

Cross-Party Group on Life Sciences

**Tuesday 8 October 2019, Committee Room 4
Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh
5.40pm – 7.00pm**

Focus on Dundee University

- 5.40pm** **Arrival of MSP's, participants and observers**
- 5.45pm** **Opening, Welcome and Introductions, Convener, Kenneth Gibson MSP**
- 5.50pm** **Minutes of the previous meeting (*May 28th, 2019*)**
- 5.55pm** **AGM**
- 6.00pm** **Sir Michael Ferguson CBE, FRS, FRSE, FMedSci, Regius Professor of Life Sciences, University of Dundee.**
"Creating new high-growth Life Sciences companies in Scotland: what is missing?"
- Scotland has outstanding Life Sciences research capacity and excellence in its HEIs, yet we underperform relative to SE England with respect to inward investment for company creation. Sir Michael Ferguson will give his perspective on what is missing for us to realise our potential for company and job creation.
- Q & A**
- 6.25pm** **10 Minute Interval**
- 6.35** **Dr George Tofaris, associate professor and honorary consultant neurologist at the University of Oxford and Dr Julie Brady, business development manager at Dundee University's Drug Discovery Unit (DDU)**
"A new treatment for Parkinson's disease could be just around the corner"
- Dr George Tofaris and Dr Julie Brady will join us to discuss a new project that brings together the clinical and translational research expertise in Oxford with Dundee's professional drug discovery unit allowing them to move one stage closer towards a treatment for patients with Parkinson's.
- Q & A**
- 7.00pm** **Close**