2026 SCI®'s FINE CHEMICALS GROUP & YOUNG CHEMISTS' PANEL

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The Fine Chemicals Group (FCG) is the largest technical interest group in SCI®. Its wide-ranging interests include medicinal chemistry and drug discovery, process and development chemistry, colour chemistry, flavour and fragrance chemistry, and general organic chemistry, with a particular focus on new and important aspects of synthetic chemistry.

SCI®'s Young Chemists' Panel (YCP) was established in 1990 and is closely affiliated with the Fine Chemicals Group. The Committee comprises younger members of the chemical sciences community from industry and academia.

Click event name to visit webpage.

APRIL

42nd SCI® Process Development Symposium

Process Development is the application of chemistry to the scale up of new synthetic processes from the laboratory, through pilot plant to full scale commercial manufacture and into life cycle management. It is an extremely broad discipline, crossing the boundaries between synthetic organic chemistry, process technology and chemical engineering.

DATE:
15 - 17 April 2026

LOCATION:
Churchill College, Cambridge, UK

SCI® Advanced Medicinal Chemistry Workshop (online webinar)

The workshop is based on an interactive, team-based game that allows you to explore various aspects of the drug discovery process. Delegates will work together in teams with peers from other organisations and the learning experience facilitated by a dedicated and diverse team of experienced professional medicinal chemists.
This is a great way to accelerate your learning curve in medicinal chemistry, learning from your peers and our experts and it's a lot of fun to play.

DATE:
21 April 2026

LOCATION:
Online webinar (teams)

36th SCI® Fine Chemicals Group Postgraduate Symposium

This conference will showcase exceptional research from final year PhD students and provides the opportunity to network and share ideas. The subjects covered will be wide ranging within organic chemistry such as synthesis, mechanistic studies, methodology, medicinal chemistry or analysis and computational.
The majority of attendees are expected to be academic and industrial researchers including postgraduate students who will be presenting their work.

DATE:
24 April 2026

LOCATION:
Birmingham, UK | Online Webinar (Hybrid)

MAY

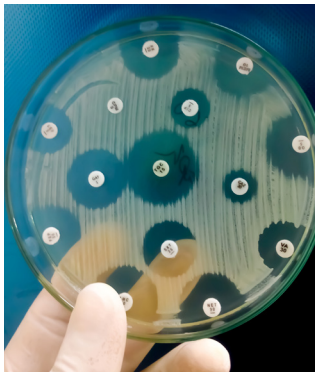
What a chemist needs to know about Patents 2026

Intellectual Property (IP) is one of the major outputs of all Research and Development (R&D) organisations, yet remains an area most scientists are unfamiliar with. SCI®'s Young Chemists' Panel in collaboration with UK-based patent attorneys and litigators, EIP, will hold this one-day workshop to introduce patent law and IP to those with a scientific background.associated with developing anti-infectives whilst also showcasing emerging strategies for tackling infection.

DATE:
13 May 2026

LOCATION:
SCI®
London, UK

JUNE



5th SCI®/ RSC Symposium on Anti-Infectives Drug Discovery

With the ever-growing prevalence of drug-resistant pathogens, it has never been more important that we refresh the drug pipeline with new antimicrobials that act on new targets or exhibit novel modes of action. This two-day symposium will examine the latest advances in anti-infectives drug discovery from a medicinal chemist's perspective, focusing on the particular challenges associated with developing anti-infectives whilst also showcasing emerging strategies for tackling infection.

DATE:
1 - 2 June 2026

LOCATION:
Francis Crick Institute,
London, UK

JULY

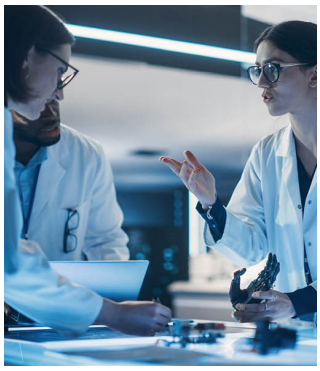
SCI® Foundation medicinal chemistry workshop (online webinar)

The SCI® Foundation medicinal chemistry online workshop has been designed by professional Medicinal chemists to provide insight into:

- What are the key principles and technical factors (potency, physical chemistry, pharmacokinetics).
- How does a contemporary medicinal chemist optimise these factors to make medicines: Best practice for objectively applying the scientific method in a team environment, giving practical experience of data analysis.

DATE:
6 July 2026

LOCATION:
Online webinar (teams)



Leadership for scientists, by scientists

This event will be a forum for providing scientists with leadership skills for application in a scientific context, via workshop and teaching elements. Bringing together a small group from a diverse array of scientific positions, this event will provide:

- Insight and discussion on the challenges of leadership within a real-world scientific environment. This will be complementary to the many valuable pre-existing courses on leadership skills development.

DATE:
13 July 2026

LOCATION:
SCI®,
London, UK

AUGUST

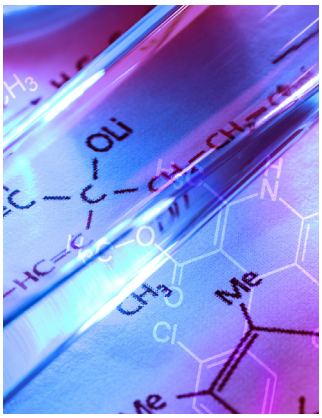
Pride in Chem

This event is dedicated to celebrating and amplifying the voices of LGBTQIA+ chemists by providing a safe and inclusive environment to share their work research, ideas and experiences authentically.
Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with research from both academia and industry, across all branches of chemistry. This aims to foster meaningful connections, encourage inter-disciplinary collaboration and promote visibility and representation of the LGBTQIA+ community in chemistry.

DATE:
27 August 2026

LOCATION:
The University of Manchester, Manchester, UK

SEPTEMBER



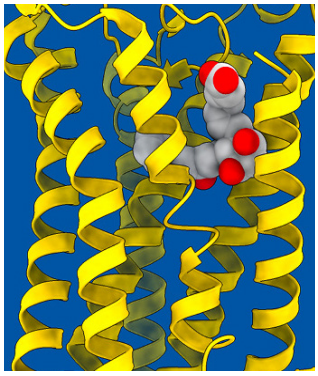
A Celebration of Organic Chemistry 2026

On Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 September 2026, influential researchers from across Europe will gather at AstraZeneca's facility in Macclesfield to present a series of lectures on the latest developments in the field of organic chemistry. This event, jointly organised by SCI's Fine Chemicals Group and AstraZeneca, will celebrate the best of modern organic chemistry and will provide an overview of new methodologies and exciting applications in synthesis and beyond. The meeting will also provide a platform for early career researchers to share their vision for the future of organic chemistry.

DATE:
22 - 23 Sept 2026

LOCATION:
AstraZeneca, Macclesfield, UK

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER



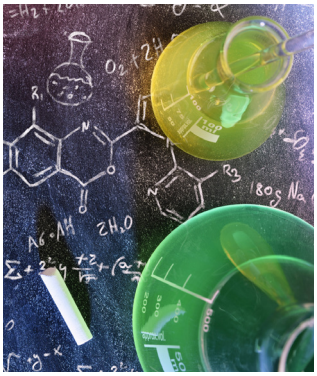
10th SCI®-RSC Symposium on GPCRs in Medicinal Chemistry

The key role of G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) in human disease underpins their importance to modern medicine. We are pleased to hold this 10th meeting in the series on GPCR drug discovery, which combines cutting edge medicinal chemistry with innovative structural biology and novel drug design approaches.

DATE:
30 Sept - 2 Oct 2026

LOCATION:
Evotec, Verona, Italy

OCTOBER



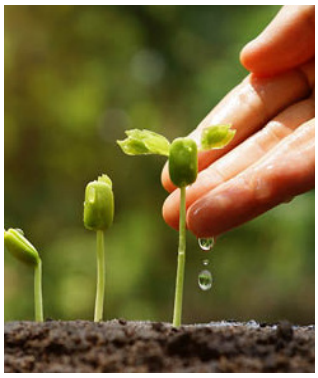
Highlights in Medicinal Chemistry VI

This meeting aims to showcase aspects of modern medicinal chemistry to bring new thinking to the subject, challenge perceptions and encourage scientific interaction between researchers. The short presentation format of the meeting also aims to provide a focussed forum to promote examples of medicinal chemistry excellence.

DATE:
8 October 2026

LOCATION:
SCI®, London, UK

OCTOBER

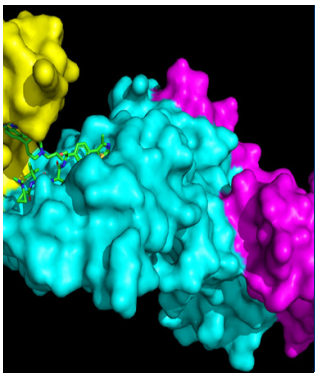


Innovations in crop protection III

The third Innovations in crop protection conference brings together leading researchers and industry experts to explore cutting-edge solutions for safeguarding global food security whilst minimizing environmental impact. This event will showcase advancements in biological control through chemistry and biological technologies with integrated pest management. Through interactive presentations, a keynote talk and networking opportunities, the conference aims to foster innovation and partnerships that support resilient agricultural systems and a greener future in crop protection.

DATE:
14 October 2026

LOCATION:
SCI®, London, UK



SCI®-RSC Targeting Protein Degradation 5

One of the most exciting new therapeutic modalities to emerge in the 21st century has been Targeted Protein Degradation (TPD). This multidisciplinary meeting aims to present the latest developments in the design, biology, chemistry and ADME in TPD within the general themes of PROTACS (including non-oncology targets), Molecular Glues and non-PROTAC degraders. We aim to highlight the newest in enabling technologies such as computational techniques, Direct to Biology, HT synthesis (click, photochemistry etc) and structural biology methods.

DATE:
21-22 October 2026

LOCATION:
The Fielder Centre, Hatfield, UK

NOVEMBER

33rd SCI® Young Chemist in Industry 2026

This event will be of interest to industrial chemists to discover what their contemporaries are working on in other companies and other areas of research, but also for academic chemists who want to find out the different challenges and focus that working in an industrial setting offers. It presents a superb opportunity for younger chemists to showcase their industrial research to an external audience. Prizes will be awarded for the best talk and runners-up.

DATE:
5 November 2026

LOCATION:
Pharmaron, UK

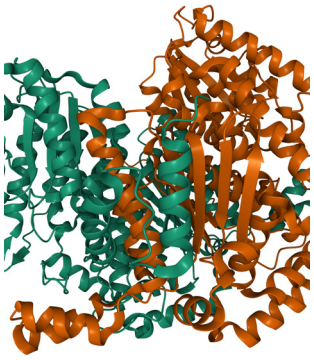
Challenges in Catalysis IX

SCI®'s Fine Chemicals Group and RSC's Applied Catalysis Group are pleased to announce this one-day biennial symposium - Challenges in Catalysis for Pharmaceuticals and Fine chemicals IX. The aim of this meeting, well-supported both by industry and academia is to debate the current developments in catalysis, where they are going and what industry needs. An exciting line up of leading academic and industrial scientists will present a series of lectures covering topics in homogeneous, heterogeneous and enzymatic catalysis.

DATE:
17 November 2026

LOCATION:
SCI®, London, UK

DECEMBER



Protein-Protein Interactions (PPI) 2026

Protein-protein interactions are fundamental to nearly all cellular processes and are interesting targets for chemical biology research and drug development. As technology improves, so does our ability to interrogate these key interactions in both healthy and disease states, helping further the development of novel tools and identify opportunities for addressing unmet clinical need.

DATE:
2 December 2026

LOCATION:
SCI®, London, UK