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## NEWS

**Novartis** may sell its multi-billion-dollar stake in cross-town rival **Roche**, potentially unlocking value for both sets of shareholders. Roche faces slowing growth as key medicines go off patent and sales of its hepatitis C drug Pegasys decline. It could seize the chance to offer shareholders a sweetener in the form of a buyback. Vasella built up the holding between 2001 and 2003 with the aim of merging the firms into one super Swiss pharma company. But, meeting resistance, he kept the stake as an investment and said selling it would be very short-term thinking. The rise in Roche's valuation has put the group out of reach of Novartis as a takeover target. The holding, 6.2% of Roche's total share capital and a one-third voting stake, also gives exposure to any upside potential in Roche's pipeline.

**Clariant** and SK Capital, a private investment firm with a disciplined focus on the specialty materials, chemicals and healthcare sectors, provided an update on the separation process of Textile Chemicals, Paper Specialties and Emulsions. Clariant announced that it agreed to sell the three businesses to SK Capital on 27 December 2012. After closing of the transaction, the three businesses will be regrouped under a new company with the name of Archroma. Archroma will be a supplier of products and solutions to the textile, paper, adhesives and coating industries with a turnover of CHF 1.2 billion and approximately 3,000 employees. The company will be headquartered in Switzerland, which will also host the leadership of Archroma Paper Solutions. Archroma Textile Specialties will be managed from Singapore and Archroma Emulsions Products will be managed from Brazil.

## CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA

### Electroanalysis at the Nanoscale: Faraday Discussion 164

01.07.2013–03.07.2013

Durham (United Kingdom)

Electrochemistry at the nanoscale is closely linked to interfacial chemistry at the solid-liquid, liquid-liquid phases, material sciences and condensed matter physics.

<http://www.rsc.org/ConferencesAndEvents/RSCConferences/FD164>

### 5th Eurovariety in Chemistry Education Conference 'Smarter Teaching – Better Learning'

03.07.2013–05.07.2013

Limerick (Ireland)

This conference, run under the auspices of the EuCheMS Division of Chemical Education and the RSC Higher Education Group, is concerned with the teaching and learning of Chemistry at university and college level.

<http://www.eurovariety2013.ul.ie/>

### RICT 2013 – Drug Discovery and Selection – When Chemical Biology Meets Drug Design

03.07.2013–05.07.2013

Campus Saint-Jean d'Angély of the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, Nice (France)

The scientific programme, which will include over 25 plenary lectures by internationally well-known scientists, will focus on 'Drug Discovery and Selection – When Chemical Biology meets Drug Design', covering all main stages of modern drug discovery.

<http://www.rict2013.org/>

### 8th International Conference on the Environmental Effects of Nanoparticles and Nanomaterials

03.07.2013–05.07.2013

Aix-en-Provence (France)

This conference will be the place for an interdisciplinary audience to present and discuss current research on these issues.

<http://www.nano-environment2013.org/>

### 6th International Congress of Chemistry and Environment ICCE 2013

06.07.2013–08.07.2013

Antwerpen (Belgium)

ICCE-2013 will be a major forum for international researchers and professionals to present their latest research, results and ideas in all areas of Chemical Sciences, Land Pollution and Air Pollution.

<http://www.chemenviron.net/>

### 19th European Symposium on Polymer Spectroscopy (ESOPS19)

07.07.2013–11.07.2013

Prague (Czech Republic)

The scope of this bi-annual meeting ranges from theoretical and fundamental aspects to recent advances and novel developments in characterization and analysis of polymers.

<http://www.imc.cas.cz/sympo/pmm2013/>

### 18th European Symposium on Organic Chemistry

07.07.2013–12.07.2013

Institut des Sciences Moléculaires de Marseille, Marseille (France)

The intention of this conference is to emphasize the multidisciplinary character of cutting-edge organic chemistry and, accordingly, to put together academics, industrials and students from different branches of the field.

<http://esoc2013.eu/>

### 17th International Zeolite Conference

07.07.2013–12.07.2013

Moscow (Russia)

The Conference will cover all aspects of the science and technology associated with ordered porous materials – zeolites, zeotypes, mesostructured materials and porous hybrid solids (MOFs).

<http://izc17.com/>

**Analytical Research Forum 2013**

08.07.2013–10.07.2013

University of Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire (United Kingdom)

The annual Analytical Research Forum (ARF) is the premier Analytical Science meeting of the RSC. The meeting is primarily for early-stage analytical science researchers (industrial scientists, PhD students and postdoctoral fellows) to present their latest results in the context of the wider analytical science community.

<http://www.rsc.org/ConferencesAndEvents/RSCConferences/ARF13/>

**11th International Conference on Materials Chemistry (MC11)**

08.07.2013–11.07.2013

Warwick (United Kingdom)

The 'MC' conference series has provided a showcase for materials chemistry for two decades, and is the flagship event of the RSC's Materials Chemistry Division.

<http://www.rsc.org/conferencesandevents/rscconferences/mc11/>

**World Congress «The Frontiers in Intelligent Data and Signal Analysis DSA 2013»**

13.07.2013–25.07.2013

New York (United States of America)

The Congress will feature three International Conferences, five workshops, tutorials and special sessions.

<http://www.worldcongressdsa.com>

**International Conference on Advanced Complex Inorganic Nanomaterials**

15.07.2013–19.07.2013

Namur (Belgium)

The aim of this meeting is to offer an update of recent innovations in both fundamental and applied aspects and to highlight the latest advances and progress in the field of inorganic nanomaterials (inorganics, ceramics, hybrids and bio-inspired materials).

<http://www.fundp.ac.be/acin2013>

**Redox Modulation Of Health And Disease: From Inorganic Chemistry to Transnational Medicine**

20.07.2013–22.07.2013

Erlangen (Germany)

This conference will focus on latest developments of redox active metal-based compounds as therapeutics as well as diagnostic and bio-imaging tools.

<http://chemie.uni-erlangen.de/mric-conference/information/home>

**Tropospheric Aerosol – Formation, Transformation, Fate and Impacts: Faraday Discussion 165**

22.07.2013–24.07.2013

Leeds (United Kingdom)

Reducing uncertainties in the role of suspended particulate material in the atmosphere is critical for addressing a number of problems of major current concern. Direct and indirect radiative forcing (the ability of aerosol particles to affect the Earth's radiation budget) each carry larger uncertainties than all other agents of climate change.

<http://www.rsc.org/conferencesandevents/rscconferences/fd165/>

**23rd International Symposium: Synthesis in Organic Chemistry**

22.07.2013–25.07.2013

Oxford (United Kingdom)

The Synthesis in Organic Chemistry Symposium traditionally provides an international showcase for the core area of organic chemistry – synthesis – covering all aspects of contemporary

organic synthesis and providing a forum for the ever more exciting methodologies and strategies that continue to emerge.

<http://www.rsc.org/conferencesandevents/rscconferences/os23/>

**2nd International Conference on Biological and Life Sciences (ICBLS 2013)**

27.07.2013–28.07.2013

SK Royal Hotel, Moscow (Russia)

The aim of the ICBLS conference series is to provide a forum for laying the foundations of a new principled approach to Biological and Life Sciences.

<http://www.icbils.org/>

**OMCOS 17**

28.07.2013–01.08.2013

Fort Collins, Colorado (United States of America)

Organometallic Chemistry Directed Towards Organic Synthesis

<http://www.omcos17.com>

**11th International Conference on Mercury as a Global Pollutant**

28.07.2013–02.08.2013

Edinburgh (United Kingdom)

To this end, the conference will promote discussion on some of the questions that are likely to arise in 2013 and beyond.

<http://www.mercury2013.com/>

**IUPAC – 47th General Assembly & 44th World Chemistry Congress**

08.08.2013–16.08.2013

Istanbul Convention &amp; Exhibition Centre (ICEC), Istanbul (Turkey)

Main topic: 'Clean Energy Through Chemistry'

<http://www.iupac2013.org>

**10th International Conference on Advanced Polymers via Macromolecular Engineering (APME-2013)**

18.08.2013–22.08.2013

Durham University, Durham (United Kingdom)

The focus of the meeting will be on recent advances in polymer chemistry, polymer synthesis and polymer characterisation

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/soft.matter/apme2013/>

**XVII Euroanalysis, the European Conference on Analytical Chemistry**

25.08.2013–29.08.2013

Warsaw (Poland)

17th edition of Euroanalysis, the European Conference on Analytical Chemistry.

<http://www.euroanalysis2013.pl/>

**8th Congress of the International Society of Theoretical Chemical Physics (ISTCP-VIII)**

25.08.2013–31.08.2013

Budapest Congress Center, Budapest (Hungary)

The ISTCP-VIII Congress will deal with several aspects of Theoretical Chemical Physics including methodological and algorithmic developments in quantum chemistry, electronic structure theory, evaluation of molecular properties, applied quantum chemistry, molecular mechanics, nuclear motion in molecules, chemical reactions, statistical mechanics, ...

<http://coulson.chem.elte.hu/istcp8/>

**Micro'2013 – 5th International Symposium on Advanced Micro- and Mesoporous Materials**

06.09.2013–09.09.2013

Golden Sands (Bulgaria)

<http://micro2013.innoslab.com>**17th RSC / SCI Medicinal Chemistry Symposium**

08.09.2013–11.09.2013

Cambridge (United Kingdom)

<http://www.maggichurchousevents.co.uk/BMCS/>**Mesostructure and Dynamics in Liquids and Solutions: Faraday Discussion 167**

18.09.2013–20.09.2013

Bristol (United Kingdom)

<http://www.rsc.org/ConferencesAndEvents/RSCConferences/FD167/index.asp>**Frost4, 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Frontiers in Organic Synthesis Technology**

16.10.2013–18.10.2013

Budapest (Hungary)

<http://www.frostconferences.com>**LECTURES**

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**Université Genève, Chimie organique**

Auditoire A-100, Sciences II

04.07.2013

16.30 h

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'Tröger's Base Chemistry with a Twist'