

# Bionow Newsletter



## Bionow News & Events

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## Bionow is Delighted to Welcome 10 New Members

We look forward to working with: **Glycoscore, Invest North East England, Lonza, Yokogawa, Nanoverly, Staffordshire University, Jackson Hogg, Aramax, Biofortuna and Imed Consultancy.**

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: Hart Biologicals

Hart Biologicals is engaged in the research, development, manufacture and sale of a range of "in-vitro" diagnostic products for use in the detection, prevention and monitoring

of a number of medical conditions related to haemostatis and platelet function. Based in Hartlepool, we have a global network of distributors across Europe, South America and Asia.

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## **Bionow Reaches Milestone of 300 Members**

Bionow are delighted to announce our 300<sup>th</sup> Member!! We would like to welcome Nanovery to the Bionow membership and congratulate them on winning 2 tickets to the prestigious 2021 Bionow Annual Awards Dinner. Nanovery based at the Biosphere in Newcastle offers are developing nanorobots to diagnose and treat the world's deadliest diseases.

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## **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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### **Biopharma Collaboration Opportunities between the Tees Valley and Japan Wednesday 21st July (9am - 10.30am)**

A recently announced partnership between the National Horizons Centre and Shonan Health Innovation Park is aimed at developing links between the Tees Valley and Japan and cementing the Tees Valley region as a global hub for life sciences. Featuring representatives from biopharma companies across the Tees Valley and Shonan Health Innovation Park, the event will offer an insight into opportunities to develop international links and provide information on the funding and collaboration opportunities available.

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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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## News

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### **Aptamer Group and PinotBio collaborate to develop new therapeutic drug conjugates**

Aptamer Group Limited and PinotBio (Gyeonggi-do, Korea), have announced that they have entered into a strategic collaboration agreement. The agreement is to develop Optimer-drug conjugates for targeted drug delivery combining Aptamer Group's Optimer technology with PinotBio's technology using the chemotherapeutic FL-118 compound with specific linker.

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### **Iksuda Therapeutics closes \$47 million financing round**

Iksuda Therapeutics (Iksuda), the developer of a new generation of antibody drug conjugates (ADCs) with raised therapeutic index, has announced that it has completed a US \$47 million (circa GB £34 million) financing round, co-led by Mirae Asset Capital and its subsidiaries, Celltrion and Premier Partners, with the Company being advised by Ashfords LLP. The funding will support the advancement of Iksuda's lead ADC assets and expansion of its payload and conjugation platform technologies.

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### **Preferred partner for £1.5 billion new global-leading innovation district ID Manchester announced by The University of Manchester**

The UK's ambition to be a world-leading science and technology innovation hub has taken another step forward

as The University of Manchester announced Bruntwood SciTech, the UK's leading property provider dedicated to the growth of the science and technology sector, as its preferred bidder to deliver the £1.5 billion innovation district - ID Manchester.

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### **GlycoScoreDX raises £1m seed funding towards development of revolutionary new diagnostic test for prostate cancer**



North East-based diagnostics company and Newcastle University spinout, GlycoScoreDx, has secured £630,000 in equity funding alongside an additional £360,000 in grant funding to support business establishment and early development of its proprietary Prostate Cancer test. The GlycoScore Prostate Cancer test is a simple, reliable blood test which can be used to accurately diagnose and risk-assess prostate cancer.

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### **Catalent to Acquire RheinCell Therapeutics, Strengthening a Path Towards Industrialization of Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell-based Therapies**

Catalent has announced that it has reached an agreement to acquire RheinCell Therapeutics GmbH, a developer and manufacturer of GMP-grade human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs). Upon completion, the acquisition will build upon Catalent's existing custom cell therapy process development and manufacturing capabilities with proprietary GMP cell lines for iPSC-based therapies.

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### **The YSDS Partnership**



YSDS is an international logistics company specializing in high-quality logistics consulting and seamless global

shipping solutions. A partnership with YSDS means a GDP certified 24/7/365 service to consult, plan and execute your logistics needs.

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### N-Site Video Launch

N-Site is the first place to visit for up-to-date information on legal and tax developments within the UK Life Science industry. N-Site has been designed to significantly reduce the cost of professional advice. There is no cost for registering and all content is free to subscribers.

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Department for  
International Trade

### DIT Supporting UK Headquartered Companies Access International Investors - Open Call

The Department for International Trade's (DIT) Growth Capital Team secures long-term relationships between the UK and Corporate and Venture Capital investors, Family Offices and Private Wealth, attracting their investment into UK opportunities and engagement with the vibrant UK ecosystem. DIT focus on supporting UK companies that

have achieved an appropriate level of maturity for the international investors that they engage with.

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## Biomedical Catalyst 2021: early and late stage awards

UK registered businesses can apply for a share of up to £18 million to develop innovative healthcare products, technologies and processes. This funding is from Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation.

**Competition opens:** Monday 7 June 2021

**Competition closes:** Thursday 26 August 2021 11:00am

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## Liverpool professors recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

Two leading academics from the University of Liverpool have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for their services to research and the COVID-19 response. Professor Tom Solomon, Director of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Health Protection Research Unit in Emerging and Zoonotic Infections, has been honoured with a CBE and Professor William Hope, Director of the Centre of Excellence in Infectious Diseases Research, has received an OBE.

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## Grant Opportunities in Life Science Sector

There are currently a range of interesting grant opportunities in the life science sector. If you are interested in any of these please contact **James Culy**. Bionow members can obtain a discount on any preparation support provided.

**SBRI Healthcare Competition Stroke and Technology** - Deadline: Tues 24 Aug 2021

**NIHR Invention for Innovation (i4i) Connect** - Deadline: Tues 14 Sept 2021

**Biomedical catalyst 2021: early and late stage awards** - Deadline: Thurs 26 Aug 2021

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**Job Posting Free of Charge to  
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Members of Bionow can post their current job vacancies directly to the Bionow website free of charge.

<https://bionow.co.uk/jobs>

For further information contact **Helen Williams**.

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## Events

Upcoming Sector Events



### Reducing Inhalation Burden Through High-Dose, Carrier-free Spray Dry Powders

**Catalent**

**Date: Tuesday 13th July**

**Venue: Digital Event**

This webinar will explore how spray dried particles provide an attractive, carrier-free option for highly dispersed delivery of API to deep lung regions, utilizing an alternative approach to large, porous particles. The speakers will discuss how spray dry methodologies can generate light, low-density and aerodynamically favorable particles and will look at the technologies that are enabling high dose loading of DPI capsules.

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### Free Energy Perturbation methods in Flare™ V5: New features and enhancements

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**Date: 13th & 14th July**

**Digital Event**

Free Energy Perturbation (FEP) techniques are increasingly used in early-stage drug discovery projects to help prioritize compounds for synthesis and testing. In this webinar, we will introduce the new features available when designing and running FEP simulations within Flare V5 which aim to make the user experience easier and the calculations faster, allowing more molecules to be incorporated into a single project.

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## 40 Minute Marketing Masterclass: Standing Out From The Crowd



**Date: Thursday 15th July**

**Digital Event**

With ever increasing competition, marketing your specialist products, technology or services within the life sciences industry is now tougher than ever, it is essential to understand your audience in depth to grow a successful company.

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## Accelerating Drug Discovery with the Medicines Discovery Catapult



**Date: Thursday 29th July**

**Digital Event**

Find out about opportunities for academics and industry researchers to work with the Medicines Discovery Catapult in this talk from their Head of Business Development, Alexander Henzing, who will showcase some of the innovative technologies they have available.

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## Careers in Life Sciences: Making the move from academia to industry



**Date: Thursday 22nd July**

**Digital Event**

The Biosphere are delighted to be hosting this online event all about Careers in Life Sciences. In the North East, life sciences is a key sector, with more than 140,000 people working in biotechnology, healthcare and life science companies, and the NHS.

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## Start-Up's - How to get Funding in the Current Climate



ALDERLEY PARK  
VENTURES

**Date: Wednesday 28th July**

**Digital Event**

Funding is hard at the best of times, there is hope though. Join this webinar to get hints & tips to help with fundraising for your company. Right now if you are trying to get the investment you need, you are likely finding everyone is closing their cheque books.

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