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Amsterdam BioMed News

You are invited!



At the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster we receive queries from the (international) life sciences community on a daily basis. Whether it regards housing, finding business partners or specific knowledge, we strive to provide solutions. With this first newsletter we aim to actively involve you in our matchmaking activities. So just minding your own business is no longer good enough in life sciences! [>>](#)

BioBusiness summer school proves a success

October 3, 2008



The first edition of the BioBusiness summer school has been a great success according to the participants' evaluation report. Forty PhD students from 16 countries subscribed to the two-week course. Numerous site visits and presentations by experts in the field opened their eyes to career opportunities offered by life sciences companies and broadened their scope. The participants rated the course with a 9! ([Pressrelease](#) BioBusiness summer School)

Jaap Bond visits Life Sciences

September 26, 2008



Upon his specific request, the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster organised an introductory tour to the Life Sciences sector for Jaap Bond, member of the Provincial Executive (Economic Affairs) Noord Holland. Mr Bond visited the Amsterdam Science Park, the Academic Medical Center and two companies, Agendia and Amsterdam Molecular Therapeutics (AMT). Together they represent the types of organisations of importance in the sector. Several talks illustrated the impact of the Life Sciences sector for the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area, as well as sector stimulating activities and projects, such as the Life Sciences Center Amsterdam, the Amsterdam BioMed

Cluster and the development of accommodation for start-ups. "An inspiring morning" according to Mr. Bond.

The Life Sciences Center Amsterdam goes live

June 17-21, 2008

LIFE SCIENCES CAFES 2009

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[March 12](#)

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MATCHMAKING

Which Dutch Life Sciences company is interested in more [international exposure](#) by participating in a 'Holland pavilion' at the CPHI in Madrid 2009?

Which Dutch pharmaceutical companies and distributors are interested in technical cooperation and license agreement with the Korean company [Medvill Co.](#)?

Which Dutch Life Sciences company wants to participate in the '[Holland pavilion](#)' at the BIO Convention in Atlanta 2009?

Which Dutch company is interested in cooperation with, sales marketing and hosting



20,000 visitors and 70 countries attended the BIO International Convention in San Diego in June 2008. At the Holland Pavilion, the Life Sciences Center Amsterdam presented itself for the first time as the point of entry to technology transfer opportunities from the Amsterdam-based knowledge institutes. These are the Academical Medical Center Amsterdam, the University of Amsterdam, VU University & VU University medical center, Sanquin and Netherlands Cancer Institute-Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Hospital. In search of partnerships and licensing deals, this unique collaboration brought 32

licensing opportunities to the floor. [>>](#)

Dutch Life Sciences popular with foreign talent

June 10, 2008



The "International Talent meets Dutch Life Sciences" project held in May this year was carried out in collaboration with the organiser of the BCF event, Hyphen Projects. Fifty talented scientists from 18 countries were selected and invited to the Netherlands to get to know the Dutch Life Sciences sector. A four-day programme introduced them to research institutes, medical centres, science parks and companies in the bio-regions Wageningen, Nijmegen and Amsterdam. During the BCF event speed dates were arranged with interested employers. Two weeks after the event already five participants had accepted a job with a Dutch employer, and 93% indicated an interest in applying for a position in the Netherlands.

([Pressrelease](#) Hyphen Projects)

BCF Event 2008 grows from strength to strength

May 28, 2008



The fourth edition of the Bio, Chemistry and Food Event was held in Amsterdam on May 21. In total, 2,500 careerseekers were brought together with 125 employers. IsoBionics received the BioBusiness Award 2008, the award for the most promising start-up in Life Sciences and biomedical technology in 2007. IsoBionics is a new company that will develop and produce flavors and fragrances. The Amsterdam BioMed Cluster had invited three start-ups to show their business. AT5/Amsterdam Inc broadcasted a [video footage](#). De Spits published a special

on the event and on working in life sciences.

([Pressrelease](#) BCF Event)

Partner News

LSP raises € 75 mln for LS venture fund

November 6, 2008



The new fund, LSP IV, will be dedicated to private human life sciences companies in Europe. These companies offer significant return potential as the cash-rich large pharma companies are increasingly acquiring biotech firms to fill their product pipelines.

([Press release](#) LSP)

Millipore and Applikon will cooperate

November 4, 2008

of the Japanese pharmaceutical company [Kowa](#)?

JOBS

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

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 Center Amsterdam.

NATIONAL EVENTS

["Open huis" Life Sciences & Health](#)
January 14 2009, The Hague

[Workshop Bottlenecks identification in drug discovery](#)
January 22 2009, Leiden

[C2W Career Expo](#)
March 25 2009, Utrecht

[Genomics in Business 2009](#)
April 19-21 2009, Amsterdam

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INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

[Bio-Asia Partnering Conference 2009](#)
January 18-20 2009, Japan

[BioAsia 2009](#)
February 2-4 2009, India

[Industrial Symposium and Trade Fair on Applied Microencapsulation](#)
February 3-5 2009, Belgium

[Bio-Europe Spring 2009](#)
March 16-18 2009, Italy

More [International Events](#)



Millipore Corporation and Applikon Biotechnology B.V. will co-develop and distribute disposable bioreactor systems for biopharmaceutical applications. >>

BAC expands collaboration with GE Healthcare

November 3, 2008



BAC BV, the leading provider of antibody-based affinity purification technology, announced the expansion of its collaboration with GE Healthcare with the addition of new bioprocess affinity chromatography media to GE Healthcare's

range of custom-designed media.

([Press release](#) BAC BV)

Nestlé opens new R&D Centre in Beijing

October 31, 2008



Nestlé inaugurated a new Research and Development Centre in Beijing, underlining the company's commitment to R&D in China, as well as to Chinese consumers.

([Press release](#) Nestlé)

Minister of Economic Affairs opens vaccine factory of MSD

October 29, 2008



Minister Maria van der Hoeven of Economic Affairs opened the new factory of Merck Sharp & Dohme BV in which the vaccine preventing cervical cancer will be produced. This factory is the first and only one producing this vaccine in Europe.

([Persbericht](#) Merck Sharp & Dohme BV)

Avantium completes € 18 mln financing round

October 29, 2008



Avantium successfully completed a € 18 mln private financing round. Avantium is active in the development and commercialisation of Furanics, Avantium's next generation biofuel and bioplastic, and the improvement of pharmaceutical products.

([Press release](#) Avantium)

Regional News

Amsterdam 5th in overall ranking of Top-city monitoring >>

City of Amsterdam awarded prof. H.M. Pinedo >>

Loek Hermans launches Kennispoort Amsterdam >>

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4th call EuroTransBio will open January 7 2009 >>

3rd call for Food, Agriculture & Fisheries and Biotechnology >>

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