



Academic Drug Discovery: Programmes and Collaborations

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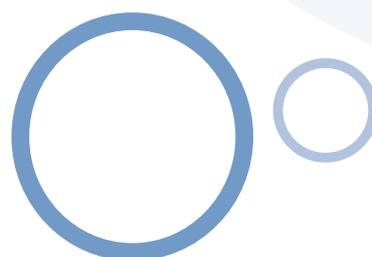
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- 09:45** Registration and refreshments
- 10:10** Introduction and welcome
- 10:15** **Drug discovery at Imperial: not just an academic exercise**
Dr Cathy Tralau-Stewart, Imperial Drug Discovery Centre
- 11:00** **Collaborating with fragments**
Professor Chris Abell, University of Cambridge
- 11:45** **Simplifying resorcyolate synthesis: from natural products to clinical candidates**
Professor Tony Barrett, Imperial College London
- 12:15** Lunch and networking (kindly sponsored by MRCT)
- 13:30** **Discovery of UE2343, a potent inhibitor of 11 β -HSD1 for the treatment of alzheimer's disease**
Dr David Pallin, Argenta and Dr Scott Webster, University of Edinburgh
- 14:15** **Inhibitors of the plasmodium falciparum calcium-dependent protein kinase CDPK1, a novel target for malaria drug development**
Dr Tony Holder, National Institute for Medical Research and Dr Simon Osborne, MRCT
- 15:00** Refreshment break (kindly sponsored by Argenta)
- 15:30** **Dundee drug discovery unit: novel targets and small molecule inhibitors**
Professor Paul Wyatt, University of Dundee
- 16:15** **Lead optimisation of retinoids for the treatment of CNS disorders**
Professor Jonathan Corcoran, King's College London
- 16:45** **Caring for the orphans – drugs looking for diseases and rare diseases looking for drugs**
Professor Philip Hawkins, University College London
- 17:30** Wine, exhibition and networking

Organisers

Kirsty Hewitson, Union Life Sciences
Caroline Low, Imperial College
Sarah Major, Argenta



Synopsis

The aim of this event is to showcase drug discovery programmes derived from academia.

Case studies will be presented to highlight the latest scientific advances and to provide illustrations of how different types of funded collaborations between academia and industry have led, and are leading to, successful drug candidates. Representatives from both academia and the pharmaceutical industry will be in attendance to share their insights, together with ample networking opportunities.

Attendees

This one day conference is aimed at individuals both from academia and the pharmaceutical industry, who are involved in, or are interested in, drug discovery research. It will be relevant to those associated with the identification and development of novel drug discovery projects as well as those involved in more established programmes.

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