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Department of Chemistry, University of Oxford  
ACS Citation for Chemical Breakthrough Symposium

*Do beta-lactams have a future?*

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

11am – 5pm

Inorganic Chemistry Laboratory, South Parks Road, Oxford

A one-day symposium marking the award of an ACS Citation for Chemical Breakthrough to Oxford Chemistry for the report of the structural determination of penicillin by Dorothy Crowfoot-Hodgkin and Barbara Rogers-Low.

It is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first human trials of penicillin carried out in the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. Since those trials, beta-lactam antibiotics have become a powerful clinical weapon against infection and a success story of modern medicine. Structural information is as critical today as it was 75 years ago: underpinning advances in the clinical effectiveness of beta-lactams including studying the development of penicillin binding protein and beta-lactamase resistance; and enhancing penicillin production by industrial organisms.

This meeting will include talks from academic and industrial researchers on the continuing challenges of developing and delivering effective beta-lactam antibiotics.

11.00 Opening Remarks and presentation of ACS Citation for Chemical Breakthrough Award

11.30 **Jim Spencer** (Bristol)

12.00 **Allen Orville** (XFEL Hub)

12.30 Lunch and posters (in CRL)

14.00 **Chris Dowson** (Warwick) *75 years on: unravelling the targets of penicillin*

14.30 **Achillefs Kapandis** (Oxford) *Reaching better antibiotics by diffraction-unlimited imaging*

15:00 **Frank von Delft** (Diamond) *New chemical opportunities from massive screening for fragments directly in crystals"*

15:30 Tea/Coffee

16:00 **Tim Walsh** (Cardiff) *Tackling global AMR: to dream or to scream?*

16:30 TBC (AstraZeneca)

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