

# RNAi Europe 2004

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RNAi / siRNA in Europe this year

LONDON, UK 18/19 October 2004

## Conference & Exhibition

RNAi Europe promises to be the best meeting on RNAi / siRNA in Europe this year. We are delighted to announce that our keynote speaker will be one of the leaders in the field : Prof. Craig C. Mello from the University of Massachusetts. He, together with 19 other leading authorities, will present the latest cutting edge developments in the field. Topics to be covered include:

- Applications to Drug Discovery
- Advances in delivery and transfection
- Target Identification & Validation
- Screening Tools
- Therapeutic Developments
- RNAi in Animal Models

The exhibition will allow you to view the latest technologies of the leading names within the RNAi industry, and to talk with likeminded professionals about their technologies and breakthroughs.

## Speakers



*RNAi and Development in C. elegans* - **Prof. Craig C. Mello, Blais Chair in Molecular Medicine, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, University of Massachusetts**

*Rx for Cancer using NeoPhectin-AT based c-Raf siRNA in mice* - **Dr Imran Ahmad, Chief Scientific Officer, Neopharm**

*Design and Optimisation of Knockdown Reagents according to defined biological criteria* - **Dr Eleanor Barnard, Operations Director, ExpressOn BioSystems**

*Application of High Throughput RNAi and over-expression technology to target validation* - **Dr Angelika Bonin-Debs, Head of Molecular and Cell Biology, Xantos Biomedicine**

*Recent Advances in siRNA Technology for Application in Drug Discovery Research and Development* - **Dr Bill Marshall, Executive Vice President, Dharmacon**

*Target Validation of Kinases using highly effective siRNAs* - **Dr David Dorris, Director - RNAi Technologies, Ambion**

*Discovery and Validation of Targets for the treatment of osteoarthritis and asthma using adenoviral siRNA expression libraries* - **Dr Helmuth van Es, Director – Cellular & Molecular Biology, Galapagos Genomics**

*High Throughput Functional Chemogenomics using RNAi for Drug Discovery* - **Dr David M. Evans, Head of Drug Discovery, Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGEN)**

*Highly parallel transfection of siRNA in cell microarrays* - **Dr. Xavier Gidrol, Director of Functional Genomics Laboratory, CEA**

*Many commonly used siRNAs risk off-target activity* - **Dr Torgeir Holen, CMBN, University of Oslo**

*Design and application of siRNAs for Target Validation* - **Dr Jens Kurreck, Team Leader, Berlin Free University**

*Genome-wide siRNA: Development of an Automated, High Throughput siRNA Design & Synthesis Platform* - **Dr Bettina Hädrich, Manager siRNA and Genomics Services, QIAGEN**

*Evaluation of RNAi in mammals after delivery of siRNA using Hydrodynamic Intravascular Injection* - **Dr David Lewis, Senior Scientist, Mirus**

*Novel siRNA Structures* - **Dr Andre Lochter, Director Business**

*Understanding Basic Biology of RNAi Through Product Development* - **Dr Dmitry Samarsky, Director – Technology Development, Invitrogen**

*Nanoplex-mediated delivery of siRNA to inhibit angiogenesis in vivo* - **Dr Raymond Schiffelers, Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics, Utrecht University**

*Modulation of immune responses with siRNA molecules targeting the Notch signalling pathway* - **Dr Yvette Stallwood, Researcher, Lorantis**

*RNAi for Target Identification and Validation in Drug Development* - **Dr Oliver Steinbach, Director - Functional Cloning, Altana**

*New developments in siRNA Therapeutics* - **Dr Nassim Usman, Chief Operating Officer, Sirna Therapeutics**

*Combining siRNA gene knock-down with genome-wide expression profiling: assessment of specificity and analysis of downstream changes in biological pathways* - **Dr Tarif A. Awad, Affymetrix**

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## Agenda—Day One

- 08:00 Registration
- 09:00 **RNAi in Drug Development**  
Chaired by Dr Dmitry Samarsky
- 09:05 RNAi in drug development - Dr Dmitry Samarsky, Director – Technology Development, Invitrogen
- 09:40 Recent Advances in siRNA Technology for Application in Drug Discovery Research and Development - Dr William Marshall, Executive Vice President, Dharmacon
- 10:15 Keynote Speaker, RNAi and Development in *C. elegans* – Prof. Craig C. Mello, Blais Chair in Molecular Medicine, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, University of Massachusetts
- 10:55 Coffee and Networking
- 11:15 Genome-wide siRNA: Development of an Automated, High Throughput siRNA Design & Synthesis Platform - Dr Bettina Hädrich, Manager siRNA and Genomics Services, QIAGEN
- 11:50 High Throughput Functional Chemogenomics using RNAi for Drug Discovery - Dr David M. Evans, Head of Drug Discovery, Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGEN)
- 12:25 Combining siRNA gene knock-down with genome-wide expression profiling: assessment of specificity and analysis of downstream changes in biological pathways - Dr Tarif A. Awad, Affymetrix
- 13:00 Lunch and Exhibition
- 14:15 **Delivery and Transfection**  
Chaired by Dr Helmuth van Es
- 14:20 Nanoplex-mediated delivery of siRNA to inhibit angiogenesis in vivo - Dr Raymond Schiffelers, Assistant Professor of Pharmaceutics, Utrecht University
- 14:55 Evaluation of RNAi in mammals after delivery of siRNA using Hydrodynamic Intravascular Injection - Dr David Lewis, Senior Scientist, Mirus
- 15:30 Novel siRNA Structures - Dr Andre Lochter, Director Business Development, atugen
- 16:05 Coffee and networking
- 16:25 Highly parallel transfection of siRNA in cell microarrays - Dr. Xavier Gidrol, Director of Functional Genomics, CEA
- 17:00 Discovery and Validation of Targets for the treatment of osteoarthritis and asthma using adenoviral siRNA expression libraries - Dr Helmuth van Es, Director – Cellular & Molecular Biology, Galapagos Genomics
- 17:35 Drinks Reception  
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- 18:35 End of day



## Agenda—Day Two

- 09:00 **Target Identification and Validation**  
Chaired by Dr David Dorris
- 09:05 Target Validation of Kinases using highly effective siRNAs - Dr David Dorris, Director - RNAi Technologies, Ambion
- 09:40 Design and Optimisation of Knockdown Reagents according to defined biological criteria - Dr Eleanor Barnard, Operations Director, ExpressOn BioSystems
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