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## NZBio Events Update

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### NZBIO EVENTS UPDATE 28 FEBRUARY

The **Scale-Up Manufacturing Workshop** held last Thursday at Villa Maria Estate, Auckland was a huge success. Over 60 industry delegates from companies, Crown Research Institutes and a smattering of Government Agencies from Auckland to Nelson and beyond attended the event. The Workshop provided the opportunity for service providers and potential customers to listen to multiple companies and CRIs elaborate on their capabilities and the common pitfalls in Scale Up and Contract Manufacturing. Many took away valuable lessons in the issues that need to be thought of when taking your technology from the lab-bench through to pilot scale and eventually commercial manufacturing. A few of the many highlights were;

- Dr Bob Chew, President, Commissioning Agents, Indianapolis, gave a whirlwind but enlightening overview of recent changes in the FDA attitude to Quality in scale up and contract manufacture. Bob's talk succinctly distilled the need for companies to engage early with the regulator and drive the process rather than be driven by it.
- Dr Jane Eagleson, Argenta Head of Clinical Development, gave a firsthand account of the set up and workings of a contract manufacturing company client relationship and the factors that make a relationship work and indeed flourish. Jane's insights gleaned from having clients including some of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies down to two person "virtual" companies were invaluable to the attendees. The term "Communicate, communicate, communicate" was mentioned more than once!
- Michael Sage, Partner of Simpson Grierson managed in his 30 minute presentation to highlight the great majority of legal pitfalls in the Contract Manufacturing relationship and he encouraged companies considering the process to seek advice early to enable planning and preparation for a successful collaboration.

Overall, the general consensus was that the workshop was a valuable day out of the office!

### NZBIO 2011 Annual Conference Only 3 Weeks Away

The NZBIO 2011 Conference is **only three weeks away!**

If you have not registered - there is still time! Registrations **close 5.00pm Friday 18 March**. Make sure you get in and register for the best life sciences conference New Zealand has to offer.

For more information [click here](#)

### NZBIO 2011 Conference Satellite Event - Commercialising Technology through Licensing Workshop

NZBIO is pleased to announce that the workshop "**Commercialising Technology through Licensing**" will be run as a satellite event at the NZBIO 2011 Conference. The event will be organised to run on Thursday 24 & Friday 24 March at the **Langham Hotel, Auckland**.

Do you want to learn how to extract the best value from a technology product or process that your company is developing? Attend this workshop and gain insights from the experts on what considerations should be taken into account when formulating a licensing strategy for extracting value from innovation. Listen to senior partners from James & Wells which has taken out the 2009 and 2010 NZ Law Awards for Intellectual Property Law.

Further information about the programme, or to **register for this workshop** please see the [NZBIO](#)

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## **NZTE Business Partnering**

**NZTE Business Partnering is now open!** Make sure you capitalise on this unique opportunity and register online today.

The NZTE Business Partnering Service is a great way to increase your profile within the industry by requesting appointments with other delegates and companies attending NZBIO 2010. These meetings can be 30 or 60 minutes long.

For more information [click here](#)

## **NZBIO Annual Excellence Awards Dinner**

The 2011 NZBIO Annual Excellence Awards Dinner, sponsored by **AgResearch** will be held on **Tuesday 22 March at the Hilton Hotel Auckland.**

Make sure you purchase your ticket for a chance to this premium networking event and a chance to see the recipients of the NZBIO 2011 Annual Excellence Awards.

If you have already registered for the conference and forgot to purchase your ticket, contact [Kirsty Jehle](#) directly to arrange your ticket.

## **AusBiotech 2011 Call for Abstracts**

AusBiotech is now calling for session and speaker proposals from AusBiotech members and the broader biotechnology industry for the AusBiotech 2011 national conference.

The AusBiotech national conference offers a variety of topics in the general, human health, agricultural/industrial, investment/business sectors and other areas that are pertinent to the biotechnology industry with approximately 40 education sessions. A majority of these sessions are organised by biotech professionals and leaders through our "Call for Papers" application process.

Last year's conference program featured 174 speakers, including 47 international speakers. The diverse program was very well received by delegates who attended and experience a remarkable showcase of national and international representatives sharing their knowledge across all biotechnology focussed industry sectors

For more information [click here](#)

## **2011 Science and Innovation in Education Forum**

New Zealand's future hinges on our ability to prepare our next generation, to harness their creativity, dynamism and insight. This kind of innovation however isn't born in the boardroom or on the factory floor. It doesn't begin in a basement workshop or a research laboratory. That's where the payoff happens. It starts long before. It starts in a classroom.

This forum aims to unite the best minds and innovators from Government, Education Institutions, CRIs, Industry Bodies and Businesses from across key sectors to focus our minds on the key issues that will influence the future direction of New Zealand. View the programme [online](#) to get a sense of the 3 key areas this forum will focus on.