

CH Information

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NEWS

Lonza and OncoMed Pharmaceuticals, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, have announced an agreement for the development and manufacture of OncoMed's pipeline of anti-cancer stem cell therapeutics.

Europe's drugs regulator has started an infringement procedure against **Roche** to investigate its alleged failure to report fully tens of thousands of cases of possible adverse drug reactions. If found guilty, the world's biggest maker of cancer medicines could be fined up to 5% of its annual turnover in the European Union. It is first time that the London-based European Medicines Agency (EMA) has launched such a procedure since legislation covering the action came into force five years ago. Meanwhile, Roche's third-quarter sales rose 15% to 11.27 billion Swiss francs (\$12.1 billion).

Clariant will expand the production capacity for Houdry dehydrogenation catalysts by a multi-million Swiss francs investment at its Louisville, Kentucky plant. Rising ethylene production from shale gas has generated a increasing demand of this type of catalyst.

The chemical distributor **Brenntag** has signed a preliminary agreement to acquire Delanta Group, a specialty chemical distributor in Latin America with presence in Argentina, Uruguay and Chile. Delanta Group is active in the distribution of specialty chemicals, e.g. paints & coatings, ceramics, construction and food chemicals.

HONORS

John A. Robinson, professor for Organic Chemistry at the University Zurich, receives the Max-Bergmann-Medal 2012 for his achievements in the field of peptide research, in particular peptidomimetics. Peptides synthesized in Robinson's group have been successful as highly selective inhibitors in various proteinvirus interactions or as antibiotics. John Robinson studied chemistry at University College, London, where he was awarded the B.Sc. degree in 1974. He completed his Ph.D. at Cambridge University in 1977, under the supervision of Professor A. R. Battersby. With a Royal Society Postdoctoral Fellowship, he subsequently carried out postdoctoral work in the Biochemistry Institute of the University of Karlsruhe, before joining the Chemistry Department of Southampton University, UK in 1979 as a lecturer. In 1987, he became senior lecturer, and was awarded the Hickinbottom Prize of the Royal Society of Chemistry. He moved to Zurich as Full Professor of Organic Chemistry in 1989.

More information: <http://www.uzh.ch/news/articles/2012/max-bergmann-medaille-fuer-john-a-robinson.html>

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA

AK Prozessanalytik

3–4.12.2012

Berlin, Germany

8. Kolloquium Prozessanalytik der BAM Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und -prüfung und der Firma Knick Elektronische Messgeräte GmbH

<http://arbeitskreis-prozessanalytik.de>

Commemoration: Hermann Staudinger at ETH Zurich

7.12.2012

Zurich, ETH Hauptgebäude, Semper Aula, HG G60

A 'MAKRO' Shift that Changed Our World. A commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Staudinger's work at ETH Zurich.

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

Thinking Big in a Small World: Creativity in the Molecular Sciences

20.01.2013–22.01.2013

Rigi-Kulm Hotel

Are you interested in the molecular world, whether in biology or chemistry, physics or nanotechnology? Then we challenge you to reach beyond your own research

- Learn to understand the creative processes behind scientific discoveries.
- Explore the challenges of others and ask BIGGER questions.
- Be inspired by the examples of leading scientists.
- Dare to think creatively.

<http://biologie.scnat.ch/d/Veranstaltungen/rigi-workshop/>

LECTURES

Universität Basel, Anorganische und Organische Chemie

Kleiner Hörsaal Organische Chemie, Departement Chemie, Universität Basel, St. Johanns-Ring 19, 4056 Basel

7.12.2012

10.45 h

Prof. Dr. *Harry Anderson*

Oxford University, UK

Title to be announced

14.12.2012

10.45 h

Prof. Dr. *Peter Schreiner*

Justus-Liebig-Universität, Giessen, D

Title to be announced

Universität Basel, Pharmazeutische Wissenschaften

Lecture Hall 1, Pharmazentrum, Klingelbergstrasse 50, 4056 Basel

5.12.2012

17.00 h

Dr. *Martin Frank*

Biognow AB, Goeteborg, Sweden

'Computational design of high-affinity glycomimetic inhibitors for Siglec-7

12.12.2012 Prof. *Alfred Zippelius/Prof. Vaios Karanikas*
 17.00 h University Hospital of Basel/Roche Glycart
 AG, Schlieren
 'Immune-based Therapies in Oncology'

University of Fribourg

Main auditorium, Chemistry Department, chemin du Musée 9,
 Fribourg

14.12.2012 Prof. *Mischa Bonn*
 16.30 h MPI Polymer Research, Mainz, D
 'Dynamics of water around protons and ions'

Syngenta, Basel

Syngenta Stein, WST-810-E-75, Schaffhauserstrasse,
 CH-4332 Stein

13.12.2012 Prof. *Christian Amatore*
 10.00 h Ecole normale supérieure de Paris, F
 Title to be announced

ETH Zürich, Laboratorium für Organische Chemie

ETH Hönggerberg, Hörsaal HCI J3, 8093 Zürich

3.12.2012 Prof. Dr. *Jieping Zhu*
 16.00 h Laboratory of synthesis and natural products,
 EPFL, Lausanne
 'Indole alkaloids: Inspiring targets for
 synthesis design'

17.12.2012 Prof. Dr. *Guy Lloyd-Jones*
 16.00 h Organic and Biological Chemistry, University
 of Bristol, UK
 'Catalysis, below the surface and in the
 background'

ETH Zurich, Laboratorium für Physikalische Chemie

ETH Hönggerberg, Hörsaal HCI J3, 8093 Zürich

04.12.2012 Prof. Dr. *Hendrik Stapelfeldt*
 16.45 h Department of Chemistry, University of
 Aarhus, Denmark
 'Femtosecond time-resolved imaging of
 torsion in a chiral molecule and laser-
 induced alignment of molecules dissolved in
 superfluid He nanodroplets'

11.12.2012 Prof. Dr. *Bretislav Friedrich*
 16.45 h Fritz-Haber-Institut der Max-Planck-
 Gesellschaft, Berlin, D
 'Shedding nonresonant light on polar
 molecules'

18.12.2012 Prof. Dr. *Mark J. J. Vrakking*
 16.45 h Max-Born-Institut für Nichtlineare Optik und
 Kurzeitspektroskopie, Berlin, D
 'Attosecond time-resolved molecular
 dynamics'

ETH Zurich, Pharmazeutische Wissenschaften

ETH Hönggerberg, Hörsaal HCI J7, 8093 Zürich

12.12.2012 Prof. Dr. *Markus Kalesse*
 17.15 h Institut für Organische Chemie, Leibniz
 Universität Hannover, D
 'Natural products as origin for new drugs:
 From genetics to synthesis'

19.12.2012 Prof. Dr. *Maurizio Botta*
 17.15 h Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy, Università
 degli Studi di Siena, I
 'Studies on the inhibition of HIV-1 integrase'

The complete and updated lecture calendar is available on
www.scg.ch.