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## Amsterdam BioMed News

### Amsterdam Life Sciences Café 22 April 2010 - Sign up now!



You are cordially invited to join the Amsterdam Life Sciences Café that will be held Thursday 22 April in Café Restaurant Polder (Science Park 205, Amsterdam).

#### Program

15:30 - Doors open  
16:00 - Regional Update  
16:10 - ISA Pharmaceuticals, Gerard Platenburg (CEO): *Lessons Learned from Proensa and ISA Pharmaceuticals*  
16:50 - BioFarmind, Jan Willem Dorpema (Vice-Chairman and Project Manager): *IPC program for biopharma SMEs: the building of market access power by collaboration*  
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!

### Amsterdam BioMed Cluster at BIO Chicago



The Amsterdam BioMed Cluster will again represent the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area in the Investors lounge of the Holland Pavillion at BIO. Please let us know if we

can do anything to assist you before or during the event via [info@amsterdambioMed.nl](mailto:info@amsterdambioMed.nl). For registration visit [www.lifescienceshealth.nl](http://www.lifescienceshealth.nl). The BIO International Convention 2010 is the leading business development event for the life sciences & health sector. The convention will be held this year in Chicago, from 3 to 6 May 2010.

### BCF Event and International Talent Program are back in town



#### LS Cafés 2010

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April 22  
July 8  
October 14

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#### 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.

#### Jobs

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#### Supply & Demand

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As in previous years the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster is host sponsor of the Bio, Chemistry, Food & Pharma career event that will be held May 20 in the RAI. Over 1000 career seekers have already registered.

Alongside the International Talent Program is organised. Again this year fifty international bio-talents will visit the Netherlands, including businesses and knowledge centres in our region, to check out career opportunities in the Dutch life sciences sector.

Visit [www.bcfevent.nl](http://www.bcfevent.nl).

## Last call to explore business opportunities in China



From 13 to 18 June a Dutch Life Sciences Week is organized in relation to the World Expo in Shanghai. On the program are seminars at the Dutch Pavilion, company visits, as well as opportunities for (individual) match-making. Existing contacts in China will be invited to join and visit the World Expo on (y)our behalf.

The goal of the Life Sciences week is to start and intensify structural cooperation between Dutch and Chinese parties. For more information, and matchmaking opportunities, a detailed program can be found [here](#). If the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster can do anything or invite contacts on your behalf, please let us know via [info@amsterdambiomedi.nl](mailto:info@amsterdambiomedi.nl).

## Valorisation Day Take 2



After a successful first edition, the second Valorisation Day (Dag van de Valorisatie) will be held June 8, 2010 in the Beurs van Berlage in Amsterdam. Recent developments, perspectives and challenges will be addressed. Last but not least, the "Most Entrepreneurial Scientist 2010" will be announced and awarded. Check out the Valorisation Day [website](#).

## "BioBusiness on the Move" at BioBusiness Event 2010



The BioBusiness Event (June 10, Schouwburg Almere) is the annual business and networking event for professionals in Life Sciences & MedTech. The Event brings together entrepreneurs, managers,

investors, business developers, tech transfer officers and researchers. Ben Engel of Buck Consultants will talk about "Factors affecting the location and success of your biobusiness" in a session organised by the City of Almere and the Amsterdam Biomed Cluster. Partners of the Cluster receive a 35% discount (€95) on the registration fee. Visit [www.biobusinessevent.nl](http://www.biobusinessevent.nl).

## BioBusiness Summer School 2010



The aim of the BioBusiness Summer School is to increase the understanding of the international field of biomedical business and to help (international) PhD students and post-docs find the best next step in their career.

The [program](#) covers many topics, including technology break-out sessions and company visits. The third BioBusiness Summer School will be held from August 23 to September 3, 2010. The fee is €850,00. [More information>>](#)

## Mark your calendars for Life Sciences Capitals 2010

December 8, 2010, Life Sciences Capitals will be held in the Beurs van Berlage in Amsterdam. As in previous editions this sixth Life Sciences Capitals will explore trends, innovations and business opportunities in the Dutch Life Sciences sector. The Life Sciences Center Amsterdam and the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster will be hosting the event this year.

drawing on knowledge and services from your peers.

## National events

### [PCDI Postdoc Retreat](#)

April 21-23 2010, Conference-hotel Kapellerput, Heeze

### [Intervet International BV and Immuno Valley symposium](#)

April 22 2010, Boxmeer

### [Life Sciences Café](#)

22 April 2010, Café Restaurant Polder, Amsterdam

### [Ten years after - Mapping the societal landscape of genomics](#)

May 27-28 2010, Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam

### [Amsterdam Inventor Dinner 2010](#)

June 10 2010, Amsterdam

### [Dutch Clinical Trials Foundation - Annual Congress](#)

June 23 2010, Amrâth Hotel Lapershoek Arenapark

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## International events

### [BioEquity Europe 2010](#)

May 19-20 2010, Zurich, Switzerland

### [Collective Holland Lounge at the Exposanità](#)

May 26-29 2010, Bologna, Italy

### [EuroMedtech 2010](#)

June 1-2 2010, Leipzig, Germany

### [Dutch Life Sciences week](#)

June 14-18 2010, Shanghai, China

### [World Congress on Vascular Access 2010](#)

June 16-18 2010, RAI, Amsterdam

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#### **Marcel Levi succeeds Louise Gunning at AMC Board**

Prof. dr. Marcel Levi has been proposed by the Supervisory Board of the Academic Medical Center (AMC) to succeed prof. dr. Louise Gunning as President of the Board of Directors. After almost ten years as head of the AMC board, Gunning changes position on September 1st to become chairman of the Health Council of the Netherlands. [Continue>>](#)

#### **OncoMethylome Appoints Jan Groen as CEO**

OncoMethylome Sciences SA announced today that its board of directors has named Dr. Jan Groen to serve as the company's chief executive officer. [Continue>>](#)

#### **AMC research shows that HIV subverts innate signaling**

HIV, the virus that causes aids, uses the immune system to multiply itself. This unexpected discovery by the group of prof. dr. Teunis Geijtenbeek of the Center for Experimental and Molecular Medicine in the AMC was published in Nature Immunology. [Continue>>](#)

#### **AMC to lead artificial pancreas program**

Amsterdam University's medical centre is to lead a European project to develop an artificial pancreas for people with type 1 diabetes. The consortium, made up of seven academic institutions and five private companies, will work on the project for the next four years. It has been given €10.5m in funding by the European Commission. [Continue>>](#)

#### **Agendia launches BluePrint(TM) expanding breast cancer product offering**

Agendia, a world leader in molecular cancer diagnostics, announced that its breast cancer product offering, consisting of breast cancer recurrence test MammaPrint(R), and TargetPrint(TM), has been expanded with BluePrint (TM) to report important additional information on tumor subtypes. This new service is based on an 80-gene signature that identifies the basal-like, luminal-like, and HER2 molecular subtypes in breast cancer tumors. [Continue>>](#)

#### **Agendia to play pivotal role in I-SPY-2 trial for breast cancer**

Agendia will participate in the highly anticipated I-SPY 2 trial for breast cancer, set to launch at the first of nearly twenty research sites. [Continue>>](#)

#### **AMOLF opens new laboratory**

AMOLF's new laboratory on the Science Park Amsterdam was opened by Jos Engelen, chairman of the Governing Board of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). [Continue>>](#)

#### **Teva to acquire ratiopharm**

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire ratiopharm, Germany's second largest generics producer and the sixth largest generic drug company worldwide. The acquisition will position Teva as the leading generic pharmaceutical company in Europe. [Continue>>](#)

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## **New credit for AMT**

Amsterdam Molecular Therapeutics (AMT) will receive an Innovation Credit of up to 4 million euro from the Dutch government to support the development of AMT's gene therapy treatment for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The credit is granted by SenterNovem and will fund 35% of the program costs during the period to mid-2013. In December 2009 AMT also successfully raised 5 million euro of new funds via a private placement of convertible bonds. [Continue>>](#)

## **Regional News**

### **City of Amsterdam launches Chinese website**

Amsterdam inbusiness, the foreign investment agency of the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area, has launched a Chinese-language website. The website informs Chinese companies about the advantages of setting up their business in the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area. [Continue>>](#)

## **Other News**

### **Competition for innovative business plans**

Entrepreneurs who want to start an innovative business are invited to enter business plan competition New Venture. This year, the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality has for the first time made four awards of 25.000 euro each available to business plans in the area of biodiversity and food. For more information, please visit [www.newventure.nl](http://www.newventure.nl).

### **The Netherlands most attractive for foreign companies**

The Netherlands is the cheapest country for foreign companies wishing to establish themselves in Europe. That is the outcome of research into the company costs in several countries, done by [KPMG](#) every two years. Compared to the 2008 survey, the competitive position of the Netherlands had improved significantly. The Netherlands is particularly interesting for companies in the field of research & development. This is a result of extensive fiscal incentives. [Continue>>](#)

### **NWO awards 14 Rubicon grants**

The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) has awarded 14 Rubicon grants in the area of life sciences. [Continue>>](#)