

2026

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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## AUGUST

**Pride in Chem**

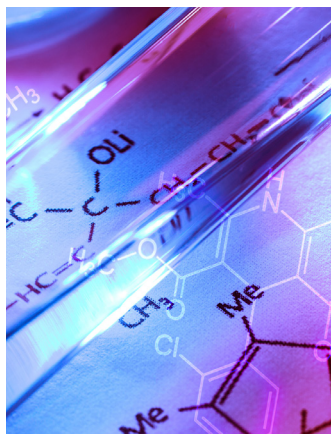
This event is dedicated to celebrating and amplifying the voices of LGBTQIA+ chemists by providing a safe and inclusive environment to share their work research, ideas and experiences authentically.

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

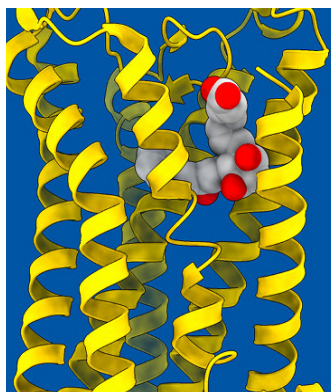
**A Celebration of Organic Chemistry 2026**

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

**10<sup>th</sup> SCI®-RSC Symposium on GPCRs in Medicinal Chemistry**

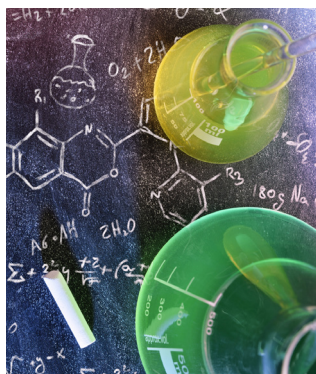
The key role of G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) in human disease underpins their importance to modern medicine. We are pleased to hold this 10th meeting in the series on GPCR drug discovery, which combines cutting edge medicinal chemistry with innovative structural biology and novel drug design approaches.

DATE:  
30 Sept  
- 2 Oct  
2026

LOCATION:  
Evotec,  
Verona,  
Italy

Visit [www.soci.org/events](http://www.soci.org/events) for more information.

## 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

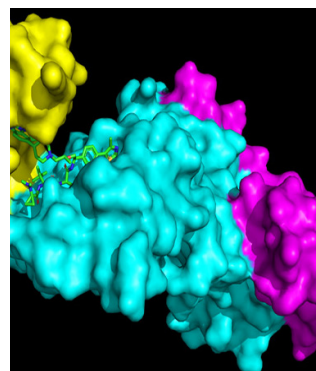


### Innovations in crop protection III

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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



### 33<sup>rd</sup> 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

## NOVEMBER



## 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



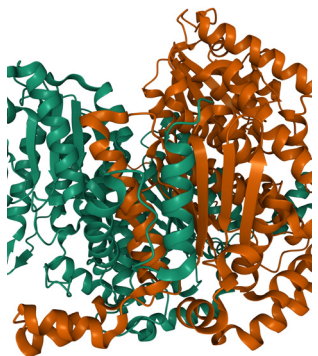
## Automated Intelligent Chemistry 2026

Automated chemistry continues to receive increasing attention as a wide-ranging field with applications across academic and industrial research programmes. This symposium looks to bring together leading academic and industrial researchers from across the field, from high-throughput experimentation to the development of new algorithms. Please join us for an exciting day of automated intelligent chemistry!

DATE:  
24 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



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## FEBRUARY

**Big Data IV: breakthroughs in drug discovery with AI**

Big Data is the process of analysing high volume, high velocity data by advanced computational methods that produce actionable knowledge. This conference is intended to be a high-level overview of the state of the art in the field for chemists interested in learning more, and for decision makers who want an update on what is going on (as opposed to an in-depth conference by and for technical specialists). The previous meetings attracted a well-informed audience that was open to discussion and debate.

DATE:  
9 February  
2027

LOCATION:  
SCI®, London,  
UK

**New modalities: Innovations in hit identification**

Innovations in hit identification (Hit ID) are transforming drug discovery by integrating AI-driven virtual screening, giga-scale library screening, and advanced biophysical techniques to accelerate lead generation. The SCI® "New modalities" series comprises focussed events addressing cutting-edge topics, and this year's online symposium brings together world-class scientists at the forefront of hit identification for drug discovery.

DATE:  
23 February  
2027

LOCATION:  
Online webinar  
13.00 - 16.30

**Chemist in industry III**

Following the success of the 2025 event, Chemist in Industry is returning in 2027 for its 3rd iteration. The program will consist of talks and posters selected from abstracts, a plenary career retrospective and culminate in the presentation of the prestigious "Chemist in Industry" award. Solving chemistry problems is central to so many industries and it is the people in the laboratories who are making this happen. This is a meeting to celebrate and recognise that community.

DATE:  
25 February  
2027

LOCATION:  
Syngenta,  
UK

## APRIL



### SCI®-RSC Workshop on Computational Tools for Drug Discovery 2027

All scientists working in drug discovery need tools and techniques for handling chemical information. This workshop offers a unique opportunity for delegates to try out a range of software packages for themselves, with expert tuition in different aspects of pre-clinical drug discovery. Attendees will be able to choose from sessions covering data processing and visualisation; ligand and structure-based design, or ADMET prediction run by the software providers

DATE:  
7 April  
2027

LOCATION:  
University  
of Liverpool,  
UK

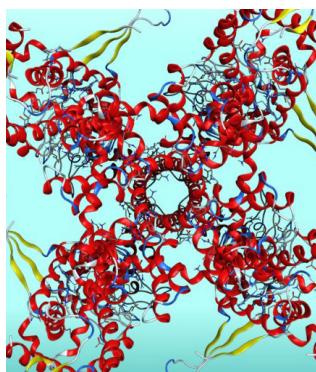


### 43<sup>rd</sup> SCI® Process Development Symposium

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:  
14 - 16 April  
2027

LOCATION:  
Churchill college,  
Cambridge, UK



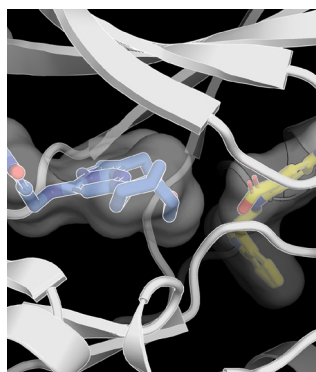
### 9<sup>th</sup> SCI®-RSC Symposium on Ion Channels as Therapeutic Targets

Ion channels are important targets for therapeutic intervention due to their extensive roles in human physiology and the pathophysiology of disease. Many successful drugs targeting this gene family have been discovered for diseases such as hypertension, epilepsy, and neuropathic pain. This symposium, the 9th in an ongoing series, will showcase the most recent advances to aid the design of new ion channel therapeutics and promote interaction between scientists with a shared interest in the field of ion channel drug discovery..

DATE:  
19 - 20 April  
2027

LOCATION:  
Wellcome  
Genome  
Campus,  
Cambridge,  
UK

## MAY

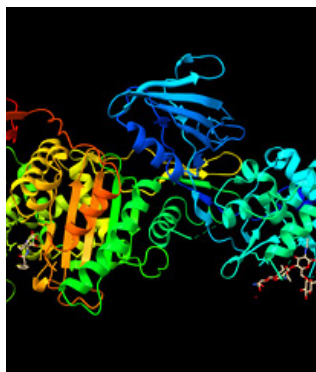


### Kinase 2027: 12<sup>th</sup> SCI®-RSC Symposium on Kinase Modulators

The 12<sup>th</sup> SCI®-RSC symposium on kinase modulator design will encompass plenary lectures on emerging topics and case studies of ongoing programmes as well as successful past programmes. A range of topics including brain penetrant and inhaled kinase inhibitors, kinase chemical probes, allosteric modulators, targeted kinase protein degradation and kinase inhibition for non-oncology indications will be covered, along with views and perspectives on the future directions of kinase modulator research..

DATE:  
10 - 11 May  
2027

LOCATION:  
Astrazeneca,  
Cambridge  
UK



## 24<sup>th</sup> SCI®-RSC Medicinal Chemistry Symposium

The organisers invite you to the 24<sup>th</sup> SCI®-RSC Medicinal Chemistry symposium, Europe's premier biennial Medicinal Chemistry event, focusing on first disclosures and new strategies in Medicinal Chemistry. Reflecting current trends in medicinal chemistry and pharmaceutical research, the scientific programme will feature lectures on the full range of drug targets and drug discovery approaches.

**DATE:**

12 - 15 Sept  
2027

**LOCATION:**

Churchill college,  
Cambridge, UK