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Amsterdam BioMed News

Amsterdam Life Sciences Café 8 July 2010 - Sign up now!



You are cordially invited to join the Amsterdam Life Sciences Café that will be held next Thursday 8 July 2010 in Café Restaurant Polder (Science Park 205, Amsterdam).

Program

- 15:30 - Doors open
- 16:00 - Sandra Migchielsen, Amsterdam BioMed Cluster Manager at AIM: *Impressions Dutch life sciences week Shanghai*
- 16:15 - Gunnar Staaf, Chief Executive Officer Avantium Pharmaceuticals: *Spin-out of the pharmaceutical business unit from Avantium*
- 16:45 - Jeanine Hendriks, Head Product Development & CoFounder CellCoTec: *From a Scientific Idea to the Clinic in a Medical Device Start-Up*
- 17:15 - 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!

PCDI and ABMC join forces to optimize human capital



As talent is a critical success factor for economic growth, the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster together with the Postdoc Career Development Initiative (PCDI) has started organizing Talent company visits and Talent Cafés.

The first companies visited, on June 1, were the AMC Technology Transfer Office and AMC spin-offs AIMM Therapeutics and Arthrogen. The participants, final-year PhD students and postdocs, were given insights into these organizations and associated career opportunities. The afternoon concluded with a guided tour of the labs.

On July 1st the first [Life Sciences Talent Café](#) will take place to further explore the career opportunities in Life Sciences. There will be presentations from biotech company Agendia and service company InnoTact Consulting.

Amsterdam BioMed Cluster granted subsidy to accelerate growth

The [Amsterdam Innovation Motor](#) has successfully bid for a Pieken in de Delta subsidy from the Ministry of Economic Affairs. According to a benchmark study by InnoTact Consulting the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area has all the necessary ingredients to grow into an internationally leading bio-cluster. With the help of the subsidy, the project Amsterdam BioMed Cluster for accelerated growth will speed up this process by gaining more critical mass. [More>>](#)



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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.

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

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Looking for specific expertise, a service facility, collaboration, new technologies or IP? Try our [Supply & Demand service](#) yourself, a simple, fast, free, informal and nonconfidential e-mail based system drawing on knowledge and

Mayor receives life sciences sector to discuss business

On April 7 interim mayor Lodewijk Asscher of the City of Amsterdam invited 25 representatives from industry, academia and government to discuss the challenges and opportunities of the regional life sciences industry. With the help of the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster, the municipality of Amsterdam will heed suggestions and comments that came out of the meeting and use them as input for a long term Masterplan Life Sciences.

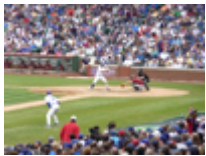
It's now or never, in China!



The Dutch Life Sciences Week, held in Shanghai from June 13 till 18, offered a perfect introduction to business opportunities in China today. Various matchmaking events and scientific seminars at the Dutch pavilion of the World Expo all added to the notion that if China promises to be big business for your product or service, you better step in now! Come and hear more

at our [Life Sciences Café](#), July 8. [More>>](#)

Putting the Netherlands on the map at BIO Chicago



This year's BIO International Convention held in Chicago from 3 to 6 May attracted 15.322 visitors, making it the most important international network event for life sciences. From the brand new Dutch Masters pavilion -one of 65 country pavilions- representatives of the various Dutch bio-regions were promoting the Holland Bidelata. 34 Companies and 115 participants from

the Netherlands attended the convention. Partners from the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster present were the Life Sciences Center Amsterdam, Technology Transfer Offices AMC, VUmc and the Netherlands Cancer Institute, as well as a number of companies. [More>>](#)

International Talent Meets Dutch Life Sciences



Previous to the Bio Career Event on 20 May, the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster organized for the third time the International Talent meets Dutch Life Sciences programme. Fifty foreign talents attended this event. The expectation is that some of them will be able to secure a position with one of the knowledge institutes or companies in our region.

BioBusiness on the move in Almere



With inspiring keynote speakers, expert consultations, roundtable discussions and ample network opportunities, the fifth BioBusiness Event held June 10 in Almere was a great success. Christianne Rijcken gave the winning pitch presentation for her business plan for Crystal Delivery, spin off of Utrecht University (written during the 2009-2010 edition of Masterclass BioBusiness). Bert Engel of Buck Consultants International contributed an interactive session on behalf of the Amsterdam BioMed Cluster and the City of Almere: [Factors affecting the location and success of your biobusiness](#).

Sanquin and NKI win Amsterdam Inventor Award



This year's Amsterdam Inventor Award went to a team from Sanquin and the Netherlands Cancer Institute (NKI) for their invention in the field of T-cell epitope selection and immunomonitoring. They received the award during a memorable Amsterdam Inventor Dinner in restaurant De Kas, in

the presence of 18 participating teams from industry and academia. The Award is an initiative of Avantium, the Department of Economic Affairs of the City of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam Innovation Motor. [More>>](#)

Valorisation Day adds value

services from your peers.

National events

[R&D Day](#)

30 June 2010, Eindhoven

[Public health begins in the stable](#)

30 June 2010, Perscentrum Nieuwspoor, Den Haag

[Life Science Talent Café](#)

1 July 2010, Café Restaurant Polder, Amsterdam

[Life Sciences Café 12](#)

8 July 2010, Café Restaurant Polder, Amsterdam

[BioBusiness Summer School 2010](#)

23 August-3 September 2010, Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam

[Masterclass BioBusiness](#)

October 2010-May 2011, Nyenrode Business Universiteit, Breukelen

More [National Events](#)

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[Biotech Investor Seminar](#)

26 June 2010, Zwijnaarde, Belgium

[BioBusiness Asia](#)

20-21 July 2010, Grand Hyatt, Taipei

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During the second Dag van de Valorisatie (Valorisation Day) on June 8, 250 participants and 50 speakers gathered in the Beurs van Berlage to discuss various aspects of valorization and how to move forward. Joke van Antwerpen of the Amsterdam Innovation Motor contributed a presentation on the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area as breeding ground for valorisation.

Recommendations of this inspiring and interesting day can be found [online](#). The award for 'Most Entrepreneurial Scientist 2010' went to Willem de Vos, Professor of Microbiology of Wageningen University.

BioPortEurope strengthens ties in India



BioPortEurope, the professional Life Sciences expertise and trading center, attended the largest life sciences event in India: the Bangalore India Bio, held on June 2-4. This resulted in many new contacts with Indian Life Sciences companies interested in entering the European market. A consortium of regional partners offering specialist business services will be involved in

the follow up. Find out more about BioPortEurope at www.bioporteuropa.nl.

We welcome our new BioMed Cluster partners!

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Partner News

Immunotherapy against skin cancer

An AMC researcher has discovered that seeded melanoma, an aggressive form of skin cancer that is difficult to treat, can be fought by artificially inducing a different skin condition: vitiligo. [More>>](#)

European headquarters Fonterra to Amsterdam

The New Zealand dairy company Fonterra is moving its European headquarters from Hamburg (Germany) to Amsterdam. The company chose Amsterdam because of favourable tax and policy conditions and relatively low labor cost and rents.

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Tranzyme Pharma and Norgine jointly develop product

Tranzyme Pharma and Norgine have entered into a licensing agreement that provides Norgine with the exclusive rights to develop and commercialize Tranzyme's novel ghrelin agonist, ulimorelin, in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East, South Africa and North Africa. [More>>](#)

Van de Winkel CEO Genmab

Prof. Jan G.J. van de Winkel is the new Chief Executive Officer at Genmab. [More>>](#)

Red Herring Top 100 award for BMEYE

BMEYE, the innovator of combined noninvasive, beat-to-beat blood pressure and cardiac output monitoring, received the prestigious European Red Herring Top 100 Award 2010. [More>>](#)

Agendia disappointed in Dutch innovation policy

Agendia in Amsterdam, developer of MammaPrint, is focussing its attention more and more on the United States in stead of the Netherlands. The company says that in the US there is more acknowledgment for its diagnostic method. [More>>](#)

AMT Reports Positive Data from Glybera Study

Amsterdam Molecular Therapeutics (AMT) reports new data showing that its lead product Glybera results in break-down of chylomicrons in lipoprotein lipase deficient (LPLD) patients. [More>>](#)

Merck aims for FDA approval of 5 drug candidates

Merck & Co. said it will apply for FDA approval of extended-release diabetes drug Janumet, hepatitis C treatment boceprevir and three other medicines this year to make up for losing \$4.7 billion when generic versions of its asthma drug Singulair reach the market in 2012. [More>>](#)

Zilveren Kruis covers Agendia's MammaPrint

Zilveren Kruis is the first Dutch health insurance company to cover Agendia's MammaPrint. [More>>](#)

4 million for childhood cancer research

The Dutch Cancer Society (KWF Kankerbestrijding) will finance a joint research programme of EKZ/AMC Amsterdam and the Erasmus MC Sophia children's hospital in Rotterdam. [More>>](#)

Teva Targets Roche's Rituxan in Drug Trial

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries is testing a copy of Roche Holding AG's second-biggest-selling drug Rituxan. [More>>](#)

Biogen, Abbott advance MS drug trial

Biogen Idec will pay Abbott Laboratories \$30 million to advance a new phase 3 trial for a drug candidate targeting multiple sclerosis. The two companies announced Monday that the study's first patient had been enrolled. [More>>](#)

Genzyme gets FDA approval of drug for Pompe disease

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted U.S. marketing approval for Genzyme's drug Lumizyme for patients age 8 and older with non-infantile Pompe disease. [More>>](#)

Promising data on AMT gene therapy study

Amsterdam Molecular Therapeutics (AMT) reported positive preclinical data from a study using an AAV gene therapy product to lower cholesterol. [More>>](#)

New VU study combines science, business and innovation

VU announces that NVAO, the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders, has accredited the bachelor Science, Business & Innovation (SBI). [More>>](#)

Fornix sells Dutch Allergy Division to ALK-Abelló

Fornix is planning to sell its Dutch Allergy Division to ALK-Abelló. The only condition precedent to which the transaction remains subject is shareholders' approval. [More>>](#)

Van Deventer appointed to Supervisory Board of AMT

Professor Sander van Deventer has been appointed to the Supervisory Board of Amsterdam Molecular Therapeutics, a leader in the field of human gene therapy.

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SynCo expands agreement with OncoMed to manufacture cancer stem cell antibodies

SynCo Bio Partners has expanded its current agreement with OncoMed Pharmaceuticals, a company developing novel therapeutics that target cancer stem cells. [More>>](#)

Pepscan acquires stake in Immunovo

Pepscan is to receive a minority stake in Immunovo as part of the companies agreement to partner on development of Pepscan's therapeutic vaccine portfolio.

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Tumour grows with the help of its environment

Cancer stem cell activity may not merely be an intrinsic characteristic of a subset of cancer cells. It could be regulated by environmental cues. [More>>](#)

Continuation of TI Pharma remains uncertain

The continuation of TI Pharma remains uncertain after a meeting of the Council of Ministers on May 28. The Council decided to postpone any final decision on the future of TI Pharma until the new Cabinet is in place. Although a bridging fund of 60 million Euros was requested, only 6 million Euros has been granted. [More>>](#)

Regional News

Eberhard van der Laan mayor of Amsterdam

Amsterdam City Council have selected Eberhard van der Laan as the final candidate for the position of mayor of Amsterdam. The appointment is not final, as the outgoing cabinet will first have to discuss the nomination. The aim is to appoint the mayor before the start of summer holiday season.

Almere starts on company building Bipharma

Mayor of Almere Annemarie Jorritsma will officially start the building of company building Bipharma on June 25. The arrival of the company brings 30 fulltime jobs to the city. Bipharma supplies services and products for the health care specialty of dermatology and injection preparations. [More>>](#)

Amsterdam engine of Noord-Holland economy

Amsterdam is the driver of the economy of the province Noord-Holland this year. According to ING, the city's economy will grow 2% this year, more than in the rest of the province. [More>>](#)

Other News

Dutch pavillion at BIO Malaysia

NFIA Malaysia is planning to organize a Dutch pavilion at Bio Malaysia 2010 to showcase Dutch technology and know-how as well as what the country has to offer as a gateway to Europe. [More>>](#)

Outgoing mission USA

The Netherlands Council for Trade Promotion and ARCUSplus, BioFarmin en Bio Science Park Leiden are organising an outgoing mission to the US (Boston and New Brunswick) in the field of biomedical life sciences and biotechnology from 20-24 September. [More>>](#)

Trade mission to Australia

Meet and greet the experts of the Australian nanotech industry, in the field from NanoMedicine and Health to Energy & Clean water, during a nanotech/biomedical fact-finding & trade/investment mission to Australia. The trip will take place from October 17-22nd 2010. [More>>](#)