



We are pleased to introduce the first Open PHACTS newsletter. We are working towards the first public release of the Open PHACTS Explorer beta. In the meantime, the newsletter contains some recent information about the project, along with a date for our next Community Workshop – please put it in your diaries, and we look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime you can catch up with the project on the [Open PHACTS website](#).

## Using the power of Open PHACTS: Community workshop

22-23 April 2013, Chemistry Centre, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London

The 4th Community Workshop will showcase example commercial and academic applications being built on the Open PHACTS semantic data platform. A summary of the project developments, background technology and data integration approaches will lead into sessions on how the API can be used to build on the integrated data. There will be sessions covering licensing issues of integrated data and the use of nanopublications.

Please register your [interest](#) in attending the workshop.



## Lee Harland's keynote on the project

For a great summary of the project so far, see [Lee Harland's keynote](#) at EKAW (18th International Conference on Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management in Galway City, Ireland) "Practical Semantics In The Pharmaceutical Industry - The Open PHACTS Project".

## Recent Publications

- Drug Discovery Today: "[Open PHACTS: semantic interoperability for drug discovery](#)".
- The Molecular Informatics special issue "[Open Innovation in Drug Discovery](#)", supported by Open PHACTS.
- The editorial "[Open data for drug discovery: learning from the biological community](#)", part of the Special Focus Issue "Computational Chemistry" in Future Medicinal Chemistry written by Stefan Senger, Anne Hersey and John Overington.
- An interesting article by John Wilbanks, Antony Williams and Sean Ekins in PLOS Computational Biology: [Why Open Drug Discovery Needs Four Simple Rules for Licensing Data and Models](#).

## Recent Associate Partners

In the past months, we are pleased to welcome Genetta Soft AB, Global Health Equity Foundation, Orphanet, VIVO, Accelrys and The Scripps Research Institute as [Associated Partners](#) of the project.

