



# Medicines Manufacturing Industry Partnership



## MMIP Latest Update: February 2017

This is the latest update from the Medicines Manufacturing Industry Partnership. If you have any feedback on the content or information here then please email us at [MMIP@bioindustry.org](mailto:MMIP@bioindustry.org). If you have any colleagues you feel would be interested in learning more about the work of MMIP then please ask them to get in touch with us or [sign up to our mailing list here](#).

[Register to attend Medicines Manufacturing UK 2017 on 20 March.](#)

### Handing over the helm of MMIP

Ian McCubbin, Chair of the MMIP, is stepping down after over two years at its helm. He is passing the mantle to Andy Evans, the Head of AstraZeneca's manufacturing site in Macclesfield. In this [short blog](#) Ian reflect on MMIP's achievements and the challenges that the medicines manufacturing sector faces in the future.

### Medicines Manufacturing in the UK 2017

MMIP is hosting its first conference, [Medicines Manufacturing in the UK 2017](#), in Macclesfield on 20 March. Britain's vote to leave the European Union creates numerous challenges and opportunities. With the Government's industrial strategy and the manufacture of advanced therapies on the horizon, decisions made today will have huge implications for the future UK medicines manufacturing environment. This conference gives you the opportunity to:

- feed into those decisions, by hearing from and speaking with Government about your priorities and flagship ideas for the Life Sciences Industrial Strategy
- hear about new initiatives in UK medicines manufacturing and give your thoughts and input into the Medicines Manufacturing Industry Partnership's (MMIP) programme of work
- tour AstraZeneca's manufacturing site in Macclesfield

In addition, MMIP will have a large presence at the [Making Pharmaceuticals](#) conference in Coventry on 25 April.

### New Website

The MMIP pages on the [ABPI](#) and [BIA](#) websites have been updated with additional information and a new layout. Check back regularly to see the latest updates and publications from the MMIP. The new page also lists upcoming [events](#), if you have any upcoming medicines manufacturing events you would like listed then please contact Debs Field ([dfield@abpi.org.uk](mailto:dfield@abpi.org.uk)).

For broader news and to join the discussion on medicines manufacturing in the UK, make sure you are a member of the [MMIP LinkedIn group](#).

### **MHRA launches MedRegs blog**

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) has launched an official [blog](#) providing expert insight into the latest regulatory thinking and all aspects of medicines regulation.

### **MAC Skills bioproduction leadership initiative**

On the 17 and 18 January, the BIA's Manufacturing Advisory Committee (MAC) launched their [Skills Networking Tour](#) at Fujifilm in Billingham. The group of 11 (one representative from each of the participating companies) will attend a series of site tours to offer an overview of the work of other companies in the sector by seeing them in action.

### **Could the future be bright?**

MMIP features at an event in the [ISPE UK Regional Events programme](#) on the challenges & opportunities facing UK pharmaceutical manufacturing. The event focused on smart manufacturing, packaging, 3D printing and integrated technologies. Feedback was positive and it is hoped that similar regional event between ISPE and MMIP will take place in the future.



Attendees at the ISPe & MMIP event 'Could the future be bright? Challenges & Opportunities Facing UK Pharmaceutical Manufacturing'

### **Funding opportunities**

- **Innovate UK: Innovation in Health and Life Sciences**  
[Innovate UK](#) is investing up to £15 million in projects addressing technical or commercial challenges in health and life sciences
- **BioIndustry Association**  
A summary of funding opportunities is available on the [BIA website](#)

## Upcoming activity

- **20 March:** Medicines Manufacturing UK 2017
- **25 April:** Making Pharmaceuticals
- **23 May:** Regenerative medicine in the UK health system: challenges, prospects and readiness
- **29/30 November:** bioProcess UK

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