



# Opportunities for Commercialising Drug Discovery in the Academic Sector

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- Programme**
- 09.30 Registration and refreshments
  - 10.00 Welcome
  - 10.10 **Facilitating partnerships between pharma and academia**  
Dr Alan Lamont, Science & Technology Alliances, AstraZeneca
  - 10.45 **The Imperial Drug Discovery Centre; enabling translation of academic projects towards commercial reality**  
Dr Cathy Tralau-Stewart, Imperial Drug Discovery Centre
  - 11.20 Refreshment break
  - 11.40 **Commercialising IP the Oxford way**  
Ms Linda Naylor, Technology Transfer Group, Oxford University
  - 12.15 **Thiakis: from conception to exit**  
Prof Steve Bloom, Imperial College & Thiakis founder
  - 12.50 **The Lilly Phenotypic Drug Discovery Initiative (PD2): First Year in Retrospective and Where We are Going Next**  
Mr Christopher Beadle, Eli Lilly and Company Limited
  - 13.00 Lunch (kindly sponsored by MRCT)
  - 13.50 **The role of public – private partnerships in pharmaceutical R&D**  
Dr Dave Tapolczay, MRCT
  - 14.25 **Wellcome Trust approaches to support innovative drug discovery**  
Dr Richard Davis, Wellcome Trust
  - 15.00 Refreshment break (kindly sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company Ltd)
  - 15.20 **Modern biosciences: development of late-stage discovery projects from academia**  
Dr Sam Williams, Modern Biosciences
  - 15.55 **Investment in drug discovery ... does it make sense? and who are the investors?**  
Dr Andy Richards, Business Angel
  - 16.30 Wine reception and networking  
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## Organisers

Dr Kirsty Hewitson, Union Life Sciences Ltd

Dr David Lawrence, BBSRC Council

## Synopsis

Converting early stage research into commercially valuable drug discovery assets

The aim of this event is to highlight the apparent development gap that exists between academia and the pharmaceutical industry and to discuss mechanisms by which this gap can be bridged. Topics will include the development of partnerships between academia/industry, sources of funding and the current investment climate. Case studies will be used as examples throughout the day. Representatives from both the academic and pharmaceutical sectors will be in attendance to share their insights, with networking opportunities available.

## Attendees

This one day conference is for anyone involved with the development of early stage drug discovery opportunities, including technology transfer representatives and researchers. In addition, this event will be of interest to individuals from the pharmaceutical industry associated with the identification and licensing of projects from academia and the promotion of external alliances.

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