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NEWS

On July 20th **Clariant** inaugurated Germany's biggest pilot plant for the production of climate-friendly cellulose ethanol from agricultural waste. Located in Straubing, Bavaria and supported by the Bavarian government and the Federal Ministry for Education and Research, the project is designed to produce up to 1,000 tons of cellulose ethanol from around 4,500 tons of wheat straw.

Syngenta announced a \$50 million investment to build a new processing plant for corn and sunflower seeds in Argentina. The announcement followed a meeting between President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner and Mike Mack, Chief Executive Officer of Syngenta, at which the company's long term commitment to Argentine agriculture was confirmed.

Lonza confirmed its profit guidance on Wednesday and said demand in its key business remained strong despite macroeconomic uncertainties. The Basel-based group, which in the past has battled currency headwinds and volatile raw material prices, reported a 3.1% decline in first-half net profit to 94 million Swiss francs (\$94.6 million). Profit was hit by margin pressure in its key business of chemical custom manufacturing and the manufacture of vitamin B.

Nestle has bought a stake in U.S. firm Accera to support the rollout of a medical food brand for Alzheimer's patients, as the world's biggest food group seeks to expand in the health and nutrition business.

Novartis posted a smaller than expected fall in second-quarter core earnings and said tight cost control and strong sales of new drugs would help it cope with a bigger than anticipated drag from a stronger dollar. Novartis is struggling to grow in the face of patent expiries on key drugs, particularly Diovan for high blood pressure. It is relying on new products, like multiple sclerosis pill Gilenya, to fill the gap.

Actelion raised its earnings outlook for 2012 as cost cuts helped Europe's biggest biotech company to post a first-half profit despite its most important drug Tracleer facing tough competition in the United States. Actelion said it now expects core earnings to grow in a mid single-digit percentage range for 2012, compared with previous guidance for no core earnings growth.

Der Universitätsrat wählte Prof. **Oliver Wenger** zum Professor (Extraordinarius/Associate Professor) für Anorganische Chemie an der Philosophisch-Naturwissenschaftlichen Fakultät der Universität Basel. Wenger ist seit 2009 Professor (W2) am Institut für Anorganische Chemie der Georg-August-Universität Göttingen und arbeitet auf dem Gebiet der protonengekoppelten Elektronen-Transferreaktionen, ein Gebiet der Grundlagenforschung, das wichtige Erkenntnisse für die Umwandlung von Solarenergie in chemische gespeicherte Energie verspricht.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA

22nd International Symposium on Medicinal Chemistry EFMC-ISMIC 2012

The EFMC-ISMIC 2012 will continue its tradition and will cover drug discovery advances in all major therapeutic areas as well as the most recent advances in lead identification and optimization strategies, drug design and profiling technologies.

September 2–6, 2012; Berlin, Germany

<http://www.ismc2012.org>

21st International Symposium of the International Confederation of Contamination Control Societies

Clean Technologies—What is the Future?

September 3–7, 2012; Zurich, Switzerland

<http://www.icccs2012.ethz.ch/>

Morphogenesis and Dynamics of Multicellular Systems (EMBL Conference Series)

This conference will provide an open, stimulating forum for researchers studying multicellular organisation in a variety of biological contexts.

September 7–9, 2012; Heidelberg, Germany

<http://www.embl.de/training/events/2012/MOR12-01/>

URMPM World Congress 2012

Congress organized by Union of Risk Management for Preventive Medicine (URMPM).

September 8–9, 2012; London, UK

<http://www.urmpm.org/UWC2012/>

IIS 2012

11th International Symposium on the Synthesis and Applications of Isotopes and Isotopically Labelled Compounds

September 9–13, 2012; Heidelberg, Germany

<http://www.iis2012.unitt.de/iis2012/>

Diabetes and Obesity (EMBL Conference Series)

September 13–16, 2012; Heidelberg, Germany

<http://www.embo-embl-symposia.org/symposia/2012/EES12-05/>

SCS Fall Meeting

Fall Meeting and General Assembly of the Swiss Chemical Society

September 13, 2012; ETH Zürich

<http://www.scg.ch/fallmeeting/>

10th Euro Fed Lipid Congress

Fats, Oils and Lipids: from Science and Technology to Health

September 18–26, 2012; Cracow, Poland

<http://www.eurofedlipid.org/meetings/cracow/index.htm>

Quality Control – From Molecules to Organelles (EMBL Conference Series)

Research on quality control and stress response systems at the DNA, RNA and protein levels is experiencing explosive growth due to the realization of its importance in cell biology, ageing and major diseases.

September 19–22, 2012; Heidelberg, Germany

<http://www.embo-embl-symposia.org/symposia/2012/EES12-02/>

Flavors & Fragrances 2012

September 26–28, 2012; Leipzig, Germany
<http://gdch.de/flavorsfragrances2012>

InPulse 2012

Treffpunkt der Prozessindustrie für Wissenstransfer, Produktinformation und Networking
 September 26–27, 2012; Messe Basel, Schweiz
<http://www.inpulse.ch>

Chemical Biology 2012 (EMBO Conference Series)

Chemical Biology is a quickly growing highly interdisciplinary field, which investigates biological questions by using chemical strategies and tools.
 September 26–29, 2012; Heidelberg, Germany
<http://www.embl.de/training/events/2012/CHB12-01/>

SPICA 2012–International Symposium on Preparative and Industrial Chromatography and Allied Techniques

September 30–October 3, 2012; Brussels, Belgium
<http://www.SPICA2012.org>

5th Siegfried Symposium 2012 (organized by SCS)

Rounding out the full day event in honor of chemistry ‘on scale’, outstanding speakers from several leading companies will delve into the world of process development.
 October 5, 2012; Zurich, Switzerland
<http://www.siegfried.ch/about-siegfried/events/>

The Complex Life of mRNA (EMBL Conference Series)

The symposium will bring leaders in the mRNA field together with post-docs and students, with the aim of disseminating and discussing the most recent results.
 October 7–10, 2012; Heidelberg, Germany
<http://www.embo-embl-symposia.org/symposia/2012/EE>

EuCheMS General assembly

Annual Assembly of all EuCheMS member societies.
 October 11–12, 2012; Dublin, Ireland
<http://www.euchems.eu>

10th Swiss Course on Medicinal Chemistry (organized by SCS)

A further training course organised by the SCS Division of Medicinal Chemistry.
 October 14–19, 2012; Leysin, Switzerland
<http://www.swiss-chem-soc.ch/smc/leysin/leysin.htm>

LECTURES**Departement Chemie der Universität Basel
Anorganische und Organische Chemie**

Kleiner Hörsaal Organische Chemie, Departement Chemie, Universität Basel, St. Johannis-Ring 19, CH-4056 Basel
 Dienstag, 17.30 h

18.9.2012 Prof. Dr. *Hélène Lebel*
 University of Montreal, Kanada
 Title to be announced

**Departement für Chemie und Biochemie der
Universität Bern**

Anorganische, Analytische und Physikalische Chemie
 Hörsaal S481, Freiestrasse 3, CH-3012 Bern
 Donnerstag, 11.15 h

20.9.2012 Prof. Dr. *Chuan He*
 Director, Institute for Biophysical Dynamics, University of Chicago, USA
 ‘The Studies of Methylation and D-modification and Selective Metal Ion Sensing’

Département de Chimie organique, Université de Genève

Auditoire A-100, Sciences II, Quai Ernest-Ansermet 30, Genève
 Mercredi, 16.30 h

5.9.2012 Prof. Dr. *Armando Struder*
 Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, D
 Title to be announced

Syngenta Chemistry Lectures

Syngenta Stein, WST-810-E-75, Schaffhauserstrasse, CH-4332 Stein
 Dienstag, 10.00 h

11.9.2012 Prof. *Eric Sorensen*
 Princeton University, USA
 Title to be announced

CHIMIA**Call for an Editorial Board Member**

CHIMIA is a peer-reviewed journal of chemistry and the membership journal of the Swiss Chemical Society. It is published 10 times a year.

CHIMIA is seeking a managing editor. This voluntary position serves at the interface to the printers, to the technical editor, to the editor-in-chief, and to the treasurer.

Major responsibilities of the managing editor include:

- Oversee the production of the journal and ensure all deadlines are met;
- Gather contents from various sources;
- Write an editorial program per issue and keep the advertisement agency informed about the contents;
- Determine print run and check the printers’ invoice;
- Provide the treasurer with all information needed for invoicing customers;

- Attend all editorial board meetings and report to the EB and to the chair;
- Determine the annual program/schedule with the printers and editor-in-chief;
- Communicate the program to the advertisement agency and check the media data.

Persons familiar with the field of academic advising and publishing in peer-reviewed journals who are interested in seeking membership on the editorial board of CHIMIA should submit an email message including a short professional resume to the chairman:

Dr. Roland W. Kunz, kunz@oci.uzh.ch