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Vaccine against Chikungunya in development

TI Pharma is proud to announce the launch of a new project: the development of a vaccine for Chikungunya. This project, with a budget of 2.3 million euros, is expected to lead to a proof-of-concept vaccine by the year 2012. The consortium comprises TI Pharma, the University of Wageningen, Erasmus University Medical Centre and Nobilon, a Schering-Plough company. With the development of this vaccine, the consortium aims to reduce Chikungunya morbidity and mortality and increase knowledge about this disease.

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Workshop 'Bottlenecks' works for solutions



The EUFEPS/TI Pharma workshop "Bottlenecks identification in drug discovery ... and solutions please!" which was successfully run on 23 January in Naturalis in Leiden addressed the perceived bottlenecks in the drug discovery phase. As the title indicated: not only were the bottlenecks discussed. The speakers had been asked to come up with solutions and they did.

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Supervisory Board

On Monday, 26 January 2009, the Supervisory Board (TI Pharma's highest governing body) had its yearly meeting. A large number of our industrial and academic partners were present. The progress during 2008 as well as the budget and operational plan for 2009 were discussed. Furthermore, two changes in the Executive Board were confirmed. These changes apply as of 1 March 2009: Prof. Dr. J. Raaijmakers (GSK) will take over the position of Prof. Dr. L. Turski (Solvay) as representative of the global industrial partners, and Prof. Dr. M. Danhof (Leiden University) will take over the position of Prof. Dr. F. Russel (Radboud University Nijmegen). It was inspiring for all parties to see the energy and enthusiasm within the TI Pharma partnership: Jointly we shape the future of medicines.

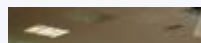
Project Series

In this TI Pharma newsletter, we focus on the project 'Predicting Drug Responses in Breast Cancer'.

Predicting Drug responses in breast cancer

The TI Pharma project "Predicting Drug responses in breast cancer" aims to develop diagnostic tests, based on microarray technology, that allow physicians to provide information regarding the chance that a breast cancer patient responds to a particular anti-tumor drug. The development of..... [Read more»](#)

Education & Training



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Calendar

- » March 2-6, 2008
Course: Drug Discovery Simulation
- » March 25-27, 2008
Course: Business & Entrepreneurial Skills
- » April 23, 2009
Scientific Spring meeting TI Pharma
- » May 14-15, 2009
Proteomics and metabolomics biomarker discovery in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)
- » May 28, 2009
BCF Event 2009
- » June 8-12, 2009
PharmSciFair2009

Successful Drug Discovery & Development Cycle course held in January

Testimonial of participant Hans de Waard: *"In my opinion this is a useful course with an appealing helicopter view about the drug discovery and development process."*

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Future courses

By offering new subjects in our Education & Training program, we support our researchers expanding their horizons.

For 2009, we are developing the following courses:

- Intellectual Property
- Project Management
- Job Opportunities in Industry

Course Catalogue

A catalogue of Life Sciences courses is available. [Read more»](#)

BioBusiness Summer School 2009

For PhD students and post-docs who want to pursue their life sciences career with one of the many biomedical companies.



Pre-announcement Masterclass Biobusiness 2009

For more information [click here](#).

Announcements

Spring Meeting 2009

On 23 April, as many as 600 TI Pharma scientists will gather in MediaPlaza, Jaarbeurs Utrecht, to discuss their research. [Click here](#) for more information.

PharmSciFair2009

The second PharmSciFair is scheduled to take place 8 - 12 June 2009 in Nice, France. The PharmSciFair 2009 is the Premier European Platform for Advancing Pharmaceutical Sciences. This is a conference where pharmaceutical scientists from different disciplines gather, from medicinal chemistry to pharmacoepidemiology. They share recent findings and discuss further activities to strengthen the pharmaceutical sciences in Europe. TI Pharma is sponsoring four half-day symposia: on 'Biomarkers', on 'Quality of Pharmaceutical Research and PhD Training Programs in Europe' and on 'The Future of Vaccines'. [Click here](#) for more information

Conference: Proteomics and metabolomics biomarker discovery in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)

The application of proteomics and metabolomics technology in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) diagnosis is of interest.

Promotions

18 December 2008:

Kai Ye: *'Novel algorithms for protein sequence analysis'*

Qilan Li: 'Constitutive receptor activation and pharmacological modeling The adenosine A2B receptor as a prototype'

9 January 2009:

Karen M.J. van Loo: 'From Y-secretase in APO-SUS/-UNSUS rats to translational research in complex human disorders'



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