

# Chemical Development & Scale-Up in the Fine Chemical & Pharmaceutical Industries

Principles and Practice

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A 3 day course presented by  
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## INTRODUCTION

Chemical process development is generally not taught as part of degree courses in higher education; the conversion of a synthetic route used for making milligram or gram quantities of a chemical into a process for manufacturing multi-kilogram and tonne quantities is typically learnt "on the job" by chemists in industry. For many years, little chemical development work was published in the literature, until the establishment of the Organic Process R&D journal by Dr Trevor Laird (founder of Scientific Update). Even now, "tricks of the trade" are handed down within individual company organisations, and it can be difficult to gain an awareness of what is involved in chemical development, and of the skills and techniques required to efficiently scale-up chemical processes.

This three-day course, written and presented by highly experienced process chemists from the pharmaceutical and fine chemical industries, provides a comprehensive overview of this fascinating and important element of the chemical industry. A logical investigative approach to all aspects of chemical development is described, with an abundance of case studies from literature, conferences and private communications. The multi-disciplinary nature of chemical development is emphasised, from the initial interaction with laboratory research scientists to the vital partnership with chemical engineers in the pilot plant and in the production environment. The lectures are interspersed with interactive problem sessions, enabling participants to share in the problem solving and troubleshooting typically experienced during chemical development.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Introduction

- > The purpose of chemical development

### Synthetic Route Discovery

- > Route design
- > Selecting the best route for scale-up
- > Choice of raw materials, reagents etc

### Costing of Chemical Processes

- > Raw materials
- > Overheads
- > Context

### The Investigative Approach to Chemical Development

- > Optimising Chemical Reactions
- > Making processes robust
- > Minimising scale-up difficulties

### Solvent Effects

- > Often overlooked
- > Key to making a modest process a great process

### Statistical Methods of Optimisation

- > Vital, but under-utilised
- > Design of Experiments
- > Simplex
- > Factorial design

### Analytical Issues

- > In Process Control
- > Quality Control and Specification Setting
- > Regulatory Guidelines
- > GMP, Validation
- > Use of analysis to aid process optimisation

### Work Up

- > Product isolation

### Planning for Scale-Up

- > Key points to consider

### Appreciation of Chemical Engineering Principles

- > Mass Transfer
- > Mixing
- > Heat Transfer
- > Kinetics

### Crystallisation and Polymorphism

- > Particle size control
- > Polymorph control
- > Methods of analysis
- > Crystallisation of chiral compounds

### New and Emerging Technologies in Process R&D

- > Microwave chemistry
- > Continuous flow chemistry
- > Process intensification

### Thermal Hazard Testing and Runaway Reactions

- > Essential process safety considerations
- > Equipment and screening approaches

### Effluent Minimisation and Control

- > Environmental considerations
- > Cost considerations
- > Green chemistry

## VENUE

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Course dinner 7.30pm - Tuesday 21 March

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## COURSE TUTORS

### Dr Will Watson

Technical Director,  
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Will Watson gained his PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Leeds in 1980. He joined the BP Research Centre at Sunbury-on-Thames and spent five and a half years working as a research chemist on a variety of topics including catalytic dewaxing, residue upgrading, synthesis of novel oxygenates for use as gasoline supplements, surfactants for use as gasoline detergent additives and non-linear optical compounds.

In 1986 he joined Lancaster Synthesis and during the next 7 years he was responsible for laboratory scale production and process research and development to support Lancaster's catalogue, semi-bulk and custom synthesis businesses. In 1993 he was appointed to the position of Technical Director, responsible for all Production (Laboratory and Pilot Plant scale), Process Research and Development, Engineering and Quality Control. He helped set up and run the Lancaster Laboratories near Chennai, India and had technical responsibility for the former PCR laboratories at Gainesville, Florida. He joined Scientific Update as Technical Director in May 2000. He is also involved in an advisory capacity in setting up conferences and in the running of the events. He is active in the consultancy side of the business and sits on the Scientific Advisory Boards of various companies.

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### Dr John Knight

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John first started his industrial career at the age of 16 as a technician with ICI. Following several years' laboratory experience he went on to study at the University of Southampton for a degree in chemistry, staying on to complete his PhD with Phil Parsons. John then took up a NATO-funded post-doctoral position with Gilbert Stork before returning to the UK to work for Glaxo, initially in medicinal chemistry before transferring to chemical development. John then moved to work for a small contract research organisation which, after significant growth, is now part of Aptuit. John left Aptuit at the end of 2007, following 14 years in the CRO arena, to join Scientific Update LLP where he provided training and consultancy services. In January 2015 John established his own consultancy business while continuing to work very closely with Scientific Update.

John's main professional focus is in working with early stage chemical development projects and transfer to plant, often working with small pharma companies where he helps with CMC issues and securing material supplies to toxicological studies and Phase I and II clinical trials.

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## At the end of the course, participants will have gained:

- > A logical investigative approach to chemical development and optimisation
- > An insight into the factors involved in scale-up
- > An appreciation of chemical engineering concepts, particularly mixing, heat transfer and process control
- > A preliminary knowledge of statistical methods of optimisation
- > Improved ability to decide which parts of the chemical process to examine in detail
- > Ideas for efficient resource allocation
- > Improved troubleshooting and problem solving ability



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