences. The 2012 edition takes place in Amsterdam and provides an excellent platform to partner with companies across the life sciences value chain: from large biotech and pharma companies to financiers and innovative start-ups. Next to one-on-one partnering meetings, the event offers insightful workshops and panels, company presentations and a lively exhibition.

To maximize your company's exposure, we invite you to apply for a presentation during BIO-Europe Spring. Depending on your company phase, partnering goals and profile, a number of options are available. Visit

www.ebdgroup.com/bes/presenters to learn more. The application deadline is **November 30, 2011**.

Life Sciences Health (LSH) and Amsterdam BioMed Cluster (ABMC) are hosting the BIO-Europe Spring 2012 in Amsterdam. Please contact

info@lifescienceshealth.com for more information, including sponsor opportunities.

Last call: Life Sciences trade missions to London and Boston



Dutch life sciences companies and organizations can join a [trade mission to Boston](#) led by Minister Maxime Verhagen (Ministry Economic Affairs, Agriculture & Innovation) from 28-30 November 2011. The mission, organized by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Dutch embassy and consulate in the United States, is intended for companies operating in the fields of life sciences, biotechnology, medical technology, and pharma. To make the most of this mission companies are given ample opportunity and support to partner and pitch to their individual needs.

Also from 29 November-1 December 2011, a [trade mission to London](#) will take place, organized by the DutchCC and BPRA.

This mission also allows for partnering and pitching, and is combined with Genesis, London's premier life sciences and healthcare networking conference on December 1.

Please fill out the Outlook 2012 Survey



In January 2011 Life Sciences Health and The Decision Group presented the Life Sciences Outlook 2011 with 6 key indicators focused on the monitoring of the core value chain for the Dutch life sciences & health sector. For 2012 a new Life Sciences Outlook will be presented. A new addition to the 6 key indicators of performance of the cluster is the outcome of a survey. Please join this short survey and share your thoughts on the growth of the sector.

Follow this link to start: www.lifesciencesoutlook.com/

The log-in is: Participant01

Password: Welcome01

The survey will be open until **October 21, 2011**, after which Life Sciences Health and The Decision Group will process the results. If you have any questions please contact Roald van Leeuwen at The Decision Group:

r.vanleeuwen@thedecisiongroup.nl

Zorg(en) voor Morgen conference on care for the elderly

22-23 November 2011

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On November 3, 2011, the closing conference of 'Zorg(en) voor Morgen' will be held at Inn Style in Maarsse. In this project, knowledge institutes, care workers and SME's have been working together to develop and test innovative solutions to the challenges facing an ageing population. At the conference the results of the project will be presented. Inspiring talks and interactive sessions on living at home with dementia, smart sensor technology and the use of innovative game concepts in healthcare should provoke the audience to participate and contribute ideas on the topic.

[Click here to register](#)

Health-lab De Keyser started



De Keyser, an [Amsta](#) care institute, is one of the first living lab locations that created multiple apartments for testing ICT based solutions. Currently sensors are introduced to detect domestic behavior of the elderly that live there.

HealthLab, a network of organizations involved in the development and testing of care innovations, was initiated by UvA, VU, HvA, INHolland, Sigra, AMSTA, Waag Society, Amsterdam Innovation Motor and the municipalities of Amsterdam and Almere. The project was launched on June 15. See www.Health-Lab.nl for more info.

Talent Cafés and Talent Company Visits continued



The second Life Sciences Talent Café opened the eyes of postdocs and PhD students on some interesting career opportunities in the pharma industry. Postdoc Career Development Initiative (PCDI) and Amsterdam BioMed Cluster put together the program for September 15. Peter Bertens of Nefarma introduced the Pharma sector, followed by Merck BV (Uloff Münster, Peter Pleunes) and Roche Diagnostics (Daniëlle Raalte, Wouter Pattje), who presented an overview of their core activities in the Netherlands and possible career paths for PhDs. Read the [report](#) on the website of PCDI.

On June 23 a third Life Sciences Talent Company Visit was organized to Seed Valley (Erwin Cardol). This region between Enkhuizen and Alkmaar has a global reputation in green biotechnology, plant genetics and seed technology. Enza Zaden (Karen Posthuma, Alberto Maurer) and Incotec (Frans Tetteroo, Mariken Rebers) were visited and their diverse activities explained. Seed Valley is home to dozens of specialised companies, providing growers all over the world with high-quality seeds for vegetable and ornamental crops. ([Full report](#))

The next Talent Company Visit is provisionally scheduled for December 6.

We welcome our new BioMed Cluster partners

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