

## ADC Summit | Exclusive Interview Photobiotics

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, April 17, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In the run up to SMi's 3rd annual <u>ADC Summit</u>, SMi Group Ltd would like to thank conference speaker, Dr Mahendra Deonarain, for taking time out to give us his views on the conference, challenges facing the industry and the future of ADC's.

Dr Mahendra Deonarain, Chief Scientific Officer from Photobiotics will be presenting at this year summit alongside a panel of ADC industry leaders including Ablynx, Polytherics, MedImmune, Genetech, Spirogen, Pfizer plus many more. His presentation entitled: Antibody Fragment ADC's, will include updates on the use of single chain Fvs and payloads.



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When questioned on the biggest challenges and importance of antibody fragment ADC's, Dr Deonarain stated,

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antibody carrier."

When asked to give a reason why key players in the ADC industry should attend the summit, he commented:

"The ADC summit will have representatives from all the innovators in the field and allow you to benchmark your own technology as well as bounce ideas off people in an informal setting. London is a world-class hub for biotech innovation, especially in bioconjugation technologies and ADCs. "

The full interview can be read in the event download centre at www.adcsummit.com

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PhotoBiotics Ltd is a multidisciplinary company spun out from Imperial College London to explore ways of targeting drugs directly to tumours, thus enhancing the efficacy of cancer treatment while also reducing fragments. Counter-intuitively, OptiLink allows far higher drug loadings on antibody fragments than normally achieved with whole monoclonal antibodies. The PhotoBiotics' R&D team has already succeeded data in various orthotopic and xenograft models, and has a product ready to enter preclinical toxicology/clinical development. The Company is now exemplifying how OptiLink has utility across a wide range of other ADC applications, including the targeted delivery of conventional cytotoxic drugs and MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) contrast agents.

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