# **Editorial**

# Dear Members of EFMC

Writing this editorial to our yearbook "Medicinal Chemistry in Europe" is my first official task as President of EFMC. I am pleased to serve you for the years 2009-2011 and I assure you that I will do my best to further enhance the discipline of Medicinal Chemistry and our Federation. With steadily increasing costs for development of new drugs, increasing numbers of late stage failures, and the bad overall economical situation, Drug Discovery and Development is facing numerous challenges. Medicinal Chemistry plays a key role among all disciplines contributing to pharmaceutical R&D and EFMC certainly is the major platform for scientific and strategic discussions and for coordinating all efforts to approach the current and future challenges the European Medicinal Chemistry community is facing.

First of all I would like to take the opportunity to welcome a new member society, the Division of Medicinal Chemistry of the Serbian Chemical Society, represented by Miroslav J. Gasic. I am also very pleased to welcome our new Secretary Koen Augustyns, the new EC-Members Javier Fernandez and Mark Bunnage, as well as Lennart Bunch (Denmark), María L. Lopez-Rodriguez (Spain), and Yves Rolland (France) as new members of the Council. I am looking forward to working together with all of you on our common goals and visions for the Medicinal Chemistry community in Europe.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Dave Alker and Brigitte Lesur for all their valuable inputs in the Executive Committee, the lively discussions, and especially for the work they did to promote our relationships to pharmaceutical industry. Furthermore, I want to express my gratefulness to Derek Buckle, Marina Gordaliza, Olivier Lafont and Kristian Stromgaard for their valuable contributions to the Council

The major event of EFMC organised biennially is the International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry. The XX<sup>th</sup> EFMC-ISMC was held in August 2008 in Vienna and brought together more than 1400 scientists. I would like to thank our host, the Austrian Chemical Society, and in particular Peter Ettmayer, the chair of the meeting, who made this EFMC-ISMC a highly memorable and very successful event. It was his enthusiasm, combined with the input of the International Organising Committee and the organisational skills of Ly Differding and the whole LDO-team, which gave the XX<sup>th</sup> EFMC-ISMC the largest number of attendees an ISMC ever had.

Looking to the forthcoming year 2009, EFMC will be involved in several major medicinal chemistry events and initiatives throughout the world. The second edition of Frontiers in Medicinal Chemistry, our new meeting series jointly organised with the Medicinal Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society, will organised in collaboration with the Sociedad Española de Química Terapéutica in Barcelona, Spain, October 4-6. Following the very successful events in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Advances in Synthetic and Medicinal Chemistry will take place in Kiev, Ukraine, August 23-27. EFMC will also organise sessions at the Spring ACS-Meeting in Salt Lake City, the PharmSciFair in Nice and the Meeting of the Asian Federation for Medicinal Chemistry in Cairns, Australia. Finally, EFMC will sponsor and promote numerous events organised by our member societies. Further information on all these events can be found on our web-page **www.efmc.info**.

I would further like to emphasize the first EFMC Short Course - Improving Compound Quality: Physical Chemistry and DMPK Properties in Drug Discovery. Principles, Assays and Predictions - will take place in Oegstgeest, the Netherlands, March 22-25. In light of our continuous effort to better serve the Medicinal Chemistry community, EFMC launched a series of short courses mainly intended for industrial scientists. The courses will cover a series of selected topics and will be held in different geographical locations in Europe. With this series of courses EFMC for the first time is acting as organiser with full financial responsibilities. I am especially grateful to Peter Matyus, the chair of our Education & Training Committee, and to Henk Timmerman and Han van de Waterbeemd, who are the main driving forces behind this first course. It is also a special pleasure for me to welcome **ESMEC**. the Medicinal Chemistry School annually organised by the Medicinal Chemistry Division of the Italian Chemical Society in Urbino, Italy, as our first **EFMC-accredited school**. With the instrument of accreditation, which is open to all sponsored schools upon application, EFMC guarantees for scientific and educational top-quality of the event.

The year 2009 will be the third year of publishing our e-newsletter MedChemWatch, www.efmc.info/medchemwatch. The newsletter is distributed electronically to more than 7000 medicinal chemists in Europe and abroad and covers perspective articles, lab-presentations, meeting reports, and other information relevant for medicinal chemists. I am confident

that the new editor, Gabriele Costantino, together with the editorial board, will further increase the visibility and impact of MedChemWatch. If you are interested in regularly receiving MedChemWatch, please register at our web-page **www.efmc.info**. It's free of charge and without any obligations.

The year 2009 will also imply important changes in the organisation of our Federation. Following our long term plan for a sustainable administrative support we will for the first time employ part time a person to continuously serve EFMC on a professional basis. This administrative support will be physically located at the facilities of LD Organisation in Brussels. This certainly is the next step towards a fully functional and professional administrative support of EFMC.

Last but definitely not least I want to express my deepest gratitude to the Past-President. Roberto Pellicciari. Under his presidency EFMC made major steps towards a highly visible and international respected Federation. He implemented our Committees, which are an essential part of our organisation and give continuous and valuable input. Roberto's enthusiasm and scientific reputation as Medicinal Chemist paved the way for major initiatives, such as the meeting series "Frontiers in Medicinal Chemistry", the generation of EFMC courses and the approval of the first EFMCaccredited school. His vision of the Committees became a real success story and the scientific and financial success of activities which EFMC organised under his presidency created an excellent starting point we can now build on. Roberto, thank you so much for all your efforts and also for your personal friendship!

Prof. Gerhard Ecker
President EFMC

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# Council

The Council consists of the members of the EC and one delegate of each Adhering Organisation.

According to the new statutes, the voting rights are allotted according to the following rules: members of the EC: 1 vote, countries with up to 99 members: 2 votes, countries with 100-199 members: 3 votes, countries with 200-399 members: 4 votes, countries with 400-599 members: 5 votes, countries with 600-899 members: 6 votes, countries with more than 899 members: 7 votes.

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# **EFMC Objectives**

The European Federation for Medicinal (EFMC) independent is an association founded in 1970. Free from any political convictions, it represents the scientific organisations from 21 European countries and covers a geographical area the size of the USA with a similar scientific population. 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 promote contacts and exchanges between medicinal chemists in Europe and around the World. Moreover, it offers medicinal chemists an opportunity to present their work internationally by organising the biennial International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry (ISMC). These symposia, with an average attendance of 1,200 delegates, are highly international with a broad range of speakers and attendees representing well in excess of 40 countries.

The EFMC pursues its activities via the Executive Committee, the Council and 4 committees: Education and Training Committee, Industry Liaison Committee, European Commission R&D Initiatives Committee, and Information & Communication Committee.

These Committees strengthen the links between Council and EC and help to define the mission, vision and goals of EFMC.

The EFMC has very strong links with the Medicinal Chemistry Division of the American Chemical Society. The EFMC has a permanent representative at its management meetings and also has a permanent representative on the Long Range Planning Committee of the ACS Medicinal Chemistry Division. Through this collaboration the ACS convenes sessions for the biennial ISMC Symposia, and conversely the EFMC convenes sessions for ACS National meetings. This reciprocal relationship is continually strengthened and has been recently

extended to the joint organisation of a bilateral meeting. Furthermore, the EFMC has a specific representative on the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, thus demonstrating the quality of European science and its scientists. EFMC also has strong links with the European Federation for Pharmaceutical Sciences (EUFEPS). Besides exchanging sessions at various scientific congresses, EFMC and EUFEPS joined forces in establishing a European Pharmaceutical Sciences Leadership Forum. EFMC also reaches out to former USSR and Eastern European scientists through its successful series of ASMC Symposia, organized, with the support of ChemBridge Corporation, in Russia and this year in Ukraine. In addition, the EFMC also collaborates with the Asian Federation of Medicinal Chemistry by participating in meetings organised by the AFMC and vice versa, giving the EFMC a broad international footprint.

An important part of the EFMC activities is sponsorship of national scientific meetings organised between two or more countries. Supported by Bentham, it also awards bursaries for younger scientists to attend ISMC meetings. The EFMC also acknowledges the excellence of medicinal chemists' work, by conferring three major awards: the Nauta Award on Pharmacochemistry, 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.

The EFMC homepage is now hot-wired to the web sites of many national organisations, thus facilitating the flow of information, and the yearbook "Medicinal Chemistry in Europe" should 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.

# **ETC**

# **Education and Training Committee**

# **Committee Membership:**

- Péter MÁTYUS ETC Chair (EFMC Executive Committee member)
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# **Committee Objective:**

To ensure the training of the next generation of medicinal chemists within Europe at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, based on strong industry-academia cooperation, and to provide a platform to address future development training needs

# **Committee Goals:**

- Undertake a comprehensive analysis of the structure and profile of European teaching and education systems for medicinal chemistry
- Agree the core skills medicinal chemists should acquire during their Masters level and PhD level training
- Quantify existing undergraduate and postgraduate level training courses within Europe
- Identify best practice from this analysis and publish an overview and conclusions
- Summarise career destinations for Masters and PhD level medicinal chemists, and identify core skills gaps in each country from both the industrial and academic perspective
- Identify deficiences in the current teaching and education of medicinal chemistry in Europe, and establish means of addressing these

- Summarise currently available software for e-learning of medicinal chemistry
- Continue to support the current residential postgraduate Medicinal Chemistry Schools (training courses) in Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland
- Facilitate the establishment of additional local residential Medicinal Chemistry Schools in other European countries
- Incorporate medicinal chemistry trends in future Medicinal Chemistry Schools
- Include sessions on the teaching and education of medicinal chemistry on a regular basis in EFMC-sponsored symposia
- Hold a satellite session at each ISMC on the future trends and direction of medicinal chemistry
- Raise the awareness and importance of appropriate medicinal chemistry training and education with other relevant learned societies e.g., IUPAC, EUFEPS

In order to achieve these challenging goals the Education Committee would welcome your knowledge, experience and ideas. If you wish to contribute towards our objectives, please contact Peter Matyus at peter.matyus@szerves.sote.hu

# **Industry Liaison Committee**

# **Current committee membership:**

- Mark BUNNAGE ILC Chair (EFMC Executive Committee Member, United Kingdom)
- Javier FERNANDEZ (EFMC Executive Committee Member, Spain)
- David ALKER (EFMC Council Member, United Kingdom)
- Brigitte LESUR (Institut de Recherches Servier, France)
- Graeme ROBERTSON (Siena Biotech, Italy)

# **Committee Objective:**

To promote and improve liaison and cooperation between EFMC and Industry so that the EFMC can better achieve its over-arching objective to advance the science of medicinal chemistry. This includes increasing the visibility of EFMC activities within companies which employ medicinal chemists as well as those related industries for whom medicinal chemistry is an enabling science or for whom medicinal chemists represent a significant customer base.

# **Committee Goals:**

- To act as a link between industry and academia for the exchange of ideas, information and knowledge on medicinal chemistry
- To understand and champion the views of industry within EFMC and, where appropriate, to promote these on a wider, European stage
- To provide a forum for industrial and academic medicinal chemists to discuss the evolution of medicinal chemistry in Europe

- To promote opportunities for:
  - Short-term (up to 12 month) training periods in industry for students
  - Partnership/collaborative programmes in medicinal chemistry research topics
  - Industry/academia joint grants and sponsorship programmes
- Longer term to the committee to set up a system for job offers and candidate CV through the EFMC web-site
- Longer term to set up a directory of European centres of specific expertise in drug research

In order to achieve these challenging goals the ILC would welcome new committee members. If you are interested please contact the EFMC secretariat: administration@efmc.info

# **Information & Communication Committee**

# **Current committee membership:**

- Koen AUGUSTYNS ICC Chair (EFMC Executive Committee Member, Belgium)
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- Anders KARLÉN (EFMC Council Member, Sweden)
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# **Committee Objective:**

To improve and strengthen the communication with the EFMC member societies and individual Medicinal Chemists. The main goals are to increase the visibility of the EFMC and its activities via extensive use of internet-based technology and to establish an information platform for all issues related to Medicinal Chemistry in Europe. In addition, the ICC Committee will also support the other Committees in coordinating their activities and disseminating information.

#### Committee Goals:

- To strengthen and improve communication with our National Adhering Organisations
- To support the National Adhering Organisations by ensuring that their information is communicated electronically in an efficient manner via FFMC channels
- To provide a Web-portal for Medicinal Chemistry activities in Europe and to broadly disseminate information on EFMC sponsored events

- To edit and distribute MedChemWatch, the official e-Newlsetter of EFMC
- To explore possibilities for creating benefits for Corporate Members and individual Medicinal Chemists who are members of our National Adhering Organisations

In order to achieve these challenging goals the committee is open to suggestions and comments. Please send your ideas to Gerhard Ecker koen.augustyns@efmc.info



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MedChemWatch will provide you with regular updates on the activity of our committees, give information on EFMC-approved schools and EFMC-sponsored meetings, and alert you on calls for medicinal chemistry related grants and funding opportunities. Furthermore, in each issue you will find a perspective article from a leading scientist and the presentation of a Medicinal Chemistry research group in Europe.

With MedChemWatch we intend to provide more than just one of those e-mails announcing the next meeting and promoting some activities. This should become a forum for exchange of ideas, thoughts, and visions for the future of Medicinal Chemistry, accompanied by useful information on events, grants, and news from our member societies.





# XX<sup>th</sup> EFMC-ISMC 2008 in Vienna

With 1,400 participants from 59 nations, the XXth International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry (ISMC), held at the Austria Center in Vienna from August 31 to September 4, 2008, and organized by the Medicinal Chemistry Division of the Austrian Chemical Society, on behalf of the European Federation for Medicinal Chemistry (EFMC), has been a hugely successful meeting.

The programme of the Symposium covered important new scientific and technological developments in drug discovery focusing on those relevant to medicinal chemistry. Key sessions of ISMC 2008 included Chemistry Strategies to Reduce Attrition, Predictive ADME/Tox Methods, Neurodegenerative Diseases, Oncology, Pain, Exploring the Chemical Space, Systems Biology & Medicinal Chemistry, Imaging Ligands and Biomarkers, this latter sponsorized by EUFEPS. Full audio recording with synchronized slides of selected presentations delivered in some of the above sessions are available via the official webcasts of the Symposium.

#### (http://webcasts.prous.com/ISMC2008)

Inaugurated by the chairman of the organizing committee, Dr. Peter Ettmayer (Boehringer Ingelheim, Vienna, Austria), and Prof. Roberto Pellicciari (University of Perugia, Italy), president of the EFMC, the opening day of the Symposium saw the ceremony of the EFMC awards and GSK price, with Prof. Hugo Kubinyi being awarded with the Nauta Award for Pharmacochemistry, Prof. Peter H. Seeberger with the UCB – Ehrlich Award for Excellence in Medicinal Chemistry, Prof. Steven V. Ley with the Prous Institute – Overton and Meyer Award for New Technologies in Drug Discovery, and Prof. Michael Famulok being awarded with the GlaxoSmithKline Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Chemical Biology.



Opening ceremony chaired by Dr Peter Ettmayer (Boehringei Ingelheim, Vienna, Austria).



The winners of EFMC awards and GSK price with Award sponsors and symposium chairman.

The opening day was concluded with the award lecture of Prof. Kubinyi and a highly interesting opening lecture given by Prof. Chris Dobson (University of Cambridge, UK) on protein misfolding diseases. The evening ended with a welcome reception.

During the following days, professors, lecturers, students, representatives from the pharma industry and exhibitors attended a busy programme of 6 plenary lectures, 27 parallel sessions including 92 lectures, one forum discussion, two workshops and three poster sessions including 591 posters. Among the posters presented, three were awarded with prices offered by Wiley, publishers of ChemMedChem, and ten were awarded with travel grants offered to young researchers by Bentham Science Publishers.

Of particular interest in the field of education, Prof. Peter Matyus (Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary) moderated over a discussion forum about «How to close the gap between academic training in medicinal chemistry and industrial reality». Invited participants of the forum were Dr. Javier Fernandez, Prof. Robin Ganellin, Dr. Gloria Serra, Prof. Noel de Souza, Prof. Henk Timmerman and Prof. Hugo Kubinyi.

Besides the scientific highlights of the programme, Vienna as the host city had many cultural highlights to offer as well! These included excursions to Schönbrunn Palace, a visit of 'Old Vienna' or its 'Art Nouveau' – all of which benefited from the gorgeous weather in Austria -and last but not least a concert at the Hofburg and a gala dinner in the Vienna City Hall.



Two extraordinary moments of the social programme Left picture, Concert in Zeremoniensaal at Hofburg, by the Vienna Hofburg Orchestra. Right picture, Gala Dinner in the beautiful setting of the Town Hall of Vienna under the motto: «The congress dances». The Gala Dinner was preceded by a classical Viennese dance opening, followed by an evening full of various dancing opportunities.

ISMC 2008 had the impact it sought to have and has carried the message that medicinal chemistry is the golden key in the drug discovery process and has a pivotal role in linking and exploiting the associated biological sciences. It met its objective to be an international platform where scientists from all over the world meet and exchange their views

and ideas. Of the total of 1,400 participants, the top twenty list of numbers of delegates per country is shown in Figure 1. It attracted an almost exactly 1:1 ratio of medicinal chemists and pharmacologists from industry (49%, including 7% exhibitors) and academia (32% faculty, 19% students) (Figure 2)



Figure 1:

Top twenty list: participants by country



Figure 2:
Distribution of delegates according to their affiliation

The XXI<sup>st</sup> edition of the ISMC-EFMC Symposium that will continue the tradition of the ISMC-EFMC Symposia to create a forum for all scientists interested in medicinal chemistry and related fields, is planned for September 2010 in Brussels, Belgium, and will be organized jointly by the Medicinal and Bioorganic Chemistry Division of Royal Flemish Chemical Society (KVCV) and by the Société Royale de Chimie (SRC), Medicinal Chemistry Division. The first details can be found on the regularly updated symposium website www.ismc2010.org or via the EFMC website www.efmc.info



# EFMC 2008 AWARDS

The Awards have been presented during the XXth EFMC-ISMC International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry August 31 – September 4 in Vienna, Austria

# THE NAUTA AWARD

for Professor

# Hugo Kubinyi

BASF SE and University of Heidelberg, Germany

This Awards recognises Professor Kubinyi's contributions in the development, application and dissemination of the rational drug discovery in medicinal chemistry.

The Nauta Award for Pharmacochemistry For the advancement of medicinal chemistry and the development of international organizational structures in Medicinal Chemistry. The Award will be given for outstanding achievements in the field of Medicinal Chemistry.

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for Professor

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The UCB-Erlich Award for Excellence in Medicinal Chemistry To acknowledge and recognise outstanding research in the field of Medicinal Chemistry in its broadest sense by a young scientist. This Award has been established with the support of UCB Pharma.

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for Professor

# Steven V. Ley

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This award acknowledges Professor Ley commitment to the development, discovery, evaluation and use of new technologies for drug discovery.

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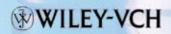
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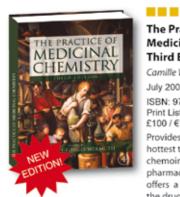
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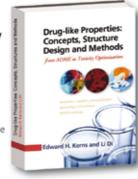
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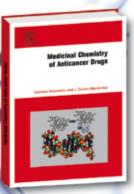


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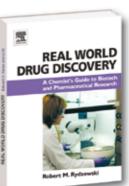
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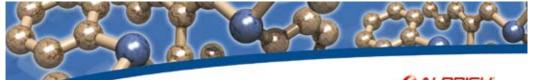
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# The Importance of the Industrial Academic Interface for Innovation in the Pharmaceutical Sector

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The pharmaceutical sector has in recent years suffered from a perceived lack of successful new drugs, especially blockbusters. There is much debate as to the causes of this, but the current regulatory and financial environment requires that the sector tackles new and innovative therapeutic targets that challenge its current science base. These new targets will continue the shift away from chemical entities (NCEs), to biologicals and in the longer term to explore all "drug space". "Drug space" that is not part of the current pharma repertoire includes higher molecular weight drugs e.g. nanomedicines, nucleic acidbased drugs<sup>1</sup>, and "non-Lipinski" inhibitors of protein-protein interactions (Figure 1). As a result the therapeutic sector is actively looking outside its walls, taking lessons from the biotech revolution, for new thinking from academics and SMFs.

# **Examples from the past**

Historically, industrial-academic contact in the NCE area has been, in general, limited to the education of new employees. This interface changed somewhat with the emergence of the biotech industry, largely based on the new and unexpected molecular and cell biology tools developed by the academic sector, especially in the US. These opportunities were seized by visionary entrepreneurs and despite the conservatism and scepticism of large companies, new businesses, such as

Genentech and Amgen were formed and were successful. Large companies can be slow to take on transforming technologies, having evolved processes which support incremental technical improvements, with a view that they can later buy in additional required technologies. Some enterprising companies are currently trying to avoid idea stagnation by encouraging clusters of start-ups businesses - research incubators where less conventional ideas can be evaluated, or through creating smaller, devolved research groups with greater independence and autonomy.

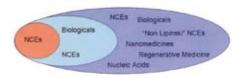


Figure 1 Diversification of "Drug Space" after the Biotech Revolution

The whole pharma sector is being squeezed by generic companies, who are predicted to have ~90% of the global market of \$820bn in 2009. Many companies no longer find "me toos" commercially viable and as a result are focusing on difficult drug targets with high unmet medical need, outside the traditional pharma comfort zone. Within the nongeneric market, biologicals and antibodies are competing with NCEs for market share with the expectation that within ten years they will share the revenues equally². We are now seeing

the emergence of new therapeutics, occupying the last remaining untouched theoretical drug space (fig 2). Drug space can be defined by molecular size going from Aspirin (picometre) to stem cells and regenerative medicine (micrometre or larger). Early examples of larger drugs are nanoparticulates but nucleic acid-based therapeutics and regenerative medicine are just around the corner. In parallel, there are steps to broaden the market for the major drug classes, such as NCEs inhibiting protein-protein interactions and antibodies that tackle intra-cellular targets, currently the exclusive province of NCEs. Therapeutics are set to become much more eclectic with the emergence of these new modalities. These are difficult challenges and the pharma and SME sector is once again looking for inspiration from academia. It has happened before - not so long ago - and gave rise to the biotech sector. Can history repeat itself?

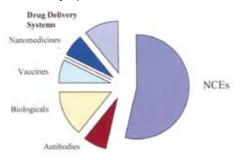


Figure 2 New Molecules Entities approved in 2008 by Class

# The Communications Dilemma

A problem for both academia and industry is the lack of a common understanding of the technical issues facing drug discovery in the 21st century. Does academia, especially in Europe, have an understanding of what is required in the present pharma

environment? The sides have drifted apart. perhaps due to industrial arrogance, but there is also a perception that academic freedom may be adversely impacted by working on industrial applied research. Certainly "Blue Sky" research should be encouraged - national research councils and especially the peer review system probably do not do enough to support this type of activity. However there is within Europe a considerable body of funded research that purports to be therapeutic and hence is applied research by definition. Applied research, academic freedom and "Blue Sky" are totally compatible and these seemingly different and antagonistic approaches can and must be brought together to produce radical high value new products.

How is this publicly-funded applied research strategically guided? In general it is down to the individual and the reviewer to judge whether the project objective fits into an industrial wish list. European Technology Platforms have been brought into being by the EC to advise, from an industrial perspective, how tax payers' research monies should be best spent. The Commission's objective in the therapeutics sector is both to fund academic research into new treatments and diagnostics for diseases and to support European pharmaceutical industries efforts to be more competitive. The author's experience with the ETP on Nanomedicine<sup>3</sup> has shown that there is a significant need for more information flow from industry to academia. Without this information, much of Europe's funded research will be non-translatable to industry, the clinic and ultimately the patient; consequently much needed new ideas will not reach the pharma sector.

#### The Value of Communication

Whilst academics are familiar with their departments being given a star rating by peer review, most will be unaware that industry often reviews departments and individuals independently. Industry will not only choose to work with the best scientists but also those most informed on what is needed to translate an idea to a product.

Breakthrough research requires a less conservative mentality on the part of grant reviewers. Traditionally, chemistry reviewers have strongly favoured extrapolations from the published literature. Equally it requires informed investigators to recognise where discoveries or serendipity can produce step changes for science and industry.

#### So we need to:

- Select fertile research areas (for industry)
- Explore good ideas or hypotheses
- Leave room for serendipity and most importantly its recognition.
- Create more academic-based key opinion leaders with industrial knowledge

#### What is in it for Industry?

Providing information for academic scientists is a time-consuming activity that conflicts with mounting pressures on many Business Development departments and their industrial R & D colleagues. Academics need to know whether their idea is applicable, its manufacturability and why it has not been done before. They need to understand the industrial requirements and their project's potential position in the industrial R & D process. Regrettably, much of this experience

has not been published, neither is it academically accessible, and the commercial framework is changing all the time. Fortunately the traditional secrecy barriers are slowly being pulled down, as the need to search globally for ideas takes root in forward looking companies. For academia the benefits are fiscal, highly rated publications being in the driving seat for new industrial sectors and the identification of new healthcare areas which can help patients.

#### What is in it for Academics?

Whilst some individuals are perfectly happy to just publish their research, some departments are increasingly trying to build bridges with industry. Their aim is to increase potential funding - but also to solve real healthcare problems. There are perhaps two approaches to applied research:

- Laissez faire (default strategy)
- A more informed (but not managed) strategy.

Given that academics by and large are not familiar with the patent literature or current industrial priorities the former approach is somewhat wasteful, albeit it could produce a "Black Swan"<sup>4</sup>, a serendipitous discovery that would produce a paradigm shift. Industrial experience is not well documented, but knowledge of it could reduce time spent on research with no possible commercial translatability. It is important that commercial information and experience is available to academics, but that no attempt should be made to impose industrial management processes. It is better to know and understand the perceived industrial roadblocks from the outset, rather than to travel hopefully.

#### The known obstacles to the market

Very often translatability of academic research is predictable from the outset, or if the route is not so clear then at least the road-blocks can be identified and strategies developed to overcome or bypass them. The author has come across many such predictable and manageable road-blocks<sup>5</sup>, the following are purely illustrative!

### **Drug Pharmacokinetics**

The importance of in vivo DMPK studies is often not appreciated by academics. especially those of inorganic materials that have not commonly been into man, for example silica and gold particulates. Very significant work has been done on gold imaging and therapy, but unless there are appropriate clearance studies these will remain in academic laboratories and will not be translated to the clinic. Another area requiring much more in vivo work is polymer therapeutics; polymer clearance being very difficult to monitor in vivo or in urine or faeces. Synthetic gene therapy vectors have also stagnated because of a reluctance to carry out in vivo studies.

#### **Drug Stability**

In the drug delivery field much effort has been expended on drug release systems exploiting the lysosome's lower pH, following endocytosis of a delivery system. Such systems often use a stabilised Schiff's base, consequently they are inherently unstable to low pH. To produce a marketed product from such a conjugate requires a simple reliable process and low exposure to water even at pH 7, to ensure that batches

are analytically reproducible to regulatory requirements. The field of antibody drug conjugates has wrestled with this problem for a decade and has now adopted a manufacturable stable linkage approach - this industrial lesson has not transferred into related academic research, often with disastrous results on scale-up.

#### **Polymer Therapeutics**

The use of polymers in therapeutics is part of a multi-billion dollar sector. Aggregation of some polymers could lead to anaphylactic shock or immune responses, but polymer self-association studies are often left until the pre-clinical stage. Although nature has evolved natural polymers not to aggregate at low concentrations, commercial products are formulated at high concentrations.

#### Industrial Context

Often the answer as to why a concept has not been implemented before is there is no appreciation of what the advantages must be. An example here is molecular imprinting of polymers to a therapeutic target. This technology requires a substrate at a one-to-one ratio to imprint an expensive polymer. Such systems often compete with antibodies, which have much higher affinities and are cheaper and easier to scale up. Understanding the industrial context of your research is important if you are to take make the most of your efforts.

#### Cost

DNA cages are an interesting way to entrap a drug, which potentially could be released by a particular mRNA relevant to a specific disease. Nucleic acids are, however, very expensive drug delivery materials when accessed by chemical synthesis. It is likely that the future of nucleic acid therapeutics lies in other directions where they are the agent rather than the formulant or drug delivery system.

### **Analytical Challenges**

The new types of drugs being discussed throw up many analytical challenges. Analytical chemistry is often regarded as routine but with the advent of such diverse drug types it is a challenge for GMP and *in vivo* studies. It may even be a significant obstacle to progressing to development; a point that is often not appreciated by those not directly involved.

### What can we do to improve industrialacademic communication?

This is a challenge which has no easy solution but it must involve more effort from the industrial sector. The following are ideas but each researcher or department should have a local strategy.

- Better industrial peer review of applied research proposals
- More effective industrial contacts with universities
- More industrialists connected with major research departments
- More sabbaticals in industry and vice versa
- A change in academic culture which encourages and rewards real innovation and entrepreneurship in Europe
- Each academic department developing an industrial liaison policy

- An available source of information on industrial priorities
- Industry should share its specialised technologies and expertise
- Create "reverse symposia" on what industry needs or what they do not know

### Summary

For the pharmaceutical sector to survive in Europe it needs the support of academia. There is a need for more industrial experience to be available to the academic sector, which should be encouraged to find original solutions to serious healthcare problems.

Equally for academia to flourish in Europe it needs the continuation of its science based industries and a dialogue with industry.

Another question which needs answering is whether the US is better than Europe in producing translatable research? Perhaps the streak of entrepreneurship is not so evident in European culture, for cultural or fiscal reasons. This aspect will not be changed by spending yet more money on research, and it varies quite considerably between European countries. R & D is now a global activity within the industrial sector - no longer restricted to its national or continental boundaries.

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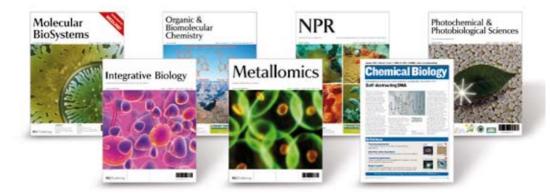
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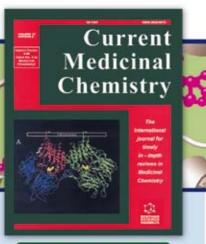
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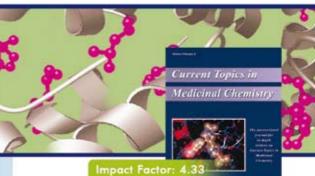
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Organisation of one annual scientific meeting (1 day). Co-organisation of Dutch Medicine Days (FIGON) (2 days). Co-organisation of annual NWO platform meeting (2 days). Co-organisation of sessions at KNCV Winter/Summer Congress. Participation in KNCV, NWO, FIGON and EFMC platforms. Dutch Medicinal Chemistry Award every 2 years for the best Dutch Ph.D. thesis in the field.

 1st Short Course on Medicinal Chemistry - Improving Compound Quality (March 22-25,2009), Oegstgeest, The Netherlands

 27<sup>th</sup> Noordwijkerhout - Camerino - Cyprus Symposium (May 3-7, 2009), Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands
 18<sup>th</sup> LACDR School on Medicinal Chemistry (October, 2009), Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands

Prof. Dr. A.P. IJZERMAN (Medicinal Chemistry/LACDR)

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Mission

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Member profile

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Activities

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### **Polish Society of Medicinal Chemistry**



Mission

Basis for mutual contacts and integration for scientists who represent different profile of their activity in the following areas of medicinal chemistry: organic and bioorganic synthesis, analytical chemistry, computational chemistry, biochemistry, molecular biology, biotechnology, pharmacy and medicine.

Founded Members 2006 50

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**Activities** 

- Organization of meetings where various theoretical and practical topics of drug research and development are discussed
- Participation in organization of national and international conferences on medicinal chemistry
- Propagation of news and information on medicinal chemistry activity in the scientific society interested in medicinal chemistry

#### **Executive Committee**

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**2nd Polish Meeting on Medicinal Chemistry** 

(September 8-10, 2009), Lublin, Poland

**EFMC-Delegate** 

Prof. Katarzyna KIEČ-KONONOWICZ (Jagiellonian University, Medical College)



### **Group of Medicinal Chemistry of the Portuguese Chemical Society**

- To diffuse the knowledge of Medicinal Chemistry.

- To foster interdisciplinary bridges between Chemistry,

Biology, Medicine and Pharmacy.

- To encourage research among young students.

- To promote the interaction between medicinal chemists in academia and professionals in industry.

2007 Founded 62 Members

Mission

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- Assisting and promoting regular courses in Medicinal Chemistry targeted for (undergraduated and postgraduated) students.

- Organisation of short meetings and seminars on recent advances in the area of Medicinal Chemistry.

A National Meeting in Medicinal Chemistry is planned biennially (first in 2008).

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PCS (Group of Medicinal Chemistry)

President

**Activities** 

**EFMC-Delegate** 

**NAO Secretariat** 

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### The D.I. Mendeleev Russian Chemical Society Medicinal Chemistry Section



Mission Education in medicinal chemistry.

Organisation of regular scientific seminars.

Founded 2000 Members 150

Member profile Research Institute: 67%

University: 26% Other: 7%

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Russia

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Activities Organising regular and specific seminars in medicinal chemistry. Assisting in the organisation of regular courses for undergraduate students of Moscow State University in medicinal chemistry. Providing interaction

of Moscow State University in medicinal chemistry. Providing interaction between Russian academician research in the field of medicinal chemis-

try and industrial institutions.

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# **Serbian Chemical Society, Division of Medicinal Chemistry**

To establish communication and co-operation between academia and industry, promote scientific research and education in the area of medicinal chemistry and encourage research among young students through meetings, seminars and workshops.

> Member profile Industry 6% Research Institute and University 86% Others 4%

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Promotion of medicinal chemistry by academy-industry interaction, co-operations with other organizations and support of the education in medicinal chemistry.

Dr. Miroslav J. GASIC (Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts)

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Mission

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Activities

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Secretary

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### Section for Medicinal Chemistry of the Slovenian Pharmaceutical Society



Mission

The mission of the Section for Medicinal Chemistry of the Slovenian society is the advancement and promotion of medicinal chemistry in Slovenia and Europe. It will pursue its mission by organising scientific meetings, schools and working-group in order to encourage discussions and exchange of ideas in the field of medicinal chemistry. This section will cooperate with similar associations in the country and abroad.

Founded Members 23 February 2004

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Member profile

Trade and Industry: 20 % Research Institute: 15 %

University: 60 % Others: 5 %

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### Sociedad Española de Química Terapéutica

To assist in the development and improvement of research and training in the different areas of Medicinal Chemistry throughout

1977 385

Trade & Industry: 25% Research Institute: 30% University: 35%

Other: 10%

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Supporting the participation of young researchers at meetings and other educational events. Organising symposia on topics related with research and education towards the discovery of new drugs. Sponsoring the Spanish Society of Medicinal Chemistry Award. Administrating five Awards addressed to young scientists to acknowledge outstanding research in the field of Medicinal Chemistry.

1st Summer School on Medicinal Chemistry

(July 5-8, 2009), Toledo, Spain Frontiers in Medicinal Chemistry: Emerging Targets, Novel Candidates and Innovative Strategies

(October 4-6, 2009), Barcelona, Spain

Dr. María L. LÓPEZ-RODRÍGUEZ (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) Dr. Ana Rosa SAN FÉLIX GARCÍA

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**Activities** 

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### The Swedish Acade of Pharmaceutical Scien



Mission To strengthen the Medicinal Chemistry Discipline through the

arrangement of conferences, seminars and other educational initiatives.

Founded 1972 Members 276

Member profile Trade & Industry: 70%

Research Institute: 1% University: 19% Other: 10%

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Activities Symposia, seminars, courses.

4th Anglo-Swedish Medicinal Chemistry Symposium

(March 15-18, 2009), Lund, Sweden

Frontier Lipidology - Lipidomics in Health and Disease

(May 10-13, 2009), Gothenburg, Sweden

3rd EuPA Congress - Clinical Proteomics

(June 14-17, 2009), Stockholm, Sweden

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(Uppsala University)



### **Division of Medicinal Chemistry (DMC), Swiss Chemical Society (SCS)**

The DMC provides a forum for scientists interested in medicinal chemistry and related fields by organising symposia, seminars, presentations and courses.

1990 590 Founded Members

Mission

Trade & Industry: 78% Research Institute: 3% University: 11%

Member profile

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info@sca.ch www.scg.ch

Other: 8%

E-mail Website

Frontiers in Medicinal Chemistry Joint German-Swiss Meeting on Medicinal Chemistry (March 15 - 18, 2009), Heidelberg, Germany Activities

Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society (September 4, 2009), Lausanne, Switzerland

9th Swiss Course on Medicinal Chemistry

President

(October, 2010), Leysin, Switzerland

Dr. Peter MOHR **EFMC-Delegate** (Hoffmann-La Roche AG)

Dr. Hans Peter MAERKI (Hoffmann-La Roche AG)

(Division for Medicinal Chemistry (DMC))

**NAO Secretariat** 

# Turkish Association of Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemistry



Mission Establish communication and cooperation between the members.

Establish policies in medicinal chemistry teaching and research in the country. Organise scientific meetings and conferences, get in

touch with international related bodies.

Founded 1994 Members 170

Member profile Academics: 100%

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Activities Organising meetings and conferences.

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### The Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Sector (BMCS) of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)

The BMCS aims to further the interests of all members of the RSC, both industrial and academic, involved in the pursuit and understanding of biologically active molecules. It also acts to promote public awareness of the crucial role played by chemistry in the modern industrial environment.

1995 (Formerly Fine Chemicals & Medicinals Group) 931 members; 600 of whom are medicinal chemists Predominantly industry

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www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS

Mission

Founded Members Member profile

Postal address

Telephone Fax Website Activities

The Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Sector (BMCS) is a Sector of the Industry & Technology Forum of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) in the UK. The annually elected committee is primarily responsible for the organisation of scientific meetings and symposia, supporting educational activities in the UK, and advising the Society on policies that directly affect the BMCS. Specifically, the BMCS aims to further the interests of all members of the RSC, both industrial and academic, involved in the pursuit and understanding of biologically active molecules. The predominant areas thus include pharmaceuticals, agrochemicals, flavours and fragrances. It also acts to promote public awareness of the crucial role played by chemistry in the modern industrial environment. The BMCS is particularly active in the organisation of scientific meetings and does so in collaboration with a wide variety of other groups both within and external to the RSC. Over the past few years the BMCS has been especially active in promoting some of the important interfacial areas in which chemists are intimately involved. In recent years, it has held internationally attended meetings with the EFMC, the Society for Chemical Industry, the Society for Medicines Research and with the Biochemical Society. On average six or more scientific meetings are held each year. Support for educational activities, such as the running of lectures and day schools, and the provision of equipment are also an important component of BMCS activities. Indeed, some of these initiatives are now established as annual events. The BMCS also administers annual awards that acknowledge major scientific achievements in both academia and industry that have been carried out within the UK. The BMCS provides a significant input into Royal Society of Chemistry strategic initiatives.

- Ion Channels as Therapeutic Targets (February 5-6, 2009), Novartis, Horsham, UK
- Fragments 2009 (March 4-5, 2009), AstraZeneca, Alderly Park, UK
- 4th Anglo-Swedish Medicinal Chemistry Symposium (March 15-18, 2009), Lund, Sweden
- Lessons Learned in Medicinal Chemistry (April 27, 2009), Cambridge, UK
- Anti-Inflammatory Meeting (May 14, 2009), GlaxoSmithKline, Stevenage, UK
- Protein Kinase 2009: Signalling Success (May 18-19, 2009), AstraZeneca, Alderly Park, UK
- Residential School: Medicinal Chemistry (June 29 July 2, 2009), University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
- Tropical and Neglected Diseases (June, 2009), Liverpool, UK
- 15th RSC/SCI Medicinal Chemistry Symposium (September 6-9, 2009), Churchill College, Cambridge, UK

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### **Society for Medicines Research**



Mission A multidisciplinary society with the object of advancing science

relating to all aspects of medicines research, providing a common meeting ground for all those interested or involved in such research,

and to further the education of such persons.

Founded Members 1966 ca. 500

Member profile

Trade & Industry: 70% Research Institute: 5% University: 11% Other: 4%

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Activities

The SMR organises four one-day scientific meetings per year in the UK.

Examples of meeting topics:

Improving medicines through drug delivery; The role of sodium channels in disease;

Case histories in drug discovery; Trends in medicinal chemistry

(More details are available on the SMR web site).

President

Dr. Alan PALMER

(Pharmidex Pharmaceutical Services Ltd)

**EFMC-Delegate** 

Dr. Richard ARMER (Oxagen Ltd)

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SMR

(Society for Medicines Research)

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