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### Amsterdam BioMed News

#### The Amsterdam Metropolitan Area Guide to Life Sciences



As the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster gains momentum and we build up more knowledge about the life sciences industry in our region, we felt the need to publish an international brochure and share the information. "[Life Sciences in Business](#)" tells you why the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area is an innovative and attractive place to do life sciences business.



#### Life Sciences Cafés 2009

Free participation after signing up.  
[September 10](#)  
[December 10](#)

#### Avantium winner of the Amsterdam Inventor Award 2009

18 June 2009



With the aim to put the scientist in the spotlight, the Amsterdam Inventor Award was first given away in 2008. This year Avantium received the Award from Mayor Job Cohen for developing a technology to produce a new generation fuels and plastics based on biomass, such as sugars and carbohydrates. >> [AmsterdamInc Video report](#)

#### New partners

We welcome our new partners  
[Cleanroom Combination Group](#)  
[dok medical design](#)  
[Dorian Regulatory Affairs](#)  
[Erfocentrum](#)  
[Expantium Nederland](#)  
[Minase](#)  
[ORCA Therapeutics](#)  
[PNO Consultants](#)

#### "Valorisation Day"

17 June 2009



The first national "Valorisation Day" was held in the Beurs van Berlage (Amsterdam) on June 17. A total of 51 Dutch and foreign speakers gave their professional insights on aspects of the utilization of knowledge. The main topics were the priorities and implementation of new national policy, the measurement of scientific output and economical spin-off and the preferred instruments to facilitate knowledge transfer. >>

#### 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.

#### Matchmaking galore at BioBusiness Event 2009

16 June 2009



On June 16 the fourth edition of the BioBusiness Event attracted a sound number of entrepreneurs, managers, researchers, investors, business developers, tech transfer officers and others from the field of life sciences and medical technology to the Schouwburg of Almere. >>

#### 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.

#### Dutch Life Sciences Database for international exposure now live!

#### 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

4 June 2009



Have you already included your company profile in THE Dutch Life Sciences Database? First used at the BIO International Convention in Atlanta to assist in matchmaking, this online directory aims to provide a comprehensive overview of all life sciences businesses and institutes in the Netherlands. >>

## 'Life Sciences Fund Amsterdam' first investment in AIMM Therapeutics

3 June 2009



In June the City of Amsterdam, the Province Noord-Holland, ING and Rabobank announced the first investment by the 'Life Sciences Fund Amsterdam' in AIMM Therapeutics. AIMM Therapeutics, spin-off from the Academic Medical Center, is developing a new technology to generate human antibodies against cancer and auto-immune diseases. >>

## International Talent meets Dutch Life Sciences Take II

26 May 2009



First started in 2008, fifty talented bio-scientists visited the Dutch Life Sciences sector again this year. During their visit to the Amsterdam region on May 26, institutes (Netherlands Cancer Institute, Academic medical Center, VU Medical Center and the Science Park Amsterdam) as well as companies (Avantium, Agendia and Solvay) showed what they had on offer. >>

## "Pieken in de Delta" approves BioPortEurope!



BioPortEurope offers integrated business services for Indian life sciences companies entering Europe via the Netherlands. The Project BioPortEurope fits perfect with the "Portal to Europe" strategy of Amsterdam tapping into its well developed logistic infrastructure, financial and business services. >>

## 2009 BIO International Convention: "Integrated Life Sciences Innovation"

18-21 May 2009



The 2009 BIO International Convention was held in Atlanta from May 18 till 21. Despite the financial crisis, the event attracted 14,300 visitors to pavilions of 60 countries and 48 states. At the Dutch pavilion the Dutch BioDelta was unanimously presented with the help of five value propositions covering our national excellence in different areas. >>

## City Council Amsterdam visits the Life Sciences sector

21 April 2009

opportunity.

## Supply & Demand

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## Matchmaking

Which Life Sciences company wants to attend a travel trade to Baden-Württemberg on 28-30 October 2009?

In relation to preparations for the Shanghai World Expo 2010 we would like to get into contact with regional life sciences companies/organisations that are or have an interest in doing life sciences business in China.

Which Dutch Life Sciences company wants to collaborate on marine biomolecules for Health applications with partners of the Blue Cluster (Carene, France)?

## National Events

Meeting New Equipment for Health Care  
June 26 2009, The Hague

BioBusiness Summer School 2009  
July 6-17 2009, Amsterdam

Life Sciences Café  
September 10 2009, Amsterdam

Submit an Event

## International Events

World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology & Bioprocessing  
July 19-22 2009, Canada

BioPharm America 2009  
September 16-18 2009, U.S.A.

BIO India 2009  
September 22-23 2009, India

EuroBIO 2009  
September 23-25 2009, France



To create an understanding of the life sciences sector, the Amsterdam City Council visited biotech company Agendia located at the Science Park Amsterdam on April 21. In 2004 Agendia, spin off from the Netherlands Cancer Institute, became the first company to commercialize a prognostic test that predicts the risk of breast cancer recurrence (MammaPrint). [>>](#)

## Partner News

### INC Research acquires unit of MDS Pharma Services

1 June 2009



INC Research had entered into an agreement to acquire the Phase II-IV operations (Global Clinical Development) of MDS Pharma Services, a business unit of MDS Inc. [>>](#)

### Nestlé launches first research unit in Japan

20 May 2009



Nestlé launched its first Japan-based research unit for fundamental scientific research. [>>](#)

### Nyenrode Life Sciences and Healthcare Institute opened

13 May 2009



A day long awaited by many involved with the Life Sciences and Healthcare industry in the Netherlands, Europe and Internationally. [>>](#)

### Agilent completes large-scale expansion

7 May 2009



Agilent Technologies Inc. completes a major expansion of its Nucleic Acids Solutions Division (NASD), enabling the company to manufacture several hundred kilograms of therapeutic oligonucleotides per year. [>>](#)

### SynCo Bio Partners wins ViE Award

30 April 2009



SynCo Bio Partners B.V., the cGMP manufacturer of clinical and commercial biopharmaceuticals, has won the Vaccine Industry Excellence (ViE) Award for Best Contract Manufacturing Organisation (CMO) 2009. [>>](#)

### Millipore and Microbix form strategic partnership

23 April 2009



Millipore Corporation and Microbix Biosystems Inc. have formed a collaboration to develop a novel purification process for influenza virus vaccine manufacturing. [>>](#)

## Regional News

**Expatcenter Amsterdam celebrates first birthday >>**

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