



FLUOR21 ITN Bulletin No.5 May 2016

Dear *FLUOR21 ITN* members,

Now that summer is approaching, we are publishing the fifth of our Network Bulletins to keep you informed of upcoming events and the progress of the Network. We will also update the website (<http://www.fluor21.eu/>) with Network information and news so please send any news highlights for inclusion on the FLUOR21 webpage to Beth Corcoran (beth.corcoran@ucd.ie).

FLUOR21 Reporting

We're delighted to announce that at the end of April 2016, as per our schedule, we submitted our Periodic Review to the EU. This review marks the midpoint in our Network lifecycle (M24) and is a condition of our funding. We would like to thank all our partners for their cooperation in compiling all the data that was required for this review.

Secondments

I know that ESRs/ERs are looking forward to their secondments which will take place in 2016. These secondments will be taking place in the second half of 2016 and provide ESRs/ERs with an exciting opportunity to expand their research techniques and approaches in a new and supportive environment. We are currently putting the final touches to our schedule of secondments and I'm sure they will present each ESR/ER with another exciting challenge in the Network.

FLUOR21 ITN 2nd AGM & GRK1582, 23rd – 25th November

Our 2nd AGM is scheduled to take place in FUB, Berlin, Germany on the 23rd November 2016. We will combine this AGM with a GRK1582 (Fluorine as a Key Element group at FUB, Berlin) event which will take place at the same time in Berlin (November 24th – 25th). More details will follow on this event over the summer as we put together a schedule for the trip.

FLUOR21 ITN 2nd AGM & GRK1582 Event, November 2016, Berlin, Germany

AGM & Event details to follow soon.

All ESRs and ERs are contractually obliged to participate in the AGM.

Upcoming events are also highlighted on the webpage - <http://www.fluor21.eu/newsandevents.html>

Network Events : Review

FLUOR21 ITN 4th Scientific Research Workshop, 20th – 22nd April 2016, University College Dublin, Ireland

4th Scientific Research Workshop

Our 4th Scientific Research Workshop took place at the end of April in University College Dublin, Ireland.

This workshop consisted of a series of lectures which discussed Biosynthesis and ¹⁹F NMR techniques in Chemical Biology. Our guest speakers, Dr Simon Lewis, University of Bath, and Prof. Robert Konrat, University of Vienna along with Dr. Cormac Murphy, University College Dublin made presentations on Biocatalysis with fluorine, Why YOU should do biocatalysis, Addressing Complexity in Molecular Structural Biology & Drug Development.



ESRs were given another opportunity to participate in some peer to peer teaching. This exercise saw ESRs present a relevant scientific paper to their peers. It was great to see how the team's presentation skills have evolved over the course of the last 18 months.

Almac Site Visit

The workshop also included a very successful site visit to our industry partner, Almac, in Northern Ireland. Scott Wharry and Derek Quinn from Almac provided the Network with a tour of the Almac facility and a lecture on Biocats.



After the workshops, I know that many of our team took the opportunity to visit the city of Belfast before returning to Dublin for their flights home.

Network administration

Beth Corcoran (beth.corcoran@ucd.ie), our research administrator, is based in University College Dublin. If you have any queries regarding the project, please feel free to contact her.

Best wishes
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