



OBN Oxford Showcase: ‘De-risking the

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We are pleased to announce the details of our next BioTuesday taking place on Tuesday 20 February at Säid Business School in Oxford, discussing:

‘De-risking the Valley of Death - How R&D companies can access the knowledge network to maximise success’;

The Valley of Death phase in the development of an R&D company is identified as the phase from one to six years, where they are moving from lead generation through to phase 1 development. There are many hurdles and challenges to overcome during this time and many companies falter, hence the reference to the ‘Valley of Death’;

Via a series of insightful keynotes and case studies this BioTuesday event will look at how R&D companies can bridge the valley by accessing and fully utilising the existing knowledge network.

Keynote Speakers:

Dr Chris Doherty | Managing Director, Alderley Park , Manchester Science Partnerships - Chris is leading the Alderley Park site regeneration project which included the site sale and stimulating new business ventures on the site. As Site Director of the Park, Chris is managing the further development of the bioscience campus.

Dr Nick Scott-Ram | Director of Commercial Development, Oxford Academic Health Science Network - Nick has over 25 years’ experience in commercial and business development in the life sciences sector. He joined the Oxford AHSN in 2014. He has held senior roles in blue chip companies including PowderJect Pharmaceuticals and has worked extensively with SMEs and public bodies. He was awarded the MBE for services to life sciences in 2001.

Peter Dines | Investment Director, Head of Life Sciences, Fund Manager, Mercia EIS Funds - Peter joined the Group in 2015 as Head of Life Sciences & Biosciences, with over 20 years’ experience in this sector. He is responsible for a number of the life science portfolio investments including Native Antigen, Aston Eyetech, Sarissa Diagnostics, Nuvision, and Intelligent Health. In 2016 he was also appointed the Fund Manager for Mercia Growth Funds with overall responsibility for SEIS/EIS Funds across the four Mercia sectors.

In addition to our keynote speakers, we will hear from several companies based at the BioHub in Alderley Park who have successfully utilized the knowledge and expertise network of ex-Astra Zeneca scientists after the company move from Alderley Park to Cambridge.