



THE LIFE SCIENCES REVOLUTION RESTARTS AT DRUG DISCOVERY 2022

— WILL YOU BE THERE?

Our **free flagship annual Drug Discovery meeting** — renowned for its networking opportunities and high calibre of scientific programme — is now in its 16th year.

This year's meeting will be held **in-person, from 4–5th October at the ExCel in London** — a city at the heart of European life sciences innovation. And, it's going to be bigger and better than ever. (Having welcomed over 1,000 of you last year, we know that's a bold claim.)

For Drug Discovery 2022, our focus is on the growing life sciences revolution, advanced in no small way by the unprecedented scientific progress made during the COVID-19 pandemic. By joining us this year, you'll have the opportunity to hear from world-leading experts, build new networks, and foster fruitful collaborations, all the while discovering the latest advancements in topics spanning screening, automation, high content imaging, disease models, and cell and gene therapies. But that's not all.

We've also partnered with the **British Pharmacology Society (BPS)**, the **Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS)**, and the **Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)** to bring you an even broader mix of topics and speakers on all aspects of drug discovery research.

We're excited. But if you aren't yet, here are **5 reasons why you really can't afford to miss Drug Discovery 2022**.

ACCESS THE IDEAS AND RESEARCH DRIVING A LIFE SCIENCES REVOLUTION

Across the two-day event, you'll learn about the latest path-shaping research, technologies, and approaches in drug discovery, all to keep you at the forefront of knowledge while uncovering new opportunities to streamline your own drug discovery efforts.

We've put together **eight insight-packed tracks** for you to immerse yourself in, delivered by experts at leading organizations — from the Crick Institute to AstraZeneca and GlaxoSmithKline.

Join us and learn about:

- Overcoming Challenges and New Directions in Medicinal Chemistry
- High Content Imaging (HCI) in Drug Discovery
- Cell & Gene Therapy
- Drug Discovery and Development in COPD
- Innovation through partnership
- Frontiers of Chemistry applied to Drug Discovery
- Developments in Preclinical Models
- Advancements in Screening and Automation

For each track, you'll get the chance to engage directly with the speakers through Q&A sessions, providing a unique opportunity to tap into a rich source of industry knowledge.

ENGAGE WITH THE LATEST TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

Looking to optimize your research with novel technologies? Then Drug Discovery 2022 is the place to be. 120 vendors will fill our exhibition hall to give you hands-on access to the latest instruments and technologies for drug discovery.

And even better, via the SLAS-sponsored 'Innovation AveNEW,' you will also see companies present new and emerging technologies! What technologies will you find that could advance your research? You can immerse yourself even further at ELRIG's Tech Theatre, supported by **Drug Discovery World**, where there will be unique content and workshops sharing best practices and top tips on applying the latest technologies.

With so many solutions on offer, you're bound to find something that can help you overcome that persistent stumbling block in your research or product development.

SHARE YOUR WORK, BE RECOGNIZED, AND RAISE YOUR PROFILE

At Drug Discovery 2022, you can contribute directly to the life science revolution by sharing your own research. **Submit your research poster abstract** by September 05 (free of charge) for review by the meeting Scientific Program Committee, and you could be awarded one of two poster prizes: Best Early Career Professional (ECP) Poster or Best General Poster. Winners will be announced on the last day of the conference, where they will receive a £250 cash prize for their lab or favourite charity.

Across the two days, delegates can also get involved in panel discussions, roundtables and hackathons, covering topics such as standardising lab system communications, the latest challenges in industrial pharmacology, and equality, diversity, and inclusion in the life sciences.

PROPEL YOUR CAREER WITH IN-DEPTH WORKSHOPS

The Drug Discovery meeting has always had a strong focus on early career researcher development. This year, it's no different. You can partake in a host of free Career Development Workshops ranging from panel discussions on founding a biotech start-up company to our popular 'Network like a Boss' session. Here you'll learn first-hand how to effectively network in a supportive environment, helping you open new doors and unlock exciting opportunities in the drug discovery industry.

But there's no pressure — you can always just meet with fellow early career researchers for an informal chat and a Danish!

Using the **conference app**, you can keep track of all these events, and connect directly with other attendees, easily. So, whether you're a post-doc, postgraduate, or early career researcher, don't miss this chance to meet knowledgeable mentors face-to-face, gain insight into the big picture of drug discovery, and positively shape your future.

"I attended previous Drug Discovery conferences, as I was looking to move from academia to a life sciences industry role," says Mark Soave, Senior Scientist at OMass Therapeutics and ELRIG Board Member. "I was amazed by the sheer number of networking opportunities at the meeting. These informal chats have helped me progress my career to where I am now — working with one of the UK's pre-eminent biotech companies!"

RAPIDLY GROW A CROSS-SECTOR NETWORK

As an in-person event, Drug Discovery 2022 provides a great chance to network. And what better professional life sciences event to network in than Europe's most well-attended?

Delegates come from all sectors of the drug discovery community, including industry and academia, as well as from other domains, such as investment firms, government agencies, and the media. Such diversity of attendees means you can better explore cross-sector applications of your and others' research, absorb knowledge that could help you better achieve your scientific or commercial goals, or lay the foundations for a prosperous new career step, **like Jennifer Mitchell and Claire Kelly**.

We'd hate for you to miss such a rewarding opportunity to learn, collaborate, and advance both science and your career. Join us and 2,000 industry experts at this year's Drug Discovery 2022.

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