

May 2008

First Scientific Spring Meeting



On April 22 more than 500 TI Pharma researchers met to discuss scientific developments and present their work in the framework of TI Pharma. Post-docs, Daily Supervisors, PhD students, Principal Investigators, Project Managers, Technicians and Senior Investigators and other project members were all invited to this one-day event at the Galgenwaard Stadium in Utrecht. Animated, lively discussions and a positive atmosphere characterized this day. A unique event to have such a large number of scientists from academia and industry 'bridging the gap'.

Next year, 2009, the Scientific Spring meeting will be held on April 23rd .

Photo Impression»

Indian delegation visits TI Pharma

On March 28th 2008 TI Pharma was visited by a delegation led by Kapil Sibal, the Indian Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Mrs. Neelam D. Sabharwal , Ambassador of India to the Netherlands.

Menno Horning, manager Life Sciences of SenterNovem, on behalf of the Ministry of Economical Affairs, presented an overview of the developments in Dutch Life Sciences. The directors of the Top Institutes BMM, CTMM and TI Pharma presented their organizations.



Mr Sibal was highly interested to hear about the unique way the Dutch have organized the concept of public private partnerships in life sciences. He invited the directors of BMM, CTMM and TI Pharma to come to India and meet with stakeholders in the Indian public- and private sector.

Workshop 'A systems view on the future of medicine: inspiration from Chinese Medicine?'

There is an increasing shortage of new effective and safe innovative pharmaceutical products in the pipeline of the pharmaceutical industry. The validity of the blockbuster business model is being questioned. Launching niche busters, or strategies based on individualization of therapy are being discussed as new paradigms.



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Calendar

- » May 28, 2008
World Biomaterials Congress
- » June 03, 2008
2nd EUFEPS and EAPB Workshop
- » June 04, 2008
ESDP Safe and Effective Medicines for Children
- » June 11, 2008
Immunity on the Cutting Edge between Food and Pharma
- » June 23, 2008
TI Pharma 'Systems approach and Chinese Medicine'

Systems approaches leading to treatment of diseases with multiple-target strategies are also emerging. This TI Pharma workshop, endorsed by Top Institute Green Genetics, will be held on 23rd June 2008 in Naturalis. It will address these questions and opportunities during several formal lectures and round table sessions. If you would like to attend, please click [here](#) to open the online registration form.



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IMI

European Science and Research Commissioner Janez Potočnik and EFPIA president Arthur Higgins launched the first call for proposals under the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) on April 30. The IMI Joint undertaking is a



fundamentally new and the first of its kind public-private partnership between the European Commission and the European federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA). By removing major

bottlenecks in the drug development process through innovative research projects, IMI will accelerate the discovery and development of innovative medicines. Furthermore it will boost Europe's competitiveness in biopharmaceutical innovation and foster Europe as the most attractive place for pharmaceutical R&D. For a number of specific IMI JU calls, TI Pharma is, in a project management role, involved in applicant consortia. Building upon the expertise in bringing public and private parties together, TI Pharma offers a platform which you may include in your IMI consortium for project management.

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TI Pharma 'On top' Education & training program up and running

The TI Pharma Education & Training program is up and running. For PhD fellows, TI Pharma offers a Business and Entrepreneurial Skills course as well as an introduction to the full Drug Discovery Cycle. Both courses are scheduled to take place again this year in June. Please visit the website for dates of these courses in 2009. For post-doc fellows, TI Pharma offers two simulation courses: a Drug Discovery Simulation and a Drug Development Simulation. Both simulations will take place in October 2008.

More information about our education & training program as well as the Course Catalogue providing you with an overview of courses offered by a range of organizations in the Netherlands can be found on [our](#) website. For further information please contact [Karin Huiberts](#), TI Pharma HR Manager.

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New Telephone number

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