

Final announcement

The BMCS Mastering MedChem II

2nd RSC-BMCS symposium
on mastering medicinal chemistry

Wednesday 9th March 2016

3M Buckley Innovation Centre,
University of Huddersfield, UK



Synopsis

This meeting is aimed at all those who wish to become better drug hunters and heed warnings from the past.

In the main there are two types of drug discovery programmes: those that hit serious problems and those that are going to hit serious problems. The difference between success and failure is how we, as medicinal chemists, tackle and resolve the problems.

Features of the Meeting

The meeting will include:

- Live webcast for RSC-BMCS members only
- Full sound and vision recording for internet upload (RSC-BMCS members only)
- Wine mixer at the end of the day

Programme

- 09.00 Registration and refreshments
09.50 Opening remarks
10.00 *Lessons in drug discovery*
Andy Barker, independent scientific consultant, UK
11.00 *Discovery of CFTR potentiator ivacaftor for the treatment of cystic fibrosis*
Peter Grootenhuis, Vertex, USA
12.00 Lunch, networking, exhibition
13.00 *Molecular obesity, potency and other addictions in medicinal chemistry*
Mike Hann, GlaxoSmithKline, UK
14.00 *Structure-based drug discovery applied to membrane proteins*
Miles Congreve, Heptares Therapeutics, UK
15.00 Refreshments
15.30 *The interface between medicinal chemistry and chemical development*
David Lathbury, Astute Chemical Development Consulting, UK
16.30 *From the academic lab to the clinic: turning ProTides into Acelarlin*
Chris McGuigan, University of Cardiff, UK
17.30 Closing remarks
17.40 Wine mixer
19.00 Close

Venue and Travel

The University is easily accessible by public transport: 60 minutes from Manchester airport, and less than three hours from London by train (1 mile from Huddersfield railway station).

Registration and Bursaries

Registration is open, and fees are:

- £65 RSC member
£75 Non-member
£35 RSC student* member
£45 Student* non-member

Some student bursaries are available.

*Student is undergraduate or post-graduate, not post-doc.

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