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NEWS

Clariant has officially opened its new AMPS polymers plant for production of specialty polysulfonates at its strategic global facility in Tarragona, Spain. Two separate lines will make a range of polymers ranging from Hostacerin and Aristoflex emulsifiers and rheology modifiers for use in face creams, to Hostamer and Hostadrill fluid loss control additives for well cements used in oil and gas drilling operations.

The National Institutes of Health Center for Regenerative Medicine (NIH CRM) has awarded **Lonza** Walkersville a contract to generate induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) for research purposes. This is the second contract the NIH has awarded Lonza for the generation of induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs). In October 2012, the NIH CRM awarded Lonza Walkersville a contract to generate clinical grade induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) under current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP).

Syngenta announced plans to invest \$77 million in the expansion of its corn seed production facility in Formosa, Brazil. Annual capacity will be quadrupled to 1.6 million bags by 2015. Corn production in Brazil is expected to almost double by 2020, spurred by growth in the pork and poultry sectors. Over the same period, the value of Brazil's corn seed market is expected to reach \$2.7 billion with increased second season production and greater technology adoption. Syngenta's Formosa facility is located at the heart of 110,000 hectares of prime corn growing country. The area's climate supports two growing seasons and Syngenta's leading hybrid seed portfolio is well suited to the area. Formosa's location close to Brasilia means logistics infrastructure is also good, providing better export market access for growers.

Actelion has raised its dividend 25% as it awaits a U.S. regulatory decision on a new heart and lung drug it hopes will cut its dependency on current mainstay Tracleer. Europe's largest biotech company has seen its future brighten over the past year after Opsumit, its replacement treatment for top-seller Tracleer, beat expectations in a clinical trial, giving a much-needed boost to its pipeline. Both drugs treat pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), a potentially life-threatening lung condition.

Solvias announced the acquisition of Confarma, headquartered in Münchenstein, and its subsidiary Confarma France. By acquiring the Confarma Group, Solvias and Confarma are increasing the range of analytical services they can offer their partners in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and life science.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA

1st SCT Workshop on Biologically Relevant Molecular Diversity

04. 04. 2013, Maison de la Chimie, Paris, France

The aim of this workshop is to provide medicinal chemists with state-of-the-art methods and best practices in molecular diversity analysis of chemical libraries and compound collections.

<http://www.SCTWorkshopApril2013.org>

SWISS BIOTECH Day and Assembly General of the Swiss Biotech Association

09. 04. 2013, Zürich

Highlights: Presentation of the Swiss biotech report, Presentations on Ageing, Longevity, Preventive Medicine by Lord Howe, UK Department of Health, Christoph Nabholz, Swiss Re and Harald Borrmann, Roche Diagnostics (Switzerland) Ltd and company presentations.

<http://www.swissbiotech.org>

Nano Plus Bio

09. 04. 2013, Winterthur

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Biospezifische Interaktionsanalytik

10. 04. 2013, Basel

www.sekulab.ch

8th SCI-RSC Symposium on Proteinase Inhibitor Design

15.–16. 4. 2013, Basel

www.maggichurhousevents.co.uk/BMCS/index.htm

14th Swiss Global Change Day

16. 04. 2013, Freies Gymnasium, Bern

The Swiss Global Change Day is an event where the global change community can meet and discuss ongoing problems in a trans-disciplinary manner.

<http://www.proclim.ch/4dcgi/proclim/all/event?2268>

Einführung in die Gaschromatographie

17.–18. 04. 2013, Schlieren

www.sekulab.ch

Chemische Reaktionskinetik

18. 04. 2013, Frankfurt a. M. (D)

www.events.dechema.de

SCS Spring Meeting 2013: Opportunities and Challenges in Catalysis

19. 04. 2013, PSI, Villigen

Symposium with lectures of international experts in the fields of homogeneous, heterogeneous and bio-catalysis

<http://www.scg.ch/springmeeting>

Freiburger Symposium (organized by DIAC)

25. 04. 2013–26. 04. 2013, HES-SO, Freiburg

From Reaction to Technology Trends in the Chemical Production

Registration deadline: 31. March 2013

<http://www.eia-fr.ch/chimie/symposium>

SBA Academy: Challenges in Drug Discovery and Development

26. 04. 2013, Basel

Module 3: Manufacturing Processes

<http://www.swissbiotech.org>

44th IUPAC Congress: Energy Through Chemistry

11.–16. 08. 2013, Istanbul, Turkey

<http://iupac2013istanbul.org>

LECTURES

Universität Bern, Organische und Bioorganische Chemie

OC/BC Seminar, Lecture Hall 481

26.04.2013 Prof. Dr. *Martin Lochner*, Universität Bern
Title to be announced26.04.2013 Prof. Dr. *Florian Seebeck*, Universität Basel
Title to be announced26.04.2013 Prof. Dr. *Jeff Bode*, ETH Zürich
Title to be announced**University of Fribourg**

Big lecture hall

23.04.2013 Prof. *Dan Shechtman*, Technion, Haifa, Israel
& ISU, Ames, Iowa, USA
17.15 h 'Quasi-periodic materials – crystal redefined'**Université Genève, Chimie organique**

Auditoire A-100, Sciences II

11.04.2013 Dr. *Ruben Martin Romo*, Institut Català
d'Investigació Química, Tarragona, Spain
16.30 h 'Turning Simplicity into Complexity via
Metal-catalyzed Activation of Inert Bonds'17.04.2013 Prof. Dr. *Bernd J. Plietker*, Universität
Stuttgart, Germany
16.30 h 'Selective Catalytic C-H, C-C and C-O
Bond Activation Using Defined Ru- and Fe-
complexes'26.04.2013 Prof. *Huw M.L. Davies*, Emory University,
Atlanta, USA
14.00 h 'New Synthetic Opportunities Using
Rhodium-Carbenoid Chemistry'26.04.2013 Prof. *Jun-ichi Yoshida*, Kyoto University,
Japan
14.00 h 'Flow Chemistry That Cannot Be Done in
Batch'**ETH Zürich, Laboratorium für Organische Chemie**

Hörsaal HCI J3 ETH Zürich Hönggerberg

22.04.2013 Prof. Dr. *Nuno Maulide*, Max-Planck-Institut
für Kohlenforschung, Mülheim an der Ruhr,
D
16.00 h 'Catalytic Rearrangements – Inspiration for
Total Synthesis and the Discovery of Unusual
Reactivities'**ETH Zürich, Laboratorium für Physikalische Chemie**

Hörsaal HCI J3 ETH Zürich Hönggerberg

Dienstags, 17.45 h

09.04.2013 Prof. Dr. *Martin Kaupp*, TU Berlin, D
'Computational Magnetic Resonance
Spectroscopy: Challenges and Applications
of Quantum-Chemical Methods'16.04.2013 Prof. Dr. *Stefan Weber*, Institut für
Physikalische Chemie, Albert-Ludwigs-
Universität Freiburg, D
Title to be announced23.04.2013 Prof. Dr. *Bertil Halle*, Lund University,
Sweden
'Water in biology: one hundred years of vicis-
situde'30.04.2013 Dr. *Lev Weiner*, Weizmann Institute of
Science, Rehovot, Israel
'Generation and Oxidation of Nitroxyl
Radicals by Ruthenium Complexes: A Novel
Approach to the Study of Photoelectron
Transfer'**ETH Zürich, Pharmazeutische Wissenschaften**

HCI J4, ETH Zürich, Campus Science City (Hönggerberg)

17.04.2013 Prof. Dr. *Claus-Michael Lehr*, Universität
Saarland, D
17.15 h 'Drug delivery across epithelial barriers – in-
testines, skin and lung'The complete and updated lecture calendar is available on
www.scg.ch.