



**BIA SCOTLAND  
6<sup>th</sup> THISTLE BIOSCIENCE FORUM**

**ROXBURGHE HOTEL, EDINBURGH**

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> and THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

The Thistle Bioscience Forum is now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, and building on previous successful events, this year's event welcomes a change in format, venue and focus to deliver Scotland's most successful Life Science conference.

The Forum kicks off on 6<sup>th</sup> February with an international perspective as it showcases fledgling companies and their development strategies. The showcase will welcome presenting companies from a UKTI led inward mission from **Israel**, an IBIA mission from **Ireland** as well as home grown talent from **Scotland** in the "**Rising Star Company Showcase**" and award presentation.

**Creating value through mergers, acquisition and deal flow** - the plenary on February 7<sup>th</sup>, will focus on:

- Science-driven Company Formation,
- Technology & Value Exploitation,
- Collaborations & Deals,
- Financing – New Opportunities for the Sector.

**Can you afford to miss this event?**

Thistle 2007 hosted 70% of BIA Scotland member companies, and an equal number of other organisations active in Scotland's life science community. We are expecting over 200 guests again in 2008.

The end of the conference leads on to the industry's primary networking dinner - the Annual Scottish Enterprise Life Science dinner which will be held at the EICC on the evening of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

**Background**

BioIndustry Association (Scotland) is the trade association for innovative enterprises in the Scottish bioscience sector involved in realising the human healthcare benefits that bioscience promises.

Our mission is to promote the human health benefits of new technologies, encouraging the commercial success of the bioscience industry by focusing on emerging enterprise and the related interests of companies with whom such enterprise trades.

The dual pillars which underpin the work of the BIA (Scotland) are advocacy and business support. In practice, this entails working to achieve the policies that will fully establish bioscience as a successful, mainstream contributor to the Scottish economy, as well as giving companies the opportunities, training, information and contacts they need to succeed.

Venue: The Roxburghe Hotel, Edinburgh, [www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/roxburghe/](http://www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/roxburghe/)

Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Registration: <https://www.bioindustry.org/cgi-bin/events.pl?CD=21374>

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12:00-13:00 Lunch & registration

13:00-13:10 Welcome from BIA

- Dr Barbara Blaney

Session I *Rising Star Showcase -1*  
13:10-15:00 Chair: Mr Gordon Stark

- BigDNA, [www.bigdna.com](http://www.bigdna.com)
- D3 Technologies, [www.d3technologies.co.uk](http://www.d3technologies.co.uk)
- Hapto Biotech, [www.hapto.co.il](http://www.hapto.co.il)
- Medihale, [www.medihale.com](http://www.medihale.com)
- Celtic Catalysts, [www.celticcatalysts.com](http://www.celticcatalysts.com)
- Biancamed, [www.biancamed.com](http://www.biancamed.com)

15:00-15:30 Tea & Coffee

Session II *Rising Star Showcase -2*  
15:30-17:30 Chair: Dr Paul Chapman

- Hadasit Bioholdings, [www.hbl.co.il](http://www.hbl.co.il)
- Target-in Ltd, [www.target-in.com](http://www.target-in.com)
- Highland Biosciences Ltd., [www.highlandbiosciences.com](http://www.highlandbiosciences.com)
- Nucana Biopharmaceuticals Ltd, [www.nucana.com](http://www.nucana.com)
- EnBio, [www.enbiomaterials.com](http://www.enbiomaterials.com)
- Luxcel (tbc)

17:30-tbc Networking Reception



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**08:30-09:00**      **Coffee & Registration**

**09:00-09:15**      **Welcome**



- Dr Clive Dix, Chairman BIA, tbc

**Plenary:**

***New Solutions for Company Growth***

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**9:30-10:30**

**Introduced by** Joel Marcus (CEO, Alexandria Real Estate Equities)

- Carl Weissman (CEO of the Seattle Accelerator)
- Prof Chris Haslett, University of Edinburgh
- Professor Sir Ian Wilmut, University of Edinburgh
- Representative from Scottish investment community



**10:30-11:00**      **Tea & Coffee & Exhibition**

**11:00-12:30**

***Patient Benefit: Wealth Creation***

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**Introduced by ITI Life Sciences**

- Dr John Nicholls, TMRI Ltd
- Professor Sir Ian Wilmut, University of Edinburgh
- Dr Steve Bjornson, Wyeth Research
- Intercell Biomedical (tbc)



**12:30-13:30**      **Lunch & Exhibition**

**13:30-14:45**

***Winning Through Collaborations & Deals***

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**Introduced by Joanna Boag-Thomson, Shepherd and Wedderburn**

- Dr Keith Thompson, SNBTS & Mr Gordon Cameron, Quotient Bioresearch
- Dr Wilson Totten, Prostrakan & Mr Patrick Jordan, Novaquest



**14:45-15:15**      **Tea & Coffee & Exhibition**



15:15-16:30

*Financing: New Opportunities in Hard Times*

Introduced by McGrigors

- Mr Gordon Duncan, IPEEX
- Dr David Porter, Apposite Capital
- Representative of NOMAD



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