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Behind the scenes at Westminster

HNR Senior Scientist Dr Albert Koulman usually spends his working week running the Cambridge Lipidomics Biomarker Research Initiative (CLBRI) here at HNR — our brand new cutting edge lipidomics biomarker research centre. However, during the week of 23rd-27th November 2009, Albert went to Westminster to take part in the Royal Society's MP-Scientist Pairing Scheme. Dr Koulman was successfully paired with David Howarth, MP for Cambridge, to learn about politics and the role of science based policy making, getting first-hand experience of how policy makers view scientists.

In January 2010, the shoe will be on the other foot and it will be the MP's turn to visit HNR, with David Howarth spending time in the lab and shadowing the work of Dr Koulman.

Commenting on his visit Dr Koulman said, "the whole experience was a very positive one and helped me to understand the importance and relevance of the parliamentarians work to my own".

To read Dr Koulman's blog and find out how he got on at Westminster please [click here](#).