

The **European Federation for Medicinal Chemistry (EFMC)** is an independent association founded in 1970 that represents 25 scientific organisations from 23 European countries. Its objective is to advance the science of medicinal chemistry by promoting cooperation and encouraging strong links between the national adhering organisations in order to deepen contacts and exchanges between medicinal chemists in Europe and around the World. Moreover, it offers medicinal chemists the opportunity to present their work internationally by organising the biennial EFMC International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry (EFMC-ISMC). These symposia, with an average attendance of 1.200 delegates, are highly international with a broad range of speakers and attendees from the pharmaceutical industry and academia. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry, EFMC is publishing *MedChemComm*, the official journal of EFMC. *MedChemComm* is a peer reviewed journal publishing concise articles and reviews covering medicinal chemistry research.

The EFMC pursues its activities via flexible working groups, who cover strategic themes, themes for exploration, and operational tasks. An Advisory Board, composed of internationally highly recognized opinion leaders in the field of medicinal chemistry, assists in strategic planning and ensures a dynamic and vibrant advancement of EFMC.

The EFMC has very strong links with the Medicinal Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society. Through this collaboration the ACS organises sessions at the biennial EFMC-ISMC Symposia, and conversely the EFMC organises sessions at ACS National meetings. In addition, the two societies regularly exchange observers at their committee meetings and the EFMC has an ex officio representative on the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*. Also both societies jointly organise the ACSMEDI-EFMC Medicinal Chemistry Frontiers sympo-

sia. EFMC is now a supporting member of the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS) and shares common interests with the European Federation for Pharmaceutical Sciences (EUFEPS). EFMC also reaches out to the Organic Synthesis community, through its successful series of EFMC-ASMC Symposia, organised with the support of ChemBridge Corporation and the National Adhering Organisations. Finally, the EFMC also collaborates with the Asian Federation of Medicinal Chemistry by participating in meetings organised by the AFMC and vice versa. Since autumn 2016, the EFMC also entered into a collaboration with the Chinese Pharmaceutical Association (CPA).

An important part of the EFMC activities is the sponsorship of national scientific meetings and Medicinal Chemistry Schools and the funding of grants for younger scientists to attend EFMC-ISMC Symposia. The EFMC also acknowledges excellence in medicinal chemistry, by conferring three major awards: the Nauta Award on Pharmacochimistry, the UCB-Ehrlich Award for Excellence in Medicinal Chemistry and the Prous Institute-Overton and Meyer Award for New Technologies in Drug Discovery, which are given every two years for outstanding achievements in the field of Medicinal Chemistry. From 2010 on, EFMC established two new prizes to acknowledge the scientific accomplishments of young medicinal chemists, both in industry and academia.

The EFMC homepage is now connected to the websites of many national organisations, thus facilitating the flow of information. The monthly electronic newsletter *MedChemWatch* as well as the yearbook "*Medicinal Chemistry in Europe*" help to further develop cooperation between member organisations as well as their industrial partners and therefore advance medicinal chemistry in Europe, and by extension, around the globe. EFMC is also active on social media. To stay updated on EFMC activities, join the EFMC group on LinkedIn or follow us on Twitter @EuroMedChem.