# Mainstreaming Green Chemistry Webinar Series

# Advancing Green Chemistry Through Business to University Partnerships: Lessons from BASF

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# What is the GC3?

- Cross-sectoral, B2B network of over 70 companies and other organizations
- Formed in 2005
- Collaboratively advances green chemistry across sectors and supply chains





# **Today's Speaker**

### **Chris Hewitt**



Chris Hewitt, Science Relations Manager, North America BASF Corporation



# **Mainstreaming Green Chemistry**

# when all chemistry

# green chemistry





# Mainstreaming Green Chemistry Project Overarching Questions:

- What can be done to make all chemistry green chemistry?
- What are the current barriers and drivers?
- What partnerships will have to be built, policies put in place, educational needs met, and investments made?
- What role should the GC3 take?



# **Mainstreaming GC Project**

Member survey on drivers, barriers, needs

+ Input from Advisory Committee + Discussions at Roundtable + Interviews with thought-leaders + Additional Research

# AGENDA FOR MAINSTREAMING GREEN CHEMISTRY



# More about Partnerships from GC3...

• GC3 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovators Roundtable, April 28-30, 2015, Beaverton, OR

# What Makes Partnerships Work: Lessons from the Real World

- Staples and Wegmans
  - Business to Business Partnership
- Berkeley Center for Green Chemistry and Method

   Business to University Partnership
- Register at

www.greenchemistryandcommerce.org



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# Lessons Learned Advancing Green Chemistry through Business:University partnerships

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# **Our purpose**

We create chemistry for a sustainable future



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### **Company overview** BASF – We create chemistry

- \* The world's leading chemical company
- \* Serves all major industries
- 380 production facilities including six Verbund sites
- Largest R&D spend in the global chemical industry (more than €1.8 billion)
- Employees: 113,000

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# Sales by segment Total sales 2014: € 74.3 billion

#### Sales by segment\* (billion €)

Sales by region\*

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# Demographic challenges set the stage for the future of the chemical industry

### In 2050: More than nine billion people but only one earth



#### **Chemistry as enabler**

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# Our sustainability understanding

Contributing to meet society's needs more sustainably is the growth driver for our business.



Human beings consume more than the earth can regenerate.

On this journey, we need to act decisively together with and for our customers and other stakeholders.





Balancing economic, environmental and social needs to find the best available solutions is essential to ensure a more sustainable future.

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# Integration of sustainability into our business decisions

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Enable our customers to develop more sustainable solutions

Connect – in our team and with society

Deliver excellence in our operations

### **Creating value**

### **Reducing risk**

### Innovation Research and development at a glance

Research for the future: with our innovative products and processes, we provide sustainable solutions for global challenges.

- Expenditures for research and development €1,884 million, world leader in chemical industry
- Around 3,000 projects
- Strongest innovation power in the chemical industry (No.1 in the Patent Asset Index<sup>TM</sup>)
- Targets 2020: around €30 billion sales and circa €7 billion EBITDA from innovations



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- around 2 €1.88 5 billion 4
- Chemicals 10% Performance Products 19% **Functional Materials & Solutions** 20% 4 Agricultural Solutions 27% 19
- 5 Oil & Cas

### Innovation Global Know-How Verbund

Thanks to our close cooperation with numerous partners in science and industries worldwide, we have created an international and interdisciplinary Know-How Verbund.



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### **Growth by tackling new business areas** BASF Innovation Highlights





### **Chemistry-based innovations** Growth and technology fields

**Global needs** 

#### **Customer industries**



Food and **Nutrition** 

**Quality of Life** 



Construction





Agriculture

#### **Consumer Goods Electronics**



Health & Nutrition

#### **Growth fields**

Automotive Lightweight Composites

Batteries for Mobility

Enzymes

**E-Power Management** 

**Functional Crop Care** 

Heat Management for Construction

**Organic Electronics** 

Plant Biotechnology

Water Solutions

Wind Energy

#### **Technology fields**

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Materials, Systems & **Nanotechnology** 

**Raw Material** Change

#### White **Biotechnology**

# **Growth field** Automotive Lightweight Composites

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Innovative composite materials from BASF are helpful in automotive lightweighting and reducing carbon emissions.

#### **Existing activities**

- Replacing metal with short, long and continuous fiberreinforced composite materials (epoxy resins, polyurethanes, thermoplastics and foams)
- System solutions: tailored multi-material systems, material data, simulation models, processing and testing know-how

#### **Targets**

- Position BASF as one of the leading suppliers of composite material systems
- Extending existing business and accessing new markets by utilizing synergies between different material systems



### **Growth field** E-Power Management

BASF develops innovative solutions to increase energy and CO2-efficiency in the power value chain.

#### **Existing activities**

- Solid state materials for efficient cooling
- High temperature superconductors for efficient current conduction
- Stationary power storage in the grid

#### **Targets**

- Development of material-based breakthrough technologies for use in the power value chain
- Development of new markets in power generation, power transmission, stationary storage and power usage (cooling, heating, electric motors)





# **University Relations at BASF** Holistic Approach in North America



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# Access

Access to talent and cutting edge science

# Influence

Influence on what's being taught

# Awareness

Increase awareness of BASF in select parts of regions & strengthen visibility with local universities

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# University Relations at BASF UNIQUE – The BASF Academic Partnership Program

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#### Essence

The BASF Academic Partnership Developers generate scientific opportunities by matching BASF R&D with top universities worldwide, identifying new ideas, trends, research topics and paving the way to joint innovations.

#### What UNIQUE differentiates

- the widest scientific range
- o the largest internal industrial network in the chemical industry
- o guarantees the most personal direct approach
- long-term perspective and commitment

# Why work with Universities?



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- Talent acquisition
- Employee Development
- Research and development



- Marketing support
- Political support
- Corporate citizenship



- Engagement comes in many shapes and sizes
- Permeates all aspects of a company
- Tailor to unique business needs
- Not just Science

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# **Disconnects**

Who gets what and how long it takes...

#### 1. Time and especially rights

- Simple terms for non-exclusive rights
- Exclusive rights for joint inventions for fully funded research - can be a deal breaker for land grant universities – Minnesota/European models
- Fear of losing the big deal can guarantee the loss of recurring support

#### 2. What's financially equitable

- Market risk
- Scaleup and Capex







### **Disconnects** Scaleability, fit and profitability

- 3. Scaleability
  - ⊗ Risk for industry

#### 4. Lack of understanding of what it takes to go to market

- S Fit to business models
- 8 Profit pools in the value chain

#### 5. Short term vs long term perspective

- e project lifetimes, measures and milestones
- Ength of time and barriers to commercialization
- 6. IP terms understanding of what it takes to create value from new technology
  - Are claims sufficient for what industry needs
  - Prior art/FTO can have a huge impact

#### 7. Companies work globally with universities

O US Universities must be competitive – but see the next slide



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### **Disconnect** The good news.....

- ☺ Businesses want to work with Universities (and are doing so)
- Industry is more interested in underlying capability than just specific IP
- Industry fully understands need of universities to publish (just need time to protect IP prior to disclosure)
- Industry wants to engage with talented partners to create value and provide employment







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Making it work Prerequisites



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# Industry / Academia Prerequisites for Successful Collaboration

- Right Partners
- Framework
- Clear Goals
- Trust
- Equal Excitement

### Making it work Finding Exciting Projects







#### **Other key factors**

- Legal umbrella simplifies project start
- Critical mass leads to "clustering" to solve problems

# Making it work Key points



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- Understand each other's strategic context. competencies and goals
  - R (Basic) -> R (Applied) -> D (demonstrate) continuum.
    - Where are we?
- Recognize relationship management is a two-way street
  - Importance of the right project managers
- Make communication a priority
  - Don't pre-assume the right answer to the question
  - Listen carefully to understand organizational constraints and find creative solutions
- Remember one size doesn't fit all
  - Build flexibility into processes
  - Research takes time

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**Example** Magnetocaloric materials



- Joint research Program
- Focus on strengths
  - University Fundamental principles
  - BASF scaleup and production
- Multiple years
  - Started 2008, renewed 2011, continues
- Exclusive license 2013
  - Followed successful scaleup by BASF
  - Continued research collaboration

- Brought in additional partners for device development
  - BASF Manufacture of high quality materials from abundant and affordable raw materials
  - Astronautics Specialty expertise for integration into the magnetocaloric heat pump
  - Haier Knowledge of appliances
- Product launched at CES 2015

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# **Example video**

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py9laztpKzs</u>



# **Upcoming GC3 Events**

Green Chemistry Education Webinar:

The Role of Policy in Green Chemistry Research and Adoption, April 16

Green Chemistry and Commerce Council, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovators Roundtable, April 28-30<sup>th</sup>, Nike World Headquarters, Beaverton, OR

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