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## Drug Discovery 2016 Scientific Conference Directors Announced

**York, UK – 28th July 2016.** Sanj Kumar, Chairman of the European Laboratory Research & Innovation Group (ELRIG), announced today, that two new Scientific Advisors would join the scientific committee to help organise the UK's largest and most successful Drug Discovery conference, which will take place at ACC, Liverpool on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2016.

"This is a very special year in that we are celebrating our 10 year anniversary of successfully running this meeting," Kumar stated. "To ensure we continue to provide cutting edge scientific content to our 7000 strong community, we are honoured to welcome two new members to the Scientific Committee: Dr Chas Bountra, Professor of Translational Medicine, University of Oxford and Head of the Structural Genomic Consortium in Oxford and Rachel Grimley, Director of Screening Sciences at AstraZeneca."

Dr Del Trezise, Director & European Site Head, Essen Bioscience and leader of the scientific committee commented, "I am delighted to be working with both Rachel and Chas. They both bring a wealth of experience and contacts within the academic and drug discovery community which will ensure that we provide the best scientific content we can across the most cutting edge areas of early drug discovery."

Drug Discovery is the UK's leading conference and networking event for scientific researchers and business people involved in the science of drug discovery. ELRIG has hosted this event successfully in a variety of locations, but for this special 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the event returns to a favourite venue at ACC in Liverpool.

"Del, Rachel and Chas are talented and knowledgeable leaders of the drug discovery industry," said Dr Liz Quinn, Scientific Director of ELRIG. "Their experience and strong scientific credibility has allowed us to create a strong scientific programme that showcases innovative technologies and new emerging cellular approaches that can be used to overcome drug development challenges. Providing such breadth and depth of science will make DD16 an unmissable event for all drug discovery scientists and suppliers who wish to promote their latest technologies to this market place and network with colleagues across the industry."

Drug Discovery 2016 is free to attend for delegates and over the two day event, ELRIG will host over 1000 delegates, 50 speakers in the 6 track scientific programme, 100 exhibitors and a poster display. New to this year's agenda, there will also be a series of core technologies workshops and vendor tutorials. To register or for further information visit the ELRIG website at: <http://elrig.org/portfolio/drug-discovery-2016/>

Follow ELRIG on Twitter (@ELRIG\_UK) and LinkedIn ([www.linkedin.com/groups/ELRIG-2951734](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/ELRIG-2951734)) for updates on this event, and more. The Twitter hashtag for Drug Discovery 2016 is #ELRIGDD16

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**Note to Editors:**

**About ELRIG** ([www.elrig.org](http://www.elrig.org))

ELRIG is a UK-based not-for-profit organisation that typically hosts 3 to 4 world-class meetings and conferences each year. ELRIG meetings are accessible to all delegates free-of-

charge. To meet our open-access aims, we cover the cost of staging our events through the contributions of the exhibitors and sponsors. We also support an open policy of collaboration with other well-established and respected professional societies to add both breadth and depth to our offering. With more than 7,000 life science professionals across the UK and Europe, our members include scientists, researchers, engineers, developers and business-people within academia, industry, government organisations and private institutes. ELRIG is located on the Sand Hutton Innovation Campus in the historic city of York England, just 2 hours by train from London. The ELRIG organisation is run largely by volunteers from within our industry and is supported by a small professional administrative staff.