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Amsterdam Biomed News

Amsterdam Life Sciences Café 14 October 2010 - Sign up now!



You are cordially invited to join us at the Amsterdam Life Sciences Café on Thursday 14 October 2010 in Café Restaurant Polder (Science Park 205, Amsterdam).

Program

15:30 - Doors open

16:00 - Regional Update

16:15 - "Vision: how our brain makes us see"

Pieter Roelfsema, Scientific Director Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience

16:45 - Fundraising for early stage biotech: "creatief met kurk"

Tolleiv Trimbom, CEO and Co-founder Arcarios

17:00 - Network drinks

Participation is free after signing up via the [registration form](#). Please feel free to distribute this invitation to everybody you think might be interested. We look forward to welcoming you!

Life Sciences Fund Amsterdam invests in Sigmascreening



Sigmascreening, an Amsterdam based medical device company focusing on the development of new products in the area of breastcancer screening, announces the closure of its first financing round. The investment is made by the Life Sciences Fund Amsterdam. [More>>](#)

How do we bring good science to the market?



Dennis Selkoe (Elan Pharmaceuticals) and Wim van Gelder (Danone Group) will address this question in an unconventional workshop organised by the Neuroscience Campus Amsterdam, in collaboration with KennisKring Amsterdam and De Baak Management Center, on Tuesday October 19, at the ING building in Amsterdam. Find out more [here](#)

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Talent Café: December 9

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

Looking for specific expertise, a service facility, collaboration, new technologies or IP? Try our [Supply & Demand service](#) yourself, a simple fast free informal and



As a result of its success last year, Syntens is again organising a bus trip to Medica 2010 in Düsseldorf, Germany on November 18-19. Medica is the world's biggest medical trade fair. [More>>](#)

First Dutch Life Sciences & Health Conference in Amsterdam



As a motor for innovation and growth, the Life Sciences sector ranks high on the economic strategic agenda of the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area. We are therefore happy to host the first Dutch Life Sciences & Health Conference, formerly known as Life Sciences CapitalS, on December 8 in Beurs van Berlage. This year's event promises to be interactive and inspiring, as industry leaders and biotech experts address topics within the central theme 'From innovation to commercialisation'. Workshops, pitches, presentations and awards, check out the (about final) programme and register now via www.dutchlshconference.com

Bringing international conferences to the region

- ✘ RAI, ATCB, amsterdam inbusiness and the city region of Amsterdam have initiated the project Clusters & Conferences. The aim of the project is to bring
- ✘ more international conferences in eight important economical clusters to the
- ✘ Amsterdam region. Life sciences is one of these clusters. [More>>](#)

Linking Talent to Business activities take off



July and October saw the first Talent Café and second Talent Company Visit, respectively. At the Talent Café Maarten van Dongen, Managing Partner of InnoTact Consulting, and Annuska Glass, director R&D of Agendia, explained what working in their respective companies entails. A detailed report can be found on the [website of PCDI](#).

On October 7, 24 PhDs and postdocs visited Sanquin to receive an extensive overview of the career opportunities in its Research, Reagents and Plasma Products departments. For everyone interested in Sanquin, please visit the [open days](#) on October 30.

"...the best thing I have done for my career!!"



Early September 28 PhDs (50% from abroad) gathered in Amsterdam for a two-week introduction into BioBusiness. The third BioBusiness Summer School was again a success, as it was rated with a 7,9 (scale 1-10). "I really enjoyed the information we got. I now have a clear understanding of the industry. In that sense this course is probably the best thing I have done for my career!!". In 2011 the BioBusiness Summer School will be brought back to 8 days, and is set for July 4-13, 2011.

Check out information and video at www.biobusinesssummerschool.nl

Outgoing mission to Berlin/Brandenburg



Dutch companies active in medical biotechnology will have a chance to meet potential business partners from Berlin's biotech. Commissioned by NL EVD International, exportimpulse! and Dutch CC are organizing an outgoing mission for a group of companies active in medical biotechnology to the German capital region Berlin/Brandenburg on 27-30 March 2011. You can register until 15 November 2010. [More>>](#)

nonconfidential e-mail based system drawing on knowledge and services from your peers.

Partnering

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

National events

[Valorization in Human Health and Life Sciences](#)

19 October 2010, ING building, Amsterdam

[eHealth & Business](#)

26 October 2010, Scandic Sanadome, Nijmegen

[Sanquin opens doors to the public](#)

30 October 2010, Leiden, Amsterdam, Groningen and Nijmegen



[International KNCV fall conference](#)

4-5 November 2010, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam

[Management of technological collaboration with China](#)

9 November 2010, The Hague

[International Life Sciences Student Conference](#)

10-14 November 2010, Nijmegen

[Molecular Mechanisms in Cancer](#)

11-12 November 2010, Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen, Amsterdam

[Chemistry and life sciences career days](#)

12-13 November 2010, RAI, Amsterdam

[Launch Innovative Medical Devices Initiative](#)

18 November 2010, Nieuwe Kerk

We welcome our new BioMed Cluster partners!

[Amdix](#)
[Medical Device Project](#)
[PL Europe](#)

Partner news

VUmc opens modern laboratory for PET technology

The opening on October 6 of the new VUmc GMP radiopharmaca production lab is an important impulse for PET technology in our country. [More>>](#)

Abbott to cut jobs in Weesp

Pharmaceutical company Abbott will close its research department in Weesp (Solvay Pharmaceuticals). [More>>](#)

Genzyme again rejects Sanofi's bid

Genzyme said Thursday that its board had again rejected an \$18.5 billion hostile takeover offer from Sanofi-Aventis of France, saying the bid remains too low. [More>>](#)

Spinoza Centre opens its doors

The official opening of the Spinoza Center for Neuroimaging's first location at the University of Amsterdam's Roeterseiland complex took place on September 30. [More>>](#)

VUmc opens Alzheimer centre

VUmc has opened its new Alzheimer centre. In this expert centre, patient care is directly coupled with research. [More>>](#)

Amsterdam gets centre for gynaecological oncology

AMC and VUmc have opened a centre for gynecological oncology in Amsterdam. [More>>](#)

Big impulse for brain research in Amsterdam

The Spinoza Center for Neuroimaging has received a grant of almost 8 million euro from the European Fund for Regional Development (EFRO). [More>>](#)

Center for children's oncology in Amsterdam

The national children's oncology center, the start of which was announced earlier this year, will be established on the terrain of the Netherlands Cancer Institute-Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital (NKI-AvL) in Amsterdam. [More>>](#)

Other partner news

- Mead Johnson settles in Amsterdam
- DCPrime closes first financing round
- Orphan drug designation for AMT Duchenne medicine
- VU third Dutch university in Times ranking
- UvA top Dutch university in QS World University Rankings
- Sanquin builds new lab
- SynCo Bio Partners and Versartis Expand Collaboration

Den Haag

[Life Sciences Momentum 2010 – Global Connections](#)

23 November 2010, Media Plaza, Utrecht

[World Influenza Congress](#)

7-9 December 2010, Okura Hotel, Amsterdam

[Dutch Life Sciences & Health Conference](#)

8 December 2010, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam

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International events

[Trade mission to Australia](#)

17-22 October 2010, Australia

[European Forum for Industrial Biotechnology](#)

19-21 October 2010, Edinburgh, Scotland

[DNVP China Biotech Business Mission 2010](#)

1-5 November 2010, Shanghai/Suzhou/Beijing, China

[BIO Malaysia 2010](#)

2-4 November 2010, KL Convention Centre

[27th Montreux Symposium on LC/MS](#)

10-12 November 2010, Montreux, Switzerland

[DNVP Japan Biotech Business Mission 2010](#)

15-19 November 2010, Tokyo/Osaka Japan

[BIO-Europe 2010](#)

15-17 November 2010, Munich, Germany

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Regional news

Amsterdam in top 3 innovative cities

Amsterdam takes the 3rd place in the Innovation Cities Top 100 Index. According to this index, Amsterdam is a Critical nexus for innovation across economic and social segments. [More>>](#)

De-mystifying life sciences at PICNIC

At PICNIC '10, Mark Bünger described the possibilities and limitations of biotechnology today, using practical experiences and examples from his own journey from programming cubicle gopher to biotech lab rat, and explaining today's headlines in stem cells, bionanotechnology, and synthetic biology. [More>>](#)

Expatcenter extends target group: scientific researchers

Starting June 2010, research institutions can make use of the special accelerated procedure through the Expatcenter for their incoming scientific researchers in accordance with Directive 2005/71/EC. [More>>](#)

Other news

J&J and Crucell agree on a buyout price of \$2.4 billion

Johnson & Johnson and Crucell reached an agreement on the U.S. drugmaker's planned 1.75 billion-euro acquisition of the Dutch vaccine manufacturer. [More>>](#)

MSD invests in biotech production in Oss, closes research facility

MSD will invest 30 million dollars to expand the production facility for biotechnological material in the Oss location De Geer. In July, the company announced that it would close its research facility in Oss. [More>>](#)

Government expands R&D incentive

The Dutch government will expand at several points the incentive that compensates for the labour cost for R&D. [More>>](#)

Eurotransbio Call for Proposals

The 6th ETB call for transnational proposals will open on October 1st, 2010. Deadline for submission is February 1st, 2011. [More>>](#)

Billion-euro boost to EU science

European science is set for a serious shot in the arm, after the European Union's commissioner for research and innovation announced that the EU will invest approximately €6.4 billion in research and development on the continent through 2011. [More>>](#)

Biotech sector pleads for better business climate

In a letter to the Dutch government formateur, Niaba asks for attention for the important contribution that biotechnology makes to a healthy and sustainable

society and a strong knowledge-based economy. [More>>](#)

Galapagos wins 2010 European Biotechnica Award

Galapagos won the European Biotechnica Award. The annual award recognizes European-based biotechnology companies that have developed particularly innovative products, services and business ideas. [More>>](#)