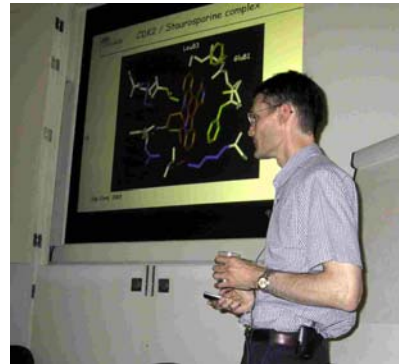


## Successful Scottish Bioinformatics Forum Meeting

A Bioinformatics meeting, the first in a series to be hosted by the Scottish Bioinformatics Forum was held during the afternoon of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at the National e-Science Centre.

The events are intended to foster links between academic research departments and the commercial sector through networking and information exchange. The event highlighted the ground breaking bioinformatics work that is going on in Scotland.

Over 60 delegates listened to a series of presentations from leading Scottish research groups who are pioneering work in the area of Human Genomics and Proteomics. Speakers from both the Academic and commercial sector outlined dramatic developments that are a direct result of a more clearly developed understanding of human / comparative genomics and disease pathways.



*Dr Campbell McInnes describes the protein interaction of one of Cyclacel's revolutionary anti cancer drugs*

Speakers included Professor Malcolm Atkinson, Director of the National eScience Centre; Dr Shane Sturrock, CEO of Roslin based Aneda Ltd; Professor David Gilbert, Bioinformatics Research Centre, University of Glasgow and Dr Campbell McInnes of Cyclacel the leading Dundee based Biotech Company. The session was chaired by Professor Geoff Barton who heads Bioinformatics Research at the University of Dundee.

Feedback from the Delegates who represented most of the Universities and biotech companies in Scotland indicated that they had appreciated the networking and learning requested more meetings on the same lines. Scientific and IT related topics for future meetings for researchers from Scotland, England and other countries.



*Delegates at the Wine and Cheese Reception following the meeting*

*The event was organised by Specialist Computer Centres (SCC) and sponsored by Sun Microsystems.*