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NEWS

Syngenta and Novozymes announced a global agreement under which Syngenta will work with Novozymes to commercialize the Novozymes technology JumpStart, a seed-applied biological which increases phosphate solubility in the soil.

European regulators have endorsed the continued use of **Novartis**'s multiple sclerosis pill Gilenya, one of the Swiss firm's top new drug hopes, but said on Friday the drug needed to carry stronger warnings on heart risks.

Roche dropped its bid to buy the gene-sequencing leader Illumina in April after Illumina's shareholders made it clear at the company's annual meeting that the terms were inadequate. Roche had made a \$51 per share tender offer for the San Diego-based company, but allowed the offer to expire on April 20th.

The Swiss National Supercomputing Centre **CSCS** moved to its new location in Lugano-Cornaredo. The new ultra-modern office building will provide ideal working conditions for the staff, whilst Switzerland's high-performance computers will be installed in a concrete cube.

Europe's largest biotech company **Actelion** said it expects results of a key late-stage trial on heart and lung disease drug Macitentan in the next few weeks after a strong Swiss franc and competition hit first-quarter profit. Actelion is trying to cut its dependence on its main product Tracleer, which accounts for around 90% of group sales. Macitentan, is billed as a Tracleer successor, success is vital if Actelion is to protect its dominant position in the pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) market. Tracleer will lose patent protection in 2015.

Lonza and Agennix (Heidelberg, D) announced an agreement for the production of Agennix's first-in-class oral Dendritic Cell Mediated Immunotherapy (DCMI), talactoferrin, currently in Phase III testing for the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). Under the agreement, Lonza will produce commercial material at its microbial manufacturing facility in Kouřim, Czech Republic. This agreement initiates the process needed to be able to ultimately seek approval for Lonza as a second manufacturer of talactoferrin after the initial commercial launch.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA

GECOM-CONCOORD

Congrès de Chimie de Coordination, Chimie Organométallique et Catalyse

June 3–8, 2012; Métabief, Franche-Comté, France

<http://gecom2012.u-bourgogne.fr/>

1st International Young Chemists Symposium

Symposium zur Förderung der internationalen Zusammenarbeit

June 4–6, 2012; Graz, Austria

<http://www.graz-symposium.eu>

Young Faculty Meeting 2012

The «Platform Chemistry» of the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT) invites young professors and group leaders in Chemistry within the first 10 years of their independent career.

June 6, 2012; University of Bern

<http://www.scg.ch/events/event.cfm?ID=326>

Epigenetic Targets: New Opportunities for Medicinal Chemistry

The symposium is organized around the topic of epigenetics, an area that has had and will have a significant impact on drug discovery.

June 7, 2012; University of Basel, Basel

<http://www.scg.ch/events/event.cfm?ID=344>

Int. Conference on Molecular Crowding

Chemistry and Physics meet Biology

June 10–14, 2012; Monte Verità

<http://crowding2012.epfl.ch>

Immunochemistry and Immunobiology

June 10–15, 2012; Les Diablerets

<http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2012&program=immunochem>

Drug Discovery Summit

An event of the Pharma R&D Europe Summits Series

June, 11–12, 2012; Zurich

<http://www.drugdiscovery-summit.com>

C.elegans Neurobiology (EMBL Conference Series)

Research on *C.elegans* plays an influential role across biology and has been at the forefront of genetics.

June 14–17, 2012; Heidelberg, Germany

<http://www.embl.de/training/events/2012/ECE12-01/i>

16th International Meeting on Lithium Batteries

The IMLB has been held biannually since 1982 as a scientific meeting in the field of lithium batteries for energy storage and conversion.

June 17–22, 2012; Jeju Island, Korea

<http://www.imlb2012.org>

Particle Separation Conference

Advances in Particle Separation – Science, Technology, Practice
June 18–20, 2012; Berlin, Germany
<http://www.particle-sep2012.de>

Summer Workshop 2012 „Start Up Your Own Chemical Company“

Starting up your own chemical company – a good idea?
June 18–20, 2012; Campus Reidbach, Wädenswil
<http://www.icbc.zhaw.ch/science/icbc/international-summer-workshop-2012.html>

13th Tetrahedron Symposium

Challenges in Bioorganic & Organic Medicinal Chemistry
June 26–29, 2012; Amsterdam, The Netherlands
<http://www.tetrahedron-symposium.elsevier.com>

BOS 2012

Balticum Organicum Syntheticum Conferences (BOS)
July 1–4, 2012; Tallinn, Estonia
<http://www.boschem.eu/>

11th International Symposium on Organic Free Radicals (ISOFR-11)

This symposium is dedicated to the discussions of new ideas and knowledge in the field of organic free radicals.
July 1–5, 2012; Bern
<http://www.isofr11.ch>

7th International Workshop on Nano-scale Spectroscopy and Nanotechnology (NSS 7)

This workshop brings together people engaged in pushing the limits of fabricating, measuring and understanding nanoobjects.
July 2–6, 2012; Zurich
<http://indico.psi.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=1381>

RICT 2012 – 48th International Conference on Medicinal Chemistry

The scientific programme will focus on “Interfacing Chemical Biology and Drug Discovery”, covering the main stages of modern drug discovery
July 4–6, 2012; Poitiers, France
<http://www.rict2012.org/>

2nd International Congress of Chemistry for Cultural Heritage (ChemCH)

July 8–11, 2012; Istanbul, Turkey
<http://www.chemch2012.org/>

ISP 2012 – 9th International Symposium on Polyelectrolytes

Major international forum for polyelectrolyte research
July 9–12, 2012; Lausanne
<http://isp2012.unige.ch/index.html>

13th Belgian Organic Synthesis Symposium, BOSS XIII

Broad range of timely subjects in organic chemistry given by established organic chemists.
July 15–20, 2012; Leuven, Belgium
www.boss13.org

ICCE-ECRICE 2012

ICCE: 22nd International Conference on Chemical Education
ECRICE: 11th European Conference on Research in Chemical Education
Simulating Reflection and Catalysing Change in Chemistry Education
July 15–20, 2012; Rome, Italy
<http://www.iccecrice2012.org>

Microfluidics 2012 (EMBL Conference Series)

Microfluidics is a quickly growing, highly interdisciplinary field at the interface of physics, engineering, chemistry and biology.
July 25–27, 2012; Heidelberg, Germany
<http://www.embl.de/training/events/2012/MCF12-01/>

LECTURES**Société Chimique de Genève**

Auditoire A100, Université de Genève, Sciences II, Quai E.
Ansermet 30, Genève
Lundi, 17.30 h

4.6.2012

Prof. *Joseph Gal*
University of Colorado Hospital
Clinical Laboratories, USA
‘The triumph and tragedy of a chemical invention – Fritz Haber and the morality of science’

**Departement Chemie der Universität Basel
Anorganische und Organische Chemie**

Departement Chemie, Universität Basel, St. Johannis-Ring 19,
CH-4056 Basel
Donnerstags

31.5.2012

17.30 h
Kleiner Hörsaal
Organische Chemie

Basler Chemische Gesellschaft
Prof. Dr. *William L. Jorgensen*
Yale University, New Haven, CO,
USA
‘Efficient drug discovery guided by biomolecular modeling’

7.6.2012

14.00 h
Grösser Hörsaal
Organische Chemie

Minisymposium der SCS
SCS / Division of Medicinal
Chemistry
‘Epigenetic Targets: New opportunities for medicinal chemistry’

**Departement für Chemie und Biochemie der
Universität Bern
Anorganische, Analytische und Physikalische
Chemie**

Hörsaal S481, Freiestrasse 3, 3012 Bern
Donnerstag, 11.15 h

31.5.2012

Prof. Dr. *Gerd Meyer*
Institut für Anorganische Chemie,
Universität zu Köln, D
‘Rare-Earth Metal Cluster
Complexes with Endohedral
Atoms’

Département de Chimie organique, Université de Genève

Auditoire A-100, Sciences II, Quai Ernest-Ansermet 30, Genève

31.5.2012
Jeudi
16.30 h

Dr. *Jonathan Nitschke*
University of Cambridge, UK
Title to be announced

7.6.2012
Jeudi
16.30 h

Dr. *Philippe Dauban*
Institut de Chimie des Substances Naturelles, F
Title to be announced

11.6.2012
Lundi
16.30 h

Prof. *Julius Rebek Jr.*
The Scripps Research Institute, USA
Title to be announced

18.6.2012
Lundi
16.30 h

Prof. *Zhenfeng Xi*
Peking University, China
'Reaction Chemistry of Organodithio Reagents'

Anorganisch-chemisches Institut der Universität Zürich

Hörsaal 19, Winterthurerstr. 190, Uni Zürich Irchel
Mittwoch, 16.30 h

20.6.2012

Prof. Dr. *Jacqueline Barton*
Caltech, Pasadena, USA
'DNA-mediated Redox Signaling'

Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften (ZHAW), Wädenswil

Institut für Chemie und Biologische Chemie (ICBC)
Campus Reidbach, Einsiedlerstrasse 31, Wädenswil

18–20.6.2012

Monday 9.15 h, Tuesday and Wednesday 8.30 h
ICBC-Workshop
International Summer Workshop 2012
'Start Up Your Own Chemical Company'
Target Audience: experienced chemistry students (BSc, MSc, PhD) and professionals who are interested in chemical entrepreneurship. Keynotes by speakers from Germany, Switzerland, and USA.
Contact: Claudia.Weller@zhaw.ch

21.6.2012
Thursday

9.30 h (registration)

ICBC-Symposium

4th Wädenswil Day of Chemistry
'Solar Energy – Chemical Solutions'

Sunlight is the most abundant and reliable source of energy available to humanity. In order to provide a truly widespread primary energy source, solar energy must be harvested, converted, and stored in a cost-effective manner. These three key steps require scientific and technological breakthroughs. Chemistry contributes to this development by creating new materials for capturing sunlight, converting light to electricity, enabling light-driven reactions, or increasing the long-term stability of solar cells. Keynotes from various experts in the field.

Novartis Chemistry Lectureship

Horburg Auditorium, WKL-430.320, Müllheimerstrasse 195, CH-4057 Basel
Wednesday, 10.30 h

6.6.2012

Prof. *Melanie S. Sanford*
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA
'New Palladium Catalyzed Reactions for Organic Synthesis'

20.6.2012

Prof. *Tomislav Rovis*
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, USA
'Ring-Forming Strategies in Asymmetric Catalysis'

Syngenta Chemistry Lectures

Syngenta Stein, WST-810-E-75, Schaffhauserstrasse, CH-4332 Stein
Thursday, 10.00 h

21.6.2012

Prof. *T. Soos*
Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary
Title to be announced