

## SMi Opens Registration for 13th annual conference on Drug Design

Advances and Progress in Drug Design, 17th and 18th February 2014, London UK. Delivering practical solutions to drug discovery challenges

LONDON, LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, October 11, 2013 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SMi Group are proud to announce that registration for the 13th annual Advances and Progress in <a href="Drug Design">Drug Design</a> conference is now open.

Advances and Progress in Drug Design 2014 will build on the success of previous events and bring together a unique mix of senior executives from all over industry and academia providing attendees with a forum for problem solving discussion and debate.

Previous installments received positive feedback from the industry including, "Well selected talks, stimulating atmosphere" – Sanofi, "Very good interactive meeting, overall excellent" – Pfizer and "a very good meeting – right number of people" - AstraZeneca



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Dr György Miklós Keserű

The early bird expires on the 31st October - To book a place and save £300 please <u>click here</u>.

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Dr György Miklós Keserű, Director General from the Research Centre for Natural Sciences in Hungary, who will be speaking at the event recently stated:

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"It has a long tradition for SMi organizing Advances and Progress in Drug Design that is a high-level, well-organized event dedicated to actual challenges and potential solutions of rational drug design. Participants representing

both big and mid-pharma companies, biotech organizations, software providers as well as academia enjoy the informal atmosphere of the meeting that provides excellent networking opportunities."

## OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

John Mathias, Head of Medicinal Chemistry - Inflammation & Remodelling, Pfizer Sudharsan Sridharan, Scientist, MedImmune

Tom Heightman, Senior Director, Astex Pharmaceuticals

Amaury Ernesto Fernandez-Montalvan, Lab Head, High Throughput Screening, Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals

Karl-Heinz Baringhaus, Site Director, R&D Frankfurt, Sanofi-Aventis Andreas Kuglstatter, Principle Scientist, Roche Chemische Unternehmungen AG Dr Neil Press, Director, Novartis

Paul Labute, CEO, Chemical Computing Group

Andrea Bortolato, Senior Computational Chemistry, Heptares Therapeutics Paul Brennan, Group Head/PI, Nuffield Department of Medicine

Click here to view the full speaker line-up

Plus attend the two post conference interactive workshops:

Fragment-Based Approach to Lead Discover: Applications and Issues Workshop Leader: Lee Walmsley, Senior Team Leader, Medicinal Chemistry, Vernalis 08:00 - 12:30 | 19th February 2014, Marriott Regents Park Hotel, London UK

Chemically Modified Biologicals
Workshop Leader: Dr Andrew McElroy, CEO, The Research Network

13:00 - 17:30 | 19th February 2014, Marriott Regents Park Hotel, London UK

The conference will aim to:

- Analyse the pharma industry's current and future drug design strategies and discuss the challenges the industry is currently facing
- Explore the latest approaches in structure-based drug design
- Evaluate lead optimisation strategies
- Consider the latest in fragment based drug discovery as the future of drug design
- · Link HTS and FBDD examining alternative approaches in drug discovery
- Provide peer to peer networking with two morning coffee breaks, two networking lunches, two
  afternoon tea sessions and a networking drinks reception hosted by Chemical Computing
  Group.

Don't miss the chance to become a part of this respected conference series, bringing together academia, KOL's and leading experts from across the industry. The early bird expires on the 31st October so those interested are advised to register today to save £300.

To book today and for more information please visit www.drug-design.co.uk

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