

2015 Process Symposium All Star Lineup Draws a Crowd

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On Oct. 8, 2015 the Annual NESACS Process Chemistry Symposium brought academic and industrial process chemists from all over the Boston Metro area to Vertex's campus to share and discuss innovations in process chemistry. The symposium drew in over 150 attendees from over 40 different local companies and academic institutes.

The day was comprised of four high-impact academic speakers and four short industrial talks highlighting challenges solved by process chemists. The morning session featured talks by Erick Carreira (ETH Zurich), Jackie Milne (Amgen), Erwin Irdam (Biogen), and Jennifer Love (Univ. of British Columbia). Each of these talks highlighted the importance collaboration to solve problems in process research and development.

The afternoon session continued to share recent unpublished innovations from the laboratories of Phil Baran (Scripps Research Institute) and K. Barry Sharpless (Scripps Research Institute) as well as some successful programs from Alex Kolchinski (Johnson Matthey Pharma Services) and Billie Kline (Vertex).

This symposium was a great opportunity for graduate students interested in process chemistry to network with professionals and symposium sponsors to connect with new potential clients over breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks. The symposium concluded with a reception overlooking the Boston Harbor to reflect upon the fabulous talks of the day and continue to foster the new connection and networking of Boston area process chemists. The symposium was a shining success thanks in part to the gracious support of sponsorship from: Vertex, Biogen, Amgen, Novartis, Johnson Matthey Pharma Services, SK Life Science, DavosPharma, Navin Fluorine, and Strem Chemicals.

The 2016 NESACS Process Symposium will be held at Novartis on Thursday October 20th and will feature talks from Richard Braatz (MIT), Abigail Doyle (Princeton University), Eric Jacobsen (Harvard University), Jin-Quan Yu (Scripps Research Institute) and a series of industry focused talks. Please look to The Nucleus for further details for the upcoming event.