

2025

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



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.

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## OCTOBER



### Future feedstocks for sustainable chemistry

This one-day meeting on the subject of future feedstocks will continue SCI®'s focus on sustainability. It aims to raise awareness of the latest Industry strategies and developing technologies that will drive the decarbonized future of the chemical industry. With a diverse lineup of speakers from academia and start-ups to large scale chemical manufacturers and featuring a panel discussion, it promises to be an insightful and vibrant meeting.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 7  
October  
2025

**LOCATION:**  
SCI®  
London, UK



### What drug hunters need to know about computational chemistry 2025

The ability to exploit information through computational chemistry is vital for any modern drug hunter wishing to develop a therapeutic more efficiently and effectively. This meeting will focus on conceptual understanding of key topics, from basic theory to applied case studies. Topics range from cheminformatics and model building to computational-driven drug design and structural understanding.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 14  
- Wednesday  
15 October  
2025

**LOCATION:**  
SCI®  
London, UK

## NOVEMBER



### 32<sup>nd</sup> SCI® Young Chemist in Industry 2025

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. In addition, a lecture from a leading industrial chemist will conclude the proceedings.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 4  
November  
2025

**LOCATION:**  
Syngenta  
Bracknell, UK

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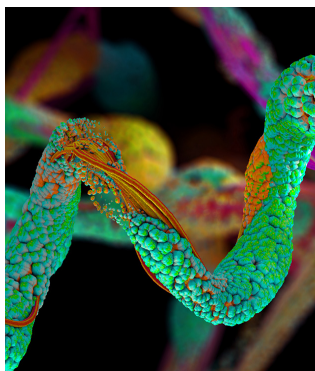


## New approaches in medicinal chemistry

This one-day symposium will explore some of the latest approaches in drug discovery and review the hottest topics in medicinal chemistry being used to discover the drugs of tomorrow. Bringing together a wide range of speakers, the day will cover a range of approaches and techniques within drug discovery, including bifunctional modalities, ML-enabled drug discovery, and novel hit-finding strategies.

**DATE:**  
Wednesday 12  
November  
2025

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## 31<sup>st</sup> SCI® Annual Review Meeting – Frontiers in Organic Synthesis: Emerging Methods and Applications

The 31<sup>st</sup> SCI® Annual Review Meeting – Frontiers in Organic Synthesis: Emerging Methods and Applications, organised by SCI®'s Young Chemists' Panel, will address key areas of contemporary synthetic organic chemistry. An exciting line-up of leading early career academics will deliver a series of review lectures covering a range of topics, including main group catalysis, organofluorine chemistry, asymmetric catalysis, and DNA/RNA technology.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 25  
November  
2025

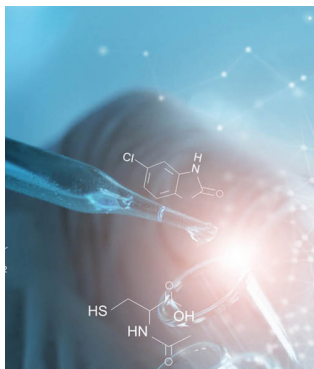
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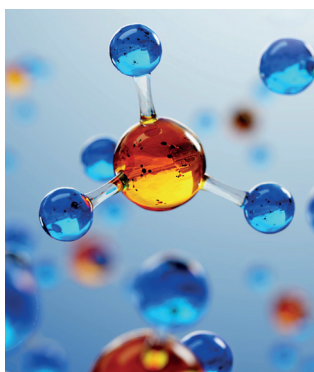
## MARCH

**SCI® Advanced medicinal chemistry workshop**

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.

**DATE:**  
Tuesday 3  
March  
2026

**LOCATION:**  
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London, UK

**13<sup>th</sup> SCI®-RSC National Retrosynthesis Competition**

The event will showcase the calibre of UK chemists from both industry and academia and provide a platform for them to demonstrate their retrosynthetic and forward synthetic prowess. Entries will be shortlisted to a final 10 teams who will then be invited to present before their peers and the judges. Following the presentations, an exciting line up of the UK's leading academic and industrial synthetic chemists will judge the event, with the top three teams winning specifically designed trophies.

**DATE:**  
Friday 6  
March  
2026

**LOCATION:**  
The Discovery  
Centre,  
Cambridge,  
UK

## APRIL

**42<sup>nd</sup> 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:**  
Wednesday  
15 - Friday 17  
April  
2026

**LOCATION:**  
Churchill  
College,  
Cambridge,  
UK

## MAY



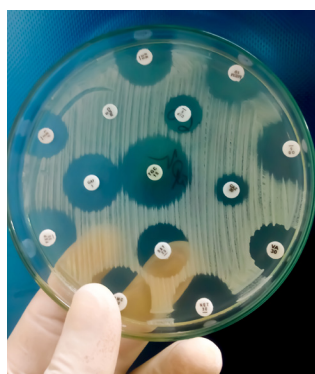
### What a chemist needs to know about Patents 2026

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.

**DATE:**  
Wednesday  
13 May  
2026

**LOCATION:**  
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## JUNE



### 5<sup>th</sup> 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:**  
Monday 1  
- Tuesday 2 June  
2026

**LOCATION:**  
Francis Crick  
Institute,  
London, UK