

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Regulatory Bodies to Present at the Lhasa Limited Symposium on New Horizons in Toxicity Prediction**

The [Lhasa Symposium](#) is to feature presentations by representatives of several major regulatory bodies from around the globe including the US Food and Drugs Administration (FDA), European Chemicals Bureau (ECB), US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Japanese National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS) and the Italian National Institute of Health.

Leeds, UK April 22nd, 2008 – All speakers will be presenting on current approaches to toxicity prediction, including Dr Edwin Matthews of the US FDA who will be giving an overview of toxicity prediction methodologies from a pharmaceutical regulatory perspective. Also relevant to the area of medicine, Dr Romauldo Benigni of the Italian National Institute of Health will present strengths and limitations of models and databases for the prediction of genetic and carcinogenic toxicity.

Focusing on the areas of industrial chemical toxicity and environmental risk assessment, Dr Akihiko Hirose will be speaking on emerging areas in toxicity prediction systems from the NIHS perspective. In addition Dr Ann Richard will be explaining how the US EPA is currently broadening the foundations for improved toxico-chemoinformatics through the application of computational chemistry in the area of environmental toxicology. Dr Andrew Worth of the ECB will also present on *in-silico* toxicity prediction tools & Guidance developed by the European Chemicals Bureau.

The Lhasa Symposium will also feature presentations from several industry and academic speakers, and to conclude the event a panel discussion session will explore future needs and challenges in toxicity prediction. Expert panellists will invite audience participation and offer views and opinions from regulatory, commercial and academic perspectives.

The Lhasa Symposium will take place on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the University of Cambridge, UK. For further information and to register please visit [www.lhasasymposium.com](http://www.lhasasymposium.com) .

## About Lhasa Limited

Lhasa Limited ([www.lhasalimited.org](http://www.lhasalimited.org)) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation registered in the UK as an educational charity. The Lhasa Limited membership includes academic users, government organisations, regulatory bodies, biotechnology, chemical, agrochemical and pharmaceutical companies from around the world.

Developing original knowledge from both public and private data sources whilst maintaining complete confidentiality, Lhasa Limited provides reasoning and information software that supports decision making in drug discovery, personal care, agrochemical and other chemical developments.

Through its ability to amass and share both publicly held and confidential information, Lhasa Limited aims to be trusted as the world leader for knowledge and data sharing in the chemistry and life sciences. It produces the widely used and respected software:

- Derek for Windows for predicting toxicity
- Meteor for predicting metabolic fate
- Vitic toxicological database and data management system.

For further details on how Lhasa Limited develops and promotes the use of integrated *in-silico* systems to minimise downstream testing, reduce costs and shorten development lead times, please contact Lhasa Limited ([marketing@lhasalimited.org](mailto:marketing@lhasalimited.org)).

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