

Nano4Life 6th Annual Conference & Exhibition

Converging Nanotechnology with the Life Science Industry

5th March 2014, Royal Academy of Engineering, London

SPEAKER PROFILES

KEYNOTE

Prof Mike Eaton, Vice Chair Working Group, Nanotherapeutics, Nanomedicine European Technology Platform

Biography: Mike Eaton has worked in research in the Pharma industry for more than 35 years. Initially at GD Searle, where he built the first synthetic gene for Urogastrone and sequenced human fibroblast interferon. He was a founding member of Celltech in 1980; later acquired by UCB. He has worked on a number of marketed drugs - Mylotarg in 2000, the first Antibody drug conjugate and certolizumab pegol in 2009, the first PEGylated antibody. Unusually he has worked with both small molecules and large molecules, including DNA. He built the first automated DNA synthesiser in Europe, which is now owned by the Science Museum in London. This machine was used for the first cloning of pre-prochymosin, a key ingredient in cheesemaking. He has worked on low molecular weight drugs including the first non-emetic PDEIV inhibitor. Mike is a special professor at Nottingham University and has been an executive board member of the European Technology Platform for Nanomedicine, since its inception in 2005. He left UCB in February 2010 and is now a strategic and technical adviser to a number of companies. His particular interest is commercial translation of nanotechnology research to nanomedicines – medicines to help patients.

Horizon 2020 - Funding Opportunities

Dr Octavio Pernas, EU UK National Contact Point for Health

Biography: Octavio has a strong background in Life Sciences, with a PhD in Veterinary Medicine, with specific emphasis in pharmacology developed at the University of Santiago (Spain). He has previous experience as an innovation consultant and has an extensive network of European contacts within the health sector. He has worked for both private and public sector clients, helping them to find the best European research and development funding opportunities, with a special focus in the previous Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and the new Horizon 2020 programme. Octavio is the National Contact Point for the Horizon 2020 Health, demographic change and well-being challenge, supporting UK entities interested in EU funding.



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