

Welcome

O2h welcomes you to this newsletter in its 5th year of providing multiple FTE chemistry and ADME collaborations to clients across the globe. The O2h team has now grown to over 100 scientific staff and operates from a modern 10,000 sq mt research campus in India.

O2h, co-located in Cambridge, UK, has designed its discovery services model with speed and real-time communications at its core.

The O2h website at www.o2h.com now has a new look with updated pictures and information about our new Shirish Research campus. Also, our website now has both French and Japanese versions. This website also features a ticker tape detailing all the conferences, meetings, exhibitions that O2h will be attending. So, please visit the website and get in touch with us info@o2h.com if you would like to meet with us during these events.



O2h live at its fully IP-secure, dedicated lab units

In April 2009, the Shirish Research Campus went live. This 10,000 sq mt facility is located within a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Ahmedabad, India. It incorporates the latest in both proven and experimental environmental thinking applicable to discovery research activity for extreme Indian climatic conditions.

The highlight of this new campus are highly spacious 12 fume-hood reconfigurable lab units designed to be self-sufficient IP-secure areas with a dedicated write-up area.

This new building has been designed in a modular fashion to ensure a high level of security for each of the lab units whilst benefiting from integrated engineering, services and support. These lab units have exclusive card-key access only and can be personalized according to client specifications.

O2h wins ERBI Award

O2h won the, "Innovation in Enabling Technology" award from ERBI, UK. This award is a recognition of contribution O2h has made to the drug discovery programs of its clients.

"We are very proud to have been recognised for discovery efforts by such a prestigious biotech cluster. We hope to further strengthen our support to this and other clusters." Sunil Shah, CEO of O2h.



O2h to provide chemistry support to MRCT

Dr. Justin Bryans of Medical Research Council Technology and CEO of O2h, Sunil Shah recently signed an agreement to provide chemistry support to drug discovery projects at MRCT.

Dr. Daniel Roach, Investment Director, Avlar BioVentures visits O2h facilities in India

Dr. Roach visited O2h in November 2009. After a tour of the facilities, he said, "O2h have set-up an excellent chemistry service operation in India."

Dr. Sjoerd Wadman, Head of Chemistry, Novactabio visits Shirish Research Campus

"Amazing achievement. I came away with reinforced belief that you are doing excellent science, with chemistry capability second to none"

Women in Science Open Day

O2h organised its second annual 'Women in Science Open Day'. This is a one-of-a-kind initiative in India, to inspire women scientists on the brink of completing their degrees to pursue a career in science.

The woman scientists learnt about the supportive culture and were able to interact with role-model women scientists in O2h. The event received an overwhelming response, with participation exceeding 4 times that for the previous year.

"Such events really inspire women towards moving ahead in science"

Zainab Unwala, participant.

