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### **Bionow News & Events**

The latest Bionow News and upcoming Events



### Bionow is Delighted to Welcome 7 New Members

We look forward to working with: Odyssey Therapeutics, NanOptima, Mazars, Wren Healthcare, ICHNE (Newcastle Hospital), North West Biotech Initiative and Charnwood Molecular.

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: Biofortuna

Biofortuna is a trusted outsourcing partner for the provision of genomic services, assay development and contract manufacturing services. Their services are varied, but



whether they are supporting diagnostic developers, food technology experts or genomic specialists their guiding principles are the same; to form long term partnerships and become a valued extension of your team.

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## Introducing Jesse Gray as the new Event Manager at Bionow

Jesse will manage our varied calendar of events ranging from major conferences, smaller networking events to our annual awards dinner.

**Get in touch with Jesse** to discuss the exciting event programme for 2022 and the sponsorship / exhibition opportunities available.

**Contact Jesse** 



### 2021 Bionow Awards Competition NOW OPEN

Bionow are delighted to announce the launch of the 2021 Bionow Awards Competition. The competition is open to ALL companies / individuals working within the life science sector and we would encourage you to review the 12 award categories and submit and application.

Deadline for submission of all applications is Thursday 23rd December 2021.

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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,

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developing value propositions, ethics & regulatory advice and access to university-wide expertise.

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# Bionow Member Christmas Coffee Break Digital Event Wednesday 15th December 2021

Its beginning to look like Christmas...Bionow would love for you to join us for our Virtual Christmas Coffee Break to celebrate the festive session and spread some Christmas cheer. Grab yourself a mince pie and even a mulled wine if you wish, Christmas jumpers and santa hats are also welcome. Virtual Coffee Breaks offers the chance to take and break and have a chat and catch up with fellow members.

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# Biotech & Beers (Newcastle) Bealim House Thursday 27th January 2022

Blow away the January Blues when Biotech and Beer returns to Newcastle! That's right, we are back, and you are welcome to join Bionow for an agenda-free networking evening to socialise with your peers in an informal setting over a drink or two.

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# 2021 Bionow Annual Awards Dinner The Hangar, Concorde Conference Centre Thursday 3rd February 2022

Bionow are excited to announce that the 2021 Awards will be an in-person event and dinner. Join us at this special event to celebrate our 20th Bionow Awards Dinner. **Don't miss out on attending** - invite your colleagues and clients along for an unforgettable evening dining beneath the iconic Concorde which takes pride of place in the super

hangar. Let's mark this celebration in style, pop open the champagne and take our hats off to all of the dedicated companies and individuals.

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### 2022 BioInfect Conference Alderley Park Conference Centre Wednesday 9th March 2022

Antimicrobial resistance is one of the biggest public health challenges of our time and fighting this serious threat is a priority that requires a collaborative approach across all sectors. BioInfect will look at the critical issues relating to the development of new anti-infectives, the endemic problem of resistance and the considerations for creating a truly global and effective response to antimicrobial resistance.

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#### News

Keep up to date with Bionow Member News



QuantuMDx secures £15 million equity investment from Vita Spring and enters into Cooperation Agreement discussions with Sansure Biotech

QuantuMDx Group Limited announces that it has secured a £15 million equity investment from Vita Spring IVD Fund, L.P., a Hong Kong-based venture capital firm focused on

early and growth stage medical companies with disruptive technologies and global market potential. Proceeds from the financing will be used to further the development and evolve the Q-POC™ platform to increase its functionality.

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# Aptamer Group signs material commercial agreement with a life science research company

Aptamer Group Ltd, the developer of novel Optimer® binders to enable innovation in the life sciences industry, today announces that it has entered into a large-scale Optimer development and commercialisation agreement with a life science research company for over 250 targets.

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# BioPharma Dynamics unveil brand new cleanroom facility to support the Life Sciences Industry

BioPharma Dynamics, a leading life sciences solution provider, proudly announce the opening of their new ISO Class 7 cleanroom facility located at new headquarters in Salford, Greater Manchester. This expansion sees the company treble in size, with its new premises adding the capacity for product assembly and increased warehouse and office space.

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## Contract research firm set to double in size following £700k investment

Gentronix – the UK-based contract research organisation (CRO) that is a leader in the field of genetic toxicology – has raised £700,000 in a funding round led by existing investor Mercia to support its continued growth. The latest round, which includes a number of private investors, follows

Gentronix's recent acquisition of the Big Blue® transgenic mutation assay from Merck KGaA.

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# Biofortuna relocates to purpose built facilities and more than doubles its capacity

Biofortuna, a specialist contract development and manufacturing partner to the IVD and point of care testing sectors, has more than doubled its manufacturing capacity following its relocation to new state-of-the-art facilities in Deeside, North Wales.

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Find out whats happening in the life science sector



### Infrared light therapy might aid dementia patients

A pilot study, led by Dr Paul Chazot Durham University and Dr Gordon Dougal, of Maculume Ltd, found improvements in the memory, motor function and processing skills of healthy people with normal intellectual function for their age. As a result, the researchers said transcranial photobiomodulation therapy (PBM-T) – where infrared light is self-delivered to the brain using a specially designed helmet worn by the patient – might potentially also have benefits for people with dementia.

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#### Overcoming life science supply chain challenges

The pandemic brought home the significance of robust supply chains. Particularly when products save lives, stakes are high. So, how can we work to overcome logistical and transportation challenges associated with life sciences?

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### Wren Healthcare decentralized clinical trial ICH-GCP research nurses

Looking for the answer to Decentralising your Clinical Trial? Wren Healthcare are a clinician led Clinical Homecare provider, working extensively within clinical trials providing decentralised nursing services. Find out more on how they are working with clinical trials across the UK USA and Singapore to increase study capacity by reducing the burden on study sites increasing your ability to get more studies for patients, while also improving patient retention and experience with home nursing services.

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2022 Global Science Employment Survey

SRG announce the launch of the annual Global Science Employment Survey, in association with New Scientist Jobs. SRG would like to hear your opinions and experiences working in the science sectors over the past year. The survey asks questions related to salary, job satisfaction, discrimination, skills shortages, changes in the ways of working and more, creating a valuable insight for the UK, USA and global marketplace.

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#### Training begins for next generation of bioscientists

A unique programme to develop the next generation of bioscientists has been launched with Tees Valley college students introduced to a career in the life sciences. The first cohort of the Life Sciences Manufacturing Academy saw students from Darlington College spending a week at Teesside University's National Horizons Centre, hearing from their biotech experts, and colleagues from CPI's National Biologics Manufacturing Centre.

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#### Research could herald new treatments for childhood cancer

Ground-breaking research led by staff at Teesside University could lead to new approaches in treating aggressive childhood cancers more effectively. Academics based at the University's National Horizons Centre have been studying the genetics of aggressive lymphoma and have discovered a link between a specific gene and the survival rate of children with the disease.

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### Recruitment

Check out the latest job opportunities



# Job Posting Free of Charge to Bionow Members **DIONOUV**®

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For further information contact the
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### From Black Ants to Implantables – What's next for diagnostic devices?



## Date: Tuesday 30th November Digital Event

Vital for early diagnosis of infectious diseases such as COVID-19, diagnostic devices and tests can also predict, detect and manage other diseases and chronic conditions. Learn where the diagnostic industry is heading, and its technical and commercial challenges.

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## Health Innovation Campus - Innovation Launchpad





Date: 1st & 8th December
Venue: Lancaster University

Join Lancaster University for their fully-funded two-day Innovation Launchpad programme at the new £41m Health Innovation Campus. The programme focuses on practical application through six critical topics, including empathy



# Clinical Trial Design – Planning for Success! Understand your trial needs.



### Date: Wednesday 1st December Digital Event

Join this informative webinar to hear from Afortiori Development to understand how trial design is critical to success! This webinar will explore: Why is robust trial design an absolute must? What does your trial really need to prove? How complex does it need to be? and What kind of analysis needs to be undertaken?

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## NEPIC Cyber Security & Digitalisation 2021



Date: Thursday 2nd December

Venue: Hardwick Hotel - Sedgefield

This event aims to explore the business opportunities in today's digital world. Through this event we will delve into the

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mapping and value proposition canvassing, all of which will help the business identify any gaps in their approach which should be addressed.

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## Date: 7th - 9th December Digital Event

With the highest attending rate of TTOs, research institutes and academia together with big pharma, emerging and small biotech, diagnostics companies, pre-seed / seed / Series A investors, BioFIT is the leading partnering event in Europe for technology transfer. academia-industry collaborations and early-stage innovation deals in the field of Life Sciences. BioFIT is also the European marketplace for pre-seed, seed and Series A investment in Life Sciences. Bionow Members can benefit from 20% discount on late registrations fees.

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# Inspire your next round of molecule design through insightful analysis



## Date: Wednesday 8th December Digital Event

In this webinar, you will learn how to easily load data sets from data sources, organize your data using the column manager, visualize your data graphically region's thriving processing sector and provide an insight into the challenges that a connected world presents to our industries and the hot opportunities for businesses seeking to diversify, support and grow in this booming area.

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#### **MedFIT**



## Date: 7th - 9th December Digital Event

MedFIT is the leading European business convention dedicated innovation partnerships in the fields of medical technology, diagnostics digital health sector. MedFIT is the placeto-be to identify innovative products and technologies, to build R&D, find licensing opportunities and financial partnerships. MedFIT brings together industry leaders, innovative MedTechs, diagnostics startups, TTOs, academic institutions, R&D services as well as companies and investors to help facilitate market access for innovations. Bionow Members can benefit from 20% discount on registration fees.

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### Translational Research at Manchester 2021



Date: 8th - 9th December

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using the Plot plugin, compare your compounds on the 3D viewer and design new molecules using the 2D and 3D analysis features.

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Genesis 2021



**Date: Thursday 9th December** Venue: 1 Wimpole St, London Genesis 2021 will assemble senior executives and decision-makers from across the Life Science. Healthcare and Technology field to present, discuss and demonstrate their collective insight and thought leadership for the sector. - Faceto-face sessions and networking on 9 Dec at one of central London's most prestigious venues - Digital Delegate options available throughout 6-10 Dec including 1-to-1 partnering, live workshops, online networking, profiling and on-demand content. Bionow Members get 10% off the face-to-face or digital event.

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### Digital Event and In-Person at Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester

This event will focus on the highlights and challenges of conducting translational research at Manchester around the theme of "tackling bottlenecks to deliver impact". We will explore the importance of a Translational Research Culture and showcase the breadth of translational research across the University and Manchester NHS Trusts.

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### Why Innovation is so important to modern business



Date: Tuesday 21st December

Digital Event

Discover how the how the innovative research that's taking place within the University could be the basis of a current or future rapidly growing business and the support within the university to help commercialise research ideas.

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Are you hosting conferences and digital events? Would you like Bionow to assist with the promotion of these events?

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