

Welcome to the August 2013 [SMSdrug.net](http://SMSdrug.net) Newsletter, a regular update on some of the initiatives within the Network. If you would like to highlight any news to our industrial and academic network please contact the network administrator [helen.feilden@strath.ac.uk](mailto:helen.feilden@strath.ac.uk)

#### **Dates for Diary**

**9<sup>th</sup> September 2013** Therapeutic Strategies Targeting the Spliceosome –this follow up meeting will take place at RSC Chemistry Centre in London. The focus will be on exploring potential therapeutic targets in RNA Splicing pathways which could be investigated using the techniques and expertise currently available within the UK RNA splicing research community. The meeting is supported by SMSdrug.net and the Biochemical Society.



**15<sup>th</sup> October 2013** Open Drug Discovery Event will take place at University of Strathclyde. This event is being held to celebrate the launch of the new Drug Discovery Portal web site and will be of interest to researchers in life sciences, informatics, and medicinal chemistry. To find out more about this free event and to register, please visit the [web page](#).

For more details of either of these events contact [Helen.feilden@strath.ac.uk](mailto:Helen.feilden@strath.ac.uk)

#### **Further Funding**

SMSdrug.net is part of a successful bid led by Stuart Forbes, Professor of Transplantation and Regenerative Medicine at the University of Edinburgh's for a MRC Centre for Regenerative Medicine (CRM): A hub for engineering and exploiting the stem cell niche.

The £4.5M research project, which will start later this year, will be carried out in collaboration with the University of Manchester, Imperial College London, University of Bristol, King's College London, University of Strathclyde, Keele University and the University of Cambridge.

For further details on the award see this [link](#)

#### **Collaboration**

Researchers at University of Strathclyde, who have been involved in the Allosteric Working Group, have announced a new partnership with [Serometrix](#) who are using SID technology that was developed at Strathclyde for drug discovery research. See this [Press Release](#) for further details.

#### **Publication**

This recent publication from John Spencer (University of Sussex) in collaboration with a Cambridge University team describes the synthesis of a small molecule chemical probe for studies in cancer as a p53 stabiliser.

Xiangrui Liu, Rainer Wilcken, Andreas C. Joerger, Irina S. Chuckowree, Jahangir Amin, John Spencer and Alan R. Fersht (2013) Small molecule induced reactivation of mutant p53 in cancer cells. [Nucl. Acids Res. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkt305](https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkt305)

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For more information and full details of our initiatives to bridge the gap between Chemistry and Biology please visit our [website](#), or contact the network administrator

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