

Dial-a-Molecule at Chemistry Innovation Stakeholder Meeting



On 2nd & 3rd of June, Chemistry Innovation held its 5th annual Stakeholder Forum at Birmingham, UK. Hosted at Aston Business School in their Lakeside Conference Centre the event was attended by over 100 representatives from across the chemistry-using industries providing an exciting mix of industry, academia and supporting bodies. Carol Boyer-Spooner, CEO, kick-started the event, marking some of the key contributions to Chemistry Innovation's activity.

In his first year as Chair, Graeme Armstrong introduced the event with a focus on delivery and an emphasis on sustainability and collaboration. Graeme highlighted his vision for Chemistry Innovation and the chemistry-using industries as a whole, with expectations now focused on delivery.

Sessions took place inside inflatable *pods* designed to focus small groups in a number of activities surrounding these deliverables, engaging stakeholders and gaining critical feedback on the following:

- A step change uptake of industrial biotechnology
- The country's first Technology and Innovation Centre (TIC) in High Value Manufacturing
- The case for a new UK centre in science-based formulation
- Where smarter chemistry-based technology can deliver cleaner, more efficient manufacturing
- An interactive workshop highlighted the integral nature of the sustainability agenda across all UK chemistry-using industries

Dial-a-Molecule has been represented at this event by [Prof. Steve Marsden](#) and Dr. Bogdan Ibanescu. The event offered the ideal occasion to inform key members from the chemistry-using industries about the aims and the opportunity that **Dial-a-Molecule** represents. The audience was informed about the themes and the focus areas as well as about the events and achievements within the network. The ideas collected in different meetings and the ways in which they are applied were presented. They shortly summarised the achievements and provided an update of information about all actions and developments within the **Dial-a-Molecule** project. The dissemination strategies adopted in order to establish widespread awareness for project activities and to ensure an uptake of the project results have been presented. Discussions were carried out looking for the right principles and methodologies to be used for the future development and success of the network. The participants provided invaluable feedback on the progress of the project as well as an excellent occasion for networking.

For more information about the Chemistry Innovation and if you would like to get involved in the network please consult the [dedicated website](#) or contact [Dr Stephen Hillier](#).