



FLUOR21 ITN Bulletin No.3

Dear *FLUOR21 ITN* members,

We hope that you are all well and that you had a pleasant summer!

This is the third of our 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).

Welcome

Since our last bulletin, Ms. Ana Rita Fernandes (anna.sp891@gmail.com) joined the FLUOR21 Network (April 1st) as an ESR with Prof. Beate Kokschi in FU-Berlin, Germany. I know many of you had the opportunity to meet her in Durham in April.

Also, Mate Somlyay (somlyaymate91@gmail.com) joined the Network on August 1st. He is working with Prof. Robert Konrat at the University of Vienna in Austria. We look forward to meeting Mate at our upcoming conference in Dublin!

Finally, Thomas Cogswell commenced his position as ER with our industry partner, AstraZeneca, on September 1st. We wish Thomas a very warm welcome to the ITN.

FLUOR21 ITN 2nd Transferrable Skills Workshop & Network AGM 16th – 18th September, 2015, Dublin, Ireland

Of course, our next Transferable Skills Workshop is taking place in Dublin in mid-September. The training workshop will focus on our written and oral communication skills, as well effective dissemination of scientific results to media, general audiences, industry and policy makers. Cormac Murphy (University College Dublin, Ireland) and Graham Sandford (Durham University, UK) will also make a presentation to ESRs regarding funding applications.

Our 1st AGM will also take place in Dublin in September which will give us the opportunity to acknowledge the progress we are making in meeting our commitment to the Marie Curie project.

FLUOR21 ITN 3rd Research Training Meeting and EU Midterm Review Meeting 23rd – 25th November, 2015, Muenster, Germany

Details to follow soon.

All ESRs, ERs, supervisors and industrial contacts all contractually obliged to participate in this event.

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

Network Events : Review

FLUOR21 ITN 1st Research Training Workshop 27th – 31st January, 2015, UOCHB Prague, Czech Republic

In January, all ESRs met in Prague for the 1st Network Training Workshop. Students gave presentations on a series of background topics *related* to their Fluor21 projects, and described their research aims and opportunities for collaborations within the Fluor21 Network.



This was the first opportunity for all ESRs to present their project aims/opportunities/results and practice communication skills. Industry and academic leaders also gave a series of lectures on the following aspects case studies of applications of fluorine in medicinal chemistry, the fluorinase enzyme and PET techniques.

FLUOR21 ITN 2nd Research Training Workshop & RSC Fluorine Conference 14th – 18th April, 2015, University of Durham, UK

Industry and Academic professionals provided ESRs with detailed information regarding techniques, literature, application of green metrics and use of elemental fluorine and related reagents in organic chemistry. ESRs were also briefed on safety use techniques. A practical course on the construction of metal gas lines for use with fluorine gas and other gaseous reagents gave ESRs experience of experimental design and equipment selection. The event also included a trip to the Swagelok factory in Teeside. While in Durham, ESRs also had the opportunity to discuss and update their Career Development Plans individually with Dr Cormac Murphy, Dr Steven Cobb or Prof Graham Sandford.

The workshops were followed by the 15th RSC Fluorine Chemistry Group Postgraduate Symposium.

Network administration

Beth Corcoran, 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
Professor Graham Sandford
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