

Bionow Newsletter



Bionow News & Events

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Bionow is Delighted to Welcome 4 New Members

We look forward to working with: **COUCH Health, CRS Cold Storage, Fibrofind and HexisLab.**

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: Quantum Science

Quantum Science (QS) specialises in development and commercialisation of innovative materials and technologies for next-generation biosensor and bioimaging applications. Based in Sci-Tech Daresbury, QS has a world-class innovation team and owns a strong IP portfolio. QS strives

to bring rapid, accurate and low-cost screening and diagnostic technology platform to global markets.

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BioCap2021

BioCap2021 Call for Pitches Competition is Now Open

Are you an established life science business and seeking or shortly starting to seek funding of £250k or above? Are you up for the challenge of presenting a digital pitch to a panel of investors? If so, apply now!

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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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BioCap2021

2021 BioCap Conference 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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Using Key Enabling Technologies to Drive Innovation within Medtech SMEs Digital Event Wednesday 6th - Thursday 7th October

The Atlantic KET Med Project is bringing new, high tech, pilot production capacity to the EU Atlantic Area in support of SMEs and start-ups leveraging the Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) to produce next generation medical devices. The Project is being delivered by seven international partners and this event will present key findings and company perspectives relevant to both the Atlantic Area and the entire Med Tech sector.

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News

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QV Bioelectronics raises £735k for development of implanted electric field therapy device for brain cancer treatment

QV Bioelectronics – a medical device start-up pioneering a first of its kind electric field therapy implant for the treatment of the most common and aggressive type of brain tumours, announces it has closed a £735,000 seed funding round to advance the development of its innovative GRACE implant.

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QuantuMDx launches Q-POC™ - a rapid PCR point of care diagnostic system

QuantuMDx launches Q-POC™ a rapid, #PCR point of care diagnostic system. CE-IVD marked & now available, Q-POC™ is designed for frontline health workers and offers detection of SARS-CoV-2 within approximately 30 minutes. Launching at ECCMID 2021, QuantuMDx's Q-POC™ system and its first test, a SARS-CoV-2 detection assay, are now CE-IVD marked under the In Vitro Diagnostics Directive (98/79/EC), enabling use within Europe.

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Aptamer Group partners with top five global pharmaceutical company to support innovative vaccine development

Aptamer Group Limited, the developer of Optimer™ therapeutics and diagnostics, has secured a contract with a top five global pharmaceutical company to develop Optimers to support the development of a novel vaccine candidate for neurodegenerative disease. The agreement includes an initial upfront payment to Aptamer Group with long term recurring licensing fees for over 10 years upon implementation of the assay into the partner's global vaccine manufacturing processes.

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Multi-million pound boost for North East company creation

Having launched an impressive 34 businesses to date, North East university collaboration Northern Accelerator has been awarded a further £3.6m from Research England to continue its successful programme, expanding its partnership in the North East and rolling out its flagship support model to universities in the South of England.

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Technology transfer agreement for iiCON validated COVID test will see product used across Africa

A rapid COVID-19 antigen test, validated by researchers at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine through the Infection Innovation Consortium, will be used to deliver large-scale testing in key areas of need in Africa as part of a major FIND and UNITAID programme. The tests, developed by Mologic Ltd, a leading developer of lateral flow and rapid diagnostic technologies, provide health professionals with an accurate detection of the nucleoprotein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in respiratory swabs, within 10 minutes.

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Infex Therapeutics sharpens Covid focus with new CRUK Newcastle partnership

Infex Therapeutics is pressing ahead with a major development of its pandemic resilience strategy by announcing an agreement with CRUK Newcastle Drug Discovery Unit. This will in-licence a novel therapy designed to treat SARS-CoV-2 along with future variants and a broad spectrum of coronaviruses. The program, PAN-X, is an early stage drug that has shown encouraging activity during in-vitro testing.

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Liverpool recruits first UK patient for personalised 'therapeutic cancer vaccine' trial

Researchers in Liverpool have begun recruiting patients to a 'first-in-human' clinical trial of personalised 'vaccines' that aim to reduce the risk of head and neck cancers – which include mouth, throat, tongue and sinus cancers – from recurring. A team of cancer researchers from the University of Liverpool, Liverpool Head & Neck Centre, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre and Liverpool University Hospitals are trialling new vaccines – tailored to each individual patient's cancer – to see if it reduces the risk of head and neck cancer returning.

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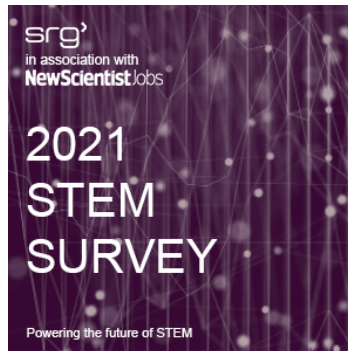


Future Fund: Breakthrough

Future Fund: Breakthrough, announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer at Budget 2021, is open for applications. This UK-wide programme will deliver £375m of government funding via British Patient Capital, a commercial subsidiary of the British Business Bank. Due to high research and development costs, breakthrough technology companies typically require more capital than other companies, to fuel the later stages of their growth. Because of their ability to grow rapidly and have a significant economic

impact, the growth of these innovative companies is critical to the UK's future prosperity and economic recovery.

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2021 STEM Survey

With the pandemic upending supply chains and disrupting working patterns, the impact on workforces has been seismic. For businesses across the STEM ecosystem, resilience and agility have become strategic priorities. In the 2021 edition SRG cover the latest data on; STEM salaries, employee satisfaction, the impact of COVID-19, discrimination and harassment and the skills gap.

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Liverpool Head and Neck Centre researchers awarded five cancer research grants totalling £5.7m

Liverpool Head and Neck Centre academics based at the University of Liverpool are leading on five new cancer research projects supported by £5.7m in funding. These grants include clinical trials, laboratory investigations and exploring the interaction between head and neck cancer and SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for the COVID-19 pandemic.

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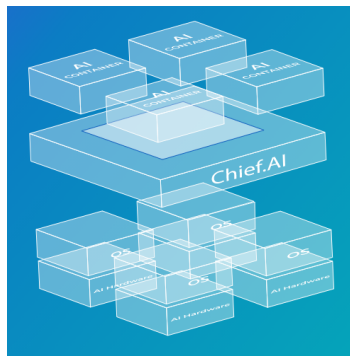


Cell Line Quality Control and Authentication – Are your cells

what you think they are?

Do you always know what cell line you are working with? I am sure most of you reading this right now are nodding, confident in your cell line quality control, however there is a widely unknown reproducibility crisis that is threatening viral and mycobacterium contamination in your cell lines. Scientists often attempt to reproduce a study based on a published paper and come up against issues, it is notoriously difficult to replicate science. This can result from, missing details in the method, variation in equipment, or operator error. One of the most prevalent reasons is that the cell lines are not what you they think they are.

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No code, no problem: Chief.AI and Medicines Discovery Catapult harness the power of AI for new pay as you go drug discovery platform

No code, no problem: Chief.AI and Medicines Discovery Catapult (MDC) harness the power of AI for new pay as you go drug discovery platform. Chief.AI, in partnership with MDC, has launched the first no-code, pay as you go, AI platform for drug discovery – offering greater access to AI and data in the areas of drug discovery, diagnostics and clinical trials.

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The Evolving Role of the CDMO: Integrated First-in-Human Services

In case you missed it the first time around here's a chance to watch at your leisure all of the great on-demand content from the recent Lonza symposium. This symposium brings forth industry experts, who discuss how a significant fraction of the biopharma pipeline is held by small – and even virtual – biopharma companies.

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Job Posting Free of Charge to Bionow Members



Members of Bionow can post their current job vacancies directly to the Bionow website free of charge.

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Events

Upcoming Sector Events



How Lessons Learned from the COVID Pandemic Will Improve Vaccine Development in the Future



Date: Wednesday 11th August
Digital Event

This webinar will include input from vaccine R&D professionals, including experts in clinical trial design, regulatory affairs and manufacturing. They will draw upon their own experiences in vaccine development to offer tips for incorporating elements of the successful COVID-19 vaccine rollout into future vaccine programs.

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Progress21



Pre-Accelerator



ALDERLEY PARK
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Date: Monday 13th September
Digital Event

If you have a business idea you wish to develop and are interested in finding out how the Alderley Park Accelerator Programme can help, then the Pre-Accelerator Workshop is the perfect place to start. An intense two and a half day workshop suitable for anyone wishing to learn the tools and techniques to explore their own life science start-up business idea, or to stress test their current company product, services, and business model.

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MATMED Medical Devices Regulation 1-day Workshop

Date: Thursday 23rd September

Venue: Manchester Central

As we complete the Government's Covid Roadmap, now is the time for us to support each other and look to the future. The Growth Company presents PROGRESS21 – one of the first post Roadmap large-scale in-person events of the year. PROGRESS21 will offer a wide-ranging programme of support to the residents and businesses across Greater Manchester.

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Date: 27th September - 1st October

Venue: Baluarte Jauregia

Biospain is the largest biotech event organised by a national bioindustry association in Europe and one of the largest in the world by the number of one-to-one meetings (+3.300) and companies participating (+773). 34% of delegates came from outside of Spain.

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The University of Manchester

Date: Thursday 23rd September

Venue: Manchester Meeting Place

Calling North-west European SMEs in the field of advanced biomaterials, medical devices, or regenerative medicine! The University of Manchester with MATMED program is holding a 1-day Medical Devices Regulations (MDR) Training, giving free access to MATMED member SMEs in above fields

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UK Pharmacogenetics & Stratified Medicine Network Open Meeting



Date: Wednesday 20th October

Venue: Royal College of Physicians

The UK Pharmacogenetics & Stratified Medicine Network is pleased to announce details of their 8th Annual Open Meeting, which will take place at the Royal College of Physicians, Central London.

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