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## NEWS

In the first quarter 2013, **Lonza's** business performance was solid and in line with expectations. While the Specialty Ingredients market segment showed a good performance, the Pharma&Biotech market segment had a slow start as anticipated. Growth in project pipelines demonstrates Lonza's leading market positions. Strong cost controls and process improvements continue across the organization. Also, performance for 2013 will be geared towards a stronger second half-year 2013. Lonza reiterates its 2013 EBIT guidance growth of approximately 10%.

**Novartis** has promoted Harry Kirsch, who has driven productivity improvements at its pharmaceuticals division, to chief financial officer as the Swiss drugmaker looks to grow beyond a wave of patent expiries. The surprise announcement is the second leadership change in as many quarters after Chairman Daniel Vasella stepped down in February after 17 years leading the group. Novartis expects 2013 to be a year of transition as it bears the full brunt of last year's patent loss on its blood pressure drug Diovan. It is counting on sales of new products, like cancer drug Afinitor, to fill the gap.

The U.S. government filed a civil fraud lawsuit against **Novartis**, accusing a unit of the Swiss drug maker of causing the Medicare and Medicaid programs to pay tens of millions of dollars in reimbursements based on fraudulent, kickback-tainted claims. U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said Novartis Pharmaceuticals had induced at least 20 pharmacies to switch thousands of kidney transplant patients to its immunosuppressant drug Myfortic from competitors' drugs since 2005, in exchange for kickbacks disguised as rebates and discounts. In September of 2010 Novartis agreed to pay \$422.5 million to resolve criminal and civil liability over its marketing of several drugs, including the epilepsy drug Trileptal.

**Clariant** will build a new pigment preparations plant in Indonesia in a series of investments in China, India and Indonesia. The investments include the construction of a new pigment preparations plant at Clariant's Tangerang site in Indonesia that will double capacity. Clariant is also finalizing the feasibility for expanding the capacity at its Azo pigments and pigment preparations plants in Roha, India, by 50%.

**Syngenta**, the world's largest maker of crop chemicals, expects farmers to continue to invest in products to boost agricultural output despite a recent drop in commodity prices. Syngenta Chief Executive Mike Mack does not see prices deterring investment. "The liquidity for growers is pretty good, they're well capitalized," Mack told Reuters in an interview. "Right now these prices across the board continue to be attractive for investing in crops." Syngenta, which met first-quarter sales expectations, is banking on innovation and a more integrated business that supplies farmers with everything from seeds and pesticides to fertilizers and support services to boost sales to \$25 billion by 2020, from \$14.2 billion last year.

**Actelion**, Europe's largest biotech company, said it may return to profit growth sooner than expected after its first-quarter earnings more than doubled and sales of its mainstay drug beat expectations. The Swiss company received a boost last year

after heart and lung drug Opsumit, its replacement for top-seller Tracleer, beat expectations in a clinical trial.

A spike in U.S. demand for flu drug Tamiflu and strong sales of mainstay cancer medicines lifted first-quarter sales at **Roche** by 5%. The healthy performance in its main pharmaceuticals unit – which was also bolstered by approval of two new breast cancer drugs – offset weak sales in diagnostics. The world's largest maker of cancer drugs said quarterly sales rose to 11.59 billion Swiss francs.

## CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA

### 7th Molecular Quantum Mechanics (MQM 2013)

02.06.2013–07.06.2013

Palazzo dei Congressi, Lugano

Electron correlation: the many-body problem at the heart of chemistry. An international conference in honour of Rodney J. Bartlett

<http://www.mqm2013.ethz.ch>

### Young Faculty Meeting 2013

06.06.2013–06.06.2013

Dept. Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Bern

The «Platform Chemistry» of the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT) invites young professors and group leaders in Chemistry within the first 10 years of their independent career to the Young Faculty Meeting 2013.

[http://www.chemistry.scnat.ch/downloads/YFM\\_2013.pdf](http://www.chemistry.scnat.ch/downloads/YFM_2013.pdf)

### PolyColl 2013

07.06.2013–07.06.2013

Department of Chemistry, University Basel

Annual Meeting of the Division of Polymers, Colloids and Interfaces. Eight invited speakers from academia and industry, as well as a poster session and the distribution of the division's PhD awards will showcase recent developments in the field.

### 5th European Conference: 'Chemistry for Life Sciences'

10.06.2013–12.06.2013

Auditorio AXA, Barcelona

This conference is an activity of the EuCheMS (European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences) Division of Chemistry in Life Sciences.

<http://5ecclsbarecelona.com/presentation.html>

### International symposium on single molecular machines and motors

19.06.–20.06.2013

Toulouse, France

<http://single-molecular-machines-symposium.fr/>

**14th EuCheMS International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment (ICCE 2013)**

25.06.2013–28.06.2013

Barcelona World Trade Center, Barcelona

ICCE provides a unique communication and discussion platform for environmental scientists with emphasis on chemistry.

<http://www.icce2013.org>**SBA Academy: Challenges in Drug Discovery and Development**

28.06.2013

Technopark, Zürich

Module 5: Strategy Day Being a successful biotech is more than managing the drug discovery and development process.

<http://www.swissbiotech.org>**20th EuCheMS Conference on Organometallic Chemistry (EuCOMC XX)**

30.06.2013–04.07.2013

University of St. Andrews, Scotland

The rich scientific programme will consist of plenary lectures from world leading scientists as well as from young developing researchers.

<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/euchems-2013-brochure.pdf>**44th IUPAC Congress – Clean Energy Through Chemistry**

11.08.–16.08.2013

Istanbul, Turkey

<http://iupac2013istanbul.org>**EuropaCat – XIth European Congress on Catalysis**

01.09.–06.09.2013

Lyon, France

<http://www.europacatlyon2013.fr/>**LECTURES****Novartis Chemistry Lectureship**

Horburg Auditorium, WKL-430.320, Müllheimerstrasse 195, CH-4057 Basel

12.06.2013  
10.30 h  
*Prof. Andrew J. Phillips*  
Yale University, New Haven, CT, US  
Title to be announced

26.06.2013  
10.30 h  
*Prof. Vy Maria Dong*  
University of California, Irvine, CA, USA  
'A few of my favourite rings: Catalysis inspired by cyclic polyketides and polypeptides'

**Société Chimique de Genève**

Université de Genève – Bâtiment Sciences II

10.06.2013  
17.30 h  
*Prof. Thierry Soldati*  
Department of Biochemistry, Univ. Geneva  
'Infecting amoebae with mycobacteria to study conserved mechanisms of innate immunity'

**Département de Chimie organique, Université de Genève**

Auditoire A-100, Sciences II, Quai Ernest-Ansermet 30, Genève

24.06.2013  
16.30 h  
*Prof. Misturu Shoji*  
Tohoku University, Japan  
Title to be announced

**Organisch-chemisches Institut der Universität Zürich**

Aula, Universität Zürich, Rämistrasse 71

**Paul Karrer Lecture 2013**  
19.06.2013  
17.15 h  
*Prof. Stephan W. Hell*  
Max-Planck-Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen, D  
'Nanoscopy with focused light'

**ZHAW, Wädenswil**

Institut für Chemie &amp; Biologische Chemie (ICBC)

20.06.2013  
08.30 h  
*5. Wädenswiler Chemietag*  
Didaktik in der Chemie

The complete and updated lecture calendar is available on [www.scg.ch](http://www.scg.ch).