

# SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT



## The BMCS Mastering MedChem VIII: 8<sup>th</sup> RSC-BMCS Symposium on Mastering Medicinal Chemistry

**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2024**  
**BURLINGTON HOUSE, LONDON, UK**

# Synopsis

Mastering Medicinal Chemistry VIII is the latest in an ongoing series of conferences intended to provide expert advice and guidance to new practitioners in the field of drug discovery. It has been said that “there are two types of drug discovery programmes: those that hit serious problems and those that are going to hit serious problems”. Anticipating and preparing for such problems thus accelerates the delivery of new medicines: this event will feature presentations from experienced ‘drug-hunters’ in both industry and academia, who will talk about the challenges faced in modern drug discovery, and will share best practice common to all successful medicinal chemists.

## Programme

10:00	Registration and refreshments	14:00	<i>What a chemist needs to know about CNS drug discovery</i> <b>Nadia Ahmad</b> , Charles River Laboratories
10:25	Opening remarks <b>Asier Unciti-Broceta</b> , University of Edinburgh Session Chair: <b>Arasu Ganesan</b> , University of East Anglia	14:45	Refreshments, exhibition and posters Session Chair: <b>Helen Aylott</b> , Redx Pharma
10:30	<i>Leveraging medicinal chemistry to develop sustainable drugs</i> <b>Maria Laura Bolognesi</b> , Università di Bologna, Italy	15:15	<i>Understanding chemical space for building block diversity</i> <b>Francesco Rianjongdee</b> , GSK
11:15	<i>Selective Estrogen Receptor Degraders (SERDs): Failure, Success and Lessons Learned</i> <b>Jamie Scott</b> , AstraZeneca	16:00	<i>Next generation utrophin modulators for Duchenne muscular dystrophy: learning from clinical set backs</i> <b>Angela Russell</b> , University of Oxford
12:00	<i>Postgrad Talk 1</i>	16:45	Closing remarks <b>Asier Unciti-Broceta</b> , University of Edinburgh
12:07	<i>Postgrad Talk 2</i>		Drinks reception
12:15	Lunch, exhibition and poster session Session Chair: <b>Andrew Stachulski</b> , University of Liverpool		
13:15	<i>Mitigating Metabolism-dependent toxicity in preclinical drug discovery/development</i> <b>Amit Kalgutkar</b> , Pfizer		

## Exhibition and Sponsorship

Those companies wishing to exhibit should apply early to avoid disappointment as space will be limited. Sponsors are encouraged to support this event, which will help us to offer inexpensive registration fees to young chemists.



## Organising Committee

Helen Aylott, Redx Pharma (Treasurer), Rose Bardell-Cox, Evotec, Arasu Ganesan, University of East Anglia, Andrew Stachulski, University of Liverpool, Asier Unciti-Broceta, University of Edinburgh (Chair)



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