



# FIRST SQU INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY CONFERENCE

## RECENT TRENDS IN DRUG DEVELOPMENT

10-12 November 2015

### THE CONFERENCE

You are invited to participate in the First Sultan Qaboos University Chemistry Conference, Recent Trends in Drug Development to be held in Muscat on 10-12 November, 2015.

Providing a forum for chemists from around the world to meet, present, and discuss their research, the conference, will highlight contemporary research in drug development from a chemistry standpoint. Participants will have a chance to share their expertise in the field of drug development and identify areas of possible collaboration. Plenary lectures by internationally renowned speakers will be held, and one full session will be dedicated to presentations by graduate students and young researchers.

The official language of the conference is English.

### THEMES

- **Medicinal Chemistry**
- **Natural Products: Isolation & Identification**
- **Total Synthesis**
- **Novel Materials & Drug Delivery**
- **Drug Protein Interaction & Characterization**
- **Young Scientists Session**

### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>January 2015</b>	: 1 <sup>st</sup> circular (e-mail)
<b>March 2015</b>	: 2 <sup>nd</sup> circular (hard copy mailing)
	Conference registration opens
	Abstract submission opens
	Accommodation reservation opens
<b>1<sup>st</sup> June 2015</b>	: Deadline for abstract submission
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July 2015</b>	: Deadline for early registration

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### EXHIBITION

An exhibition will be an integral part of the RTDD15 conference. Adjacent to the lecture hall it will be integrated into the scientific poster exhibition space to ensure maximum contact between exhibitors and participants.

### ACCOMMODATION

Blocks of hotel rooms have been reserved in several hotels in the Muscat area, most of them within a short driving distance from the conference venue.

The hotels range from five-star accommodations to hotel apartments. The list of accommodations will be available on our website.

### SOCIAL PROGRAM

Social activities will include a Welcome Party and a Conference Banquet. A social program for participants and guests will offer a variety of excursions and visits.

Detailed descriptions of tourism activities within the city of Muscat will be available to all participants.

### OMAN

**Visa** : participants from GCC are required to have their valid National ID, and a valid passport for non GCC counties. For some countries visas are obtainable on arrival at the airport. SQU will aid those who need a visa prior to arrival. For more information please contact your nearest embassy, consulate or local travel agency well in advance before contacting our help desk to finalize your VISA arrangements.

**Currency** : Omani Rial (OMR) is the national currency (~0.386 USD). Major credit cards are accepted in all hotels, restaurants and shopping malls. Exchange offices and ATM machines are readily available.

**Climate** : During November, the Muscat region typically enjoys dry and clear weather conditions, with temperatures between 20 and 30°C.

**Tourism** : Conference attendees are encouraged to combine participation at the conference with the opportunity to explore some of Oman's world class tourism destinations. Information can be found at the Ministry of Tourism.

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