

Bionow Newsletter



Bionow News & Events

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Bionow is Delighted to Welcome 3 New Members

We look forward to working with: GSK, Lancaster University and Sterling Pharma Solutions.

Our members are at the heart of what we do and by joining Bionow and working together we can achieve more. Bionow members have access to a fantastic range of benefits and services to assist with being globally competitive, delivering world class innovation and inspiring the next generation. Become part of our community!

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Meet the Member: Factorytalk

Factorytalk support manufacturers who need to remove paper from production, reduce compliance errors and improve efficiency. We help you digitise your operations with our Industrial IOT and Electronic Batch Recording solutions. We want to talk to manufacturers who want to

digitise and are always interested in talking to potential partners.

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**KICKSTART
SCHEME**

Benefit from Bionow's Kickstart Scheme and Help Young People into Employment

Bionow has launched a new tiered support offer in partnership with the Growth Company to help more businesses access the Government's new £2 billion Kickstart scheme. Now more than ever, young people need opportunities to help them shape their future and you could play a key part in supporting them through this scheme.

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The Research and Innovation Health Accelerator

SMEs are invited to collaborate with Greater Manchester's research and innovation institutions to accelerate development and improve commercialisation of innovative healthcare products and services within life sciences. SMEs will be able to access expertise and support including information about navigating the health and care system, developing value propositions, ethics & regulatory advice and access to university-wide expertise.

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**The
Biosphere**
at Newcastle Helix

BioBusiness Briefing Health Innovations in response to COVID 19 Wednesday 5th May

Join Bionow and the Biosphere as some of the NE's most innovative companies share their stories and developments about how the sector responded to COVID-19. This interactive event will feature a panel discussion chaired by Secerna's Charlotte Watkins with Questions invited from the delegates.

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Do you Mind? Mental Health at Work Tuesday 11th May

This session aims to give employers the ability to deal more confidently with situations involving mental health issues in the workplace. It is aimed primarily at anyone in your organisation who has responsibility for HR but it would also be useful for those who have people management responsibility.

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Bionow Members Virtual Coffee Break Wednesday 12th May

Whilst many of us are homeworking more, what better way to stay connected than with a coffee and chat from your laptop. Join Bionow for a Virtual Coffee Break on Wednesday 12th May at 10am. Virtual Coffee Breaks offer the chance to take a break and have a chat with fellow members – just grab yourself a coffee and dial-in.

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2021 Pharma Manufacturing Conference Tuesday 18th - Wednesday 19th May

The Conference will explore the challenges and opportunities for pharma manufacturing in the North. Through a series of presentations and panel sessions we will start conversations through which manufacturing sites can begin to collaborate and building on respective areas of interest better influence academia and Government Industrial Strategy to further support manufacturing in the life science sector.

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2021 BioFocus Conference Wednesday 7th - Thursday 8th July

BioFocus is a two day conference, bringing together industry, academia and experts within the field of life sciences. BioFocus will inspire your business to connect, engage, benefit and grow. Comprising conference, company showcases, pre-booked partnering and virtual networking sessions, this event will provide a unique opportunity to hear about the latest technologies, innovations, key sector initiatives and funding opportunities.

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2021 BioCap Conference Wednesday 29th - Thursday 30th September

Looking to invest in innovative life science companies? Seeking investment for your business? BioCap is the conference to achieve this! BioCap provides a unique meeting place connecting life sciences businesses, researchers and investors. Join us in navigating the life sciences funding landscape and identifying the life science investment opportunities that will advance and support the success of your business.

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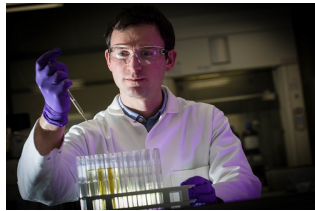




Up to €414 million Exclusive Worldwide Licensing Agreement with Sanofi for C4XD oral IL-17A inhibitor programme

C4X Discovery Holdings plc has signed an exclusive worldwide licensing agreement with Sanofi, worth up to €414 million, for C4XD's oral pre-clinical IL-17A inhibitor programme. Under the terms of the agreement, C4XD will receive an upfront payment of €7 million and could receive up to a further €407 million in potential development, regulatory and commercialisation milestones, of which €11 million is in pre-clinical milestones, in addition to single digit royalties.

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Inflex Focuses on Pandemic Preparedness with Covid Patent

Inflex Therapeutics has filed for a UK patent for a novel therapy designed to tackle all coronavirus strains. The COV-X program targets a protein which is essential for viral replication across a broad spectrum of related coronaviruses, including SARS-CoV-1, MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2.

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Northern Universities Launch New Investment Company

The company, Northern Gritstone, will fund spinout enterprises from each institution using external capital raised from a range of different investors. These businesses will either be newly formed spinouts or ones historically founded by or linked to the universities. Northern Gritstone will build on this successful collaboration by providing significant start-up and follow-on funding to support the Intellectual Property developed at Leeds, Manchester, and Sheffield.

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PulmoBioMed Wins National Life Science Competition

Newly launched Northumbria University spinout PulmoBioMed has been handpicked as the winner of Onyx Health's #ThinkBig competition. Healthcare marketing communications agency, Onyx Health, have chosen innovative MedTech spinout PulmoBioMed as the winner of their £5,000 #ThinkBig competition, designed to help life science companies bounce back from the COVID-19 crisis.

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Find out whats happening in the life science sector



New £20 million fund to grow UK life sciences manufacturing opens for applications

Life science companies can now apply to the new £20 million fund to expand manufacturing in the UK, Minister Nadhim Zahawi has announced. The Medicines and Diagnostics Manufacturing Transformation Fund is designed to boost the country's ability to respond to future pandemics and put UK companies ahead of global competitors.

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RSM US Insight: Life sciences investments strong in US, but not record breaking this year

What's in store for life sciences investing in 2021? Coming off a record high in 2020 and with many funds recently raised, fundraising will likely decline in 2021 to be in line with 2019's \$10.7 billion pace, according to Jonathan Norris, managing director, Silicon Valley Bank, during an RSM state of the market webcast. He indicated with fresh capital and a continued open initial public offering window, however, investments into biopharma and other life sciences companies should continue at a healthy pace this year.

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CPI Continues to Support UnNew innovation in digital PCR - Opal Chips

Stilla Technologies provides a full solution for the analysis of genetics testing using Crystal Digital PCR™ on the naica® system. Their latest innovation, the Opal chip is a higher throughput digital PCR consumable that enables the generation of up to 20,000 droplets/sample and up to 16 samples/chip. All of their consumables, the Sapphire & the Opal chip are fully compatible with our naica® PCR MIX reagents: the naica® PCR MIX & naica® multiplex PCR MIX on the naica® system.

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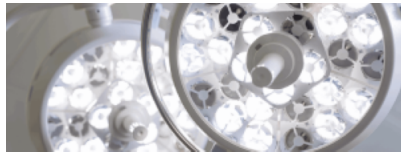


New Courses to Grow the Skills of the Life Sciences Sector

A series of courses to grow the skills of scientists and engineers working in advanced therapies, vaccine manufacturing and biopharmaceuticals is being offered by the National Horizons Centre. The initial six Continual Professional Development (CPD) courses have

been designed in conjunction with leading industry professionals to ensure that they fully meet the needs of the sector's workforce.

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Medtech Innovation is going Digital but is Patent Protection Keeping Up?

The medtech sector has remained at the forefront of innovation during the pandemic with a multitude of new technologies being developed to help tackle the coronavirus crisis, from modified ventilators to lateral flow test kits. This can be seen in the data recently published by the European Patent Office which indicates that there has been an upsurge in patent filing activity within the medtech field.

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Liability on the Frontline - Part 5: Lessons learned from the supply chain

At the start of the pandemic the global supply chain was tested as governments around the world urgently tried to buy personal protective equipment (PPE), test kits and other medical devices. This revealed pinch points, with production clustered in certain areas of the world, leaving the supply chain vulnerable to shocks, and governments at the mercy of global free markets in a time of crisis.

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Events

Upcoming sector digital events



Amorphous and Co-Amorphous Systems for Poorly Soluble Drugs

Catalent

Date: Thursday 6th May

In this webinar, a renowned expert will provide an overview of co-amorphous research and its recent findings. In particular, the impact of low molecular weight excipient on developability, stability and solubility will be discussed.

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IMAGINE IF! Mcr Local Finals



Date: Thursday 6th May

Pre-accelerator program tailored for health-tech and life sciences early-stage ventures. The program aims to foster the commercial ideas of scientific and tech innovators via mentorship, 1:1 workshops and excellent networking opportunities.

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Northern Bio-Accelerator Partnership: How we can help



PACKAGING LINE GOALS: Compliance to CFR21 Part 11? Improvement in Line Availability? Central Management of All Line Peripherals?



Date: Thursday 6th May

Join the webinar to learn how to deliver significantly more uptime, centrally manage all existing and new line peripherals, and bring packaging batch production into full compliance with CFR21 Part 11.

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MDC Connects 2021: A Guide to Complex Medicines



Date: Tuesday 11th May

The medicines industry is in a period of change. In this series of webinars, we will explore the opportunities and challenges presented by the new class of medicines, and be guided through the steps to take an idea from concept to the clinic. We will hear from the pioneers developing medicines and the experts available to support them.

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your Bioscience Organisation



Date: Wednesday 12th May

Join the National Horizons Centre, CPI and FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies to hear about collaboration in the bioscience sector, the extraordinary growth being seen in the Tees Valley Region, and ultimately how the NBioP can help grow your organisation.

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Then and Now – Delivering a Successful Therapeutic to Patients

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Date: Thursday 20th May

In today's whirlwind of diagnostics, vaccines and therapeutics, we take a step back and look at how the world of drug development and manufacturing has changed over the last 25 years. We look at changing experience from the last quarter of a century in the pathway to patients, plus how the latest advanced technologies translate into effective pre-clinical and clinical development.

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Characterisation of thin films and interfaces

Lancaster University 

Date: Friday 14th May

This seminar will give an overview of the state-of-the-art characterisation capabilities available through GISMO at Lancaster University to map the mechanical, electrical and chemical properties of material interfaces.

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Webinar · Coordinating molecule design across medicinal and computational chemistry using Torx Design™

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Date: Tuesday 25th May

Join us for a live demonstration of Torx Design and learn how it supports both medicinal and computational chemists to coordinate their input to the design of new small molecule chemical entities.

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