

Eighth Microfluidics Consortium



Mission:

To grow the market for micro (and meso) fluidic enabled products and solutions.

Scope:

Point of Care and Companion Diagnostics; High Throughput Screening; Cell based Assays; Environmental/Food Sensing; Genomics; Regenerative Medicine/Tissue on a Chip; Circulating Tumour Cells/DNA; Synthesis and more!



Members:

Philips (NL); Cepheid (USA) ; IMT (CH); Dolomite (GB/USA); EVGroup(A); Micronit (NL); University of Cambridge (GB); Fluigent (F) ; Invenios (USA/NL/D) ; CEA (F) ; DTU (DK) ; Eksigent (USA); Lonza (CH / GB) ; HP (USA); Magnomics (Pt) ; Dublin City University (EI); Fraunhofer-IPT (D); Fluidic Analytics (UK)

Approach:

The work of the consortium is set by its members who meet at approximately 3 month intervals in the USA and at the same frequency in Europe at member sites to:

- Hear from invited experts/market influencers
- Learn about 'grand challenges' for the industry
- Propose ways in which these can be addressed on a shared basis
- Chase progress on previously initiated projects
- Network .. and do deals



The work of the consortium is confidential. However:

- There is no intellectual property agreement involved in joining
- The consortium has a public face through its website www.microfluidicsinfo.com
- The consortium maintains a database of industry players at www.microfluidicsdirectory.com
- The consortium occasionally publishes White Papers
- The consortium organises annual "Open Days" in both Europe and USA to present its thinking and products to invited outside guests
- The consortium has a network of contacts with like-minded groups around the world

Members join for a period of one year at a time (we are in our 8th cycle). For organisations with more than 120 staff a corporate ticket costs £10k (=\$17k) and allows up to 3 members of staff to participate in any consortium activity. Special deals for <120 £5.5k and <30 £3.5k staff organisations and also for research institutes and their start-up clusters(£5.5k)

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(extract) MF Consortium has visited:

- Carolina (Becton Dickinson)
- Salzburg (SonyDADC)
- Milan (ST Microelectronics)
- Cambridge (Uni Cambridge)
- San Diego (Illumina/UCSD)
- Eindhoven (Philips)
- NewBrunswick/Beerse(Johnson&Johnson)
- Boston (MIT / Northeastern)
- San Francisco (Stanford, UCSB, Berkeley)

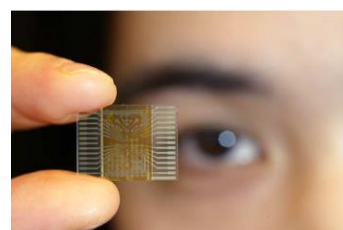
(extract) MF Consortium invited speakers from:

- NICE
- Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Roche Diagnostics
- University of Nagoya
- FDA
- IBM Research
- Medical Research Council
- Medicare
- European Commission and Patent Office

.. and organised study tours to Japan, Singapore and China

Examples from Work Programme:

- Infrastructure for Cells/ Tissue/Organ on a Chip
- The role of droplets in High Throughput Screening
- Intellectual Property – Challenges and Opportunities
- Industry Yellow Pages / Recruitment
- Interconnects Standards in Microfluidics
- Design for Manufacturing
- Personalize Medicine



“Many thanks for all your efforts in planning and succeeding in organizing a really exciting program “ Christian Holtze BASF SE

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