



Finalists named in university spin-out awards

The world's first wireless sensor for sleeping and breathing and silicone contact lenses for glaucoma patients are finalists for first European awards for university entrepreneurs.

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LONDON –12 November, 2008 – Andrew Lynn from the University of Cambridge and Conor Hanley from University College Dublin, are among 24 entrepreneurs named as finalists in Europe's first pan-European awards for researchers who start businesses.

A selection committee of leading industry officials and academics, met at University College London, and selected the entrepreneurs from nominations across Europe. The 24 finalists will go through to the final round of judging, by the Science|Business Innovation Board, in Stockholm on 2 December.

The high quality of finalists, from such European research universities as University of Oxford and Karolinska Institutet, underscores the abilities of Europe's research sector at finding creative ways to get their discoveries out of the lab and into the marketplace. The finalists are grouped in six categories, by industry sector and type of entrepreneur. One category, the Bridge Award, is for an individual who has done the most to promote good industry-academic relations. Finalists for that are Tom Hockaday, ISIS Innovation, Eleanor Taylor, Scottish Enterprise and Hans Wigzell, from Karolinska Institutet.



The finalists were chosen by a selection committee which included representatives of the 27 universities and research institutes supporting the programme, including UCL, Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, ETH-Zurich, INSEAD and Imperial College London. The final judging will take place in Stockholm on Dec. 2, by the Science|Business Innovation Board, a blue-ribbon panel of leaders in industry, academia and policy. Members include Esko Aho, former Finnish prime minister; J. Frank Brown, Dean of INSEAD; Jean-Philippe Courtois, President of Microsoft International, and Harriet Wallberg-Henriksson, president of Karolinska, the Swedish university that names the Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology each year. The finalists will attend a conference on academic enterprise at Karolinska, and a gala awards dinner at the Swedish Royal Academy of Engineering.

The awards programme was begun by the London-based Science|Business Innovation Board. Sponsors include Microsoft, Procter & Gamble, Vinnova, Amgen, Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, the Swedish Royal Academy of Engineering, the Wellcome Trust, and CEFIC, the European Chemical Industry Council. In addition, supporters of the Investment Connection, an online interchange between nominees and potential investors, include law firm Wilmer Hale. Media sponsors are the Wall Street Journal Europe and Technology Review magazine.



FULL LIST OF FINALISTS IN EACH CATEGORY:

Chemistry/Materials

*Brian Hayden: Ilika Technologies Ltd., UK

Ideas developed at University of Southampton, UK

*Andrew Lynn : Orthomimetics Ltd., UK

Ideas developed at The University of Cambridge, UK

*Mark Moloney, Jon-Paul Griffiths, Marcelo Bravo: Oxford Advances Surfaces Group Plc, UK

Ideas developed at The University of Oxford, UK

Energy/Environment

*Colin Hills, Paula Carey, Stefan Simons: Carbon8 Biogas Ltd., UK

Ideas developed at The University of Greenwich, UK

*Adel Sharif: Surrey Aquatechnology Limited (Modern Water), UK

Ideas developed at The University of Surrey, UK

*Tiancun Xiao and Malcolm Green: Oxford Catalysts, UK

Ideas developed at The University of Oxford's prestigious Wolfson Catalysis Centre, UK

ICT

*Peter Andrekson and Mathias Westlund: Picosolve, Sweden

Ideas developed at Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden

*Pasquale Pigazzini, Augusto Sarti, Stefano Tubaro: Kee Square SRL, Italy

Ideas developed at Dipartimento di Elettronica e Informazione, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

*Stefan Tuchschnid: VirtaMed AG, Switzerland

Ideas developed at the Department of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, ETH- Zürich, Switzerland

Life Sciences

*Conor Hanley: Biancamed Ltd, Ireland

Ideas developed at University College Dublin, Ireland

*Matteo Leonardi: Sensimed SG, Switzerland

Ideas developed at Microsystem integration laboratory/EPFL, Switzerland

*Neville H McClenaghan, Peter R Flatt, Finbarr PM O'Harte: Diabetica Limited, UK

Ideas developed at The University of Ulster, UK

The Fast Start

*Colin Hills, Paula Carey, Stefan Simons: Carbon8 Biogas Ltd., UK

Ideas developed at The University of Greenwich, UK

*Pasquale Pigazzini, Augusto Sarti, Stefano Tubaro: Kee Square SRL, Italy

Ideas developed at Dipartimento di Elettronica e Informazione, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

*Gandert Van Raemdonck, Hjalmar Van Raemdonck: Ephicas bv, The Netherlands

Ideas developed at: TU Delft, The Netherlands

The Bridge Award

*Tom Hockaday, ISIS Innovation, UK

*Eleanor Taylor, Scottish Enterprise, UK

*Hans Wigzell, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

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