

**Press Release**

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**Triangle Biotech Research Symposium III:
Innovating Through Partnerships and Collaborations
Moving Traditional Drug Development into the 21st Century**

(Tinton Falls, NJ) Asinex and the Deora Laboratory will present their work on accelerating compound development through medicinal chemistry at the Triangle Biotech Research Symposium III: Innovating Through Partnerships and Collaborations, October 28, 2014. The Symposium is hosted by the Biopharma Research Council and the NC Biotechnology Center in Triangle Research Park.

The discussion will pertain to the collaboration between the Deora Laboratory and Asinex on the development of novel anti-Bordetella pertussis agents, the bacterial pathogen that causes whooping cough or pertussis. "The US and other parts of the developed world are experiencing increased outbreaks of this vaccine-preventable disease," says Mark Parisi, Executive Director, Asinex Corporation. "By combining breakthrough screening approaches and existing compound libraries, the partnership is focused upon transcription regulators that have a high likelihood of inhibiting the growth, survival and virulence of B. pertussis."

Mr. Parisi has more than 20 years of international business experience and was instrumental in the founding and development of ASINEX Corporation. He is responsible for multiple start up companies and has over 16 years of experience in the life science field.

Mr. Parisi will be joined by Rajendar Deora, Ph.D, Associate Professor, Wake Forest School of Medicine. Dr. Deora's areas of expertise include the study of bacterial pathogens as well as vaccine development.

The BioPharma Research Council (BRC) offers this education program and conference as part of its mission to stimulate interaction among functional silos across the biomedical research and development community. Founded in 2009, the BioPharma Research Council is an association for scientists throughout the biomedical research community- industry, academic, nonprofit, government, and supplier labs and their teams.
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