

nexus

Connecting and communicating life sciences in Scotland

Question Time and Summer BBQ

**'Breaking the start-up barrier. Can Scotland sustain the transition
from start-up to the world stage?'**

**Wednesday 9 June 2010
5.45pm, Glasgow Science Centre**

The Nexus Summer BBQ this year will feature a 'Question Time' session where YOU put the questions to a panel of highly regarded individuals from Scotland's life science industry.

At the conclusion of the entertaining and thought provoking discussions there will be a free networking BBQ on the terrace overlooking the glorious River Clyde, where you can meet up with old acquaintances or take the opportunity to make new contacts.



For further information and to express interest in attending this free event, see

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Question Time & Summer BBQ

Breaking the start-up barrier. Can Scotland sustain the transition from the start-up to the world stage? Themes for discussion:

- **Entrepreneurial Spirit:** there are enough scientific ideas in Scotland, but are there enough entrepreneurs starting up and developing companies?
- **Investment Barrier:** is it really difficult to get the larger investment rounds in Scotland? If there are barriers, then what are they and how are they overcome?
- **The Talent Pool:** is there a lack of senior management in Scotland to facilitate the company growth and provide investor confidence? What can Scotland do to attract these people? Is homegrown sufficient or world stage experience essential?
- **Risk and Reward Profile:** which life science fields offer the most likely success? Is it less risky for medical device development compared to drug development?
- **Jumpstarting Life Sciences Scotland PLC**

Evening Programme

Registration & tea/coffee	5.45 - 6.15pm
Welcome and introduction to panellists Professor Chris Packard (Chair) <i>R&D Director, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde</i>	6.15 - 6.25pm
Question Time Session	6.25 - 7.25pm
Mr David Burns <i>Chief Executive, Renishaw Diagnostics Ltd</i>	
Dr Kevin Cullen <i>Director of Research & Enterprise, University of Glasgow</i>	
Mr Gerard Kelly <i>Senior Director, Scottish Enterprise Investments</i>	
Dr Cameron Macdonald <i>Managing Director, Controlled Therapeutics</i>	
Mr John Waddell <i>Chief Executive, Archangel Informal Investments Ltd</i>	
Round up and conclusions - Professor Chris Packard	7.25 - 7.30pm
Networking BBQ	7.30 - 8.45pm