



# Drug Discovery 2018

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## Antibodies and Novel Large Molecule Platforms Wednesday 10<sup>TH</sup> October

**Session Chairs: David Matthews (LifeArc) & Andy Popplewell (UCB)**

Antibodies and antibody-based drugs have become a highly successful therapeutic modality, due in part to the exquisite specificity and the affinity of the antibody / antigen interaction. 2017 saw a record number of regulatory approvals for therapeutic antibodies, and with many more molecules in late stage trials this trend is set to continue.

The next wave of therapeutic antibodies will include many novel modalities: from antibody drug conjugates to multi-specific formats; from novel scaffolds to Fc-regions with enhanced effector activities. Technological advances and innovation in antibody discovery, expression, engineering and develop-ability are all contributing to this upsurge in antibody candidate molecules. In this session we aim to cover some of these enabling technologies and latest platform innovations, as well as to consider some of the latest clinical developments for tomorrow's therapeutic antibodies.

### Plenary Keynote Speaker



**Jonathan Milner**  
(Meltwind)

### Confirmed Speakers

**David Brockwell** (Astbury Centre, University of Leeds)

**Ahmad Kamal** (UCB Celltech)

**Stephen Ashman** (GlaxoSmithKline)

**Bryan Edwards** (Antikor)

**Steve Moore** (Ossianix)

**Charlotte Deane** (University of Oxford)

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