

## Towards Artificial Cells: Novel Advances in Bottom-Up Cell Design and Construction

27 November 2013, Institute of Physics, UK

This meeting will focus on the emerging area of artificial cells and the construction of biologically-inspired modules using bottom up approaches that can be coupled together to achieve novel functions. Current approaches in Synthetic Biology; an emerging area of science offering exciting possibilities in exploring the interfaces of Chemistry, Biology and Engineering systems focus on re-designing existing systems or combining existing modules. However the construction of such modules from scratch offers an exciting alternative where a fundamental understanding of the engineering principles that underlie cellular function can be manipulated to design bespoke biological systems. This meeting will review the current state of the art in areas ranging from artificial proteins and membranes to synthetic cells and define the problems and prospects for this next-generation technology.

### *Speakers*

**Prof Jon Cooper** University of Glasgow

**Prof Lee Cronin** University of Glasgow

**Prof Pier Luigi Luisi** ETH Zurich

**Prof Stephen Mann** University of Bristol

**Prof Pierre-Alain Monnard**  
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### *Scientific organisers*

**Prof Paul O'Shea** University of Nottingham

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### *Key Dates*

**Early registration deadline:** 30 October 2013

**Registration deadline:** 21 November 2013

**Poster submission deadline:** 2 October 2013

### *For more information*

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