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Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven) Joins European Technology Network

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The Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, a world-renowned Belgian university for research and development, has agreed to join the Science|Business Network of prominent European research institutions, in an effort to promote enterprise in science. This agreement is aimed at improving the dialogue between business and academia in Europe – long identified by experts as crucial to the region’s success in international technology markets.

“It has always been our policy to devote a lot of effort to building active relationships with the various stakeholders in business, says Paul Van Dun of Leuven Research & Development. It is crucial to keep the window to the world open at all times, and feel the pulse of emerging trends or new developments. Developing and maintaining productive relations between academia and industry will in that way not only facilitate the commercialisation of scientific results, but can also lead to a crossfertilisation of science itself.”

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven joins twelve leading European universities in the Science|Business Network. They are the University of Cambridge, ETH-Zürich, Karolinska Institutet, Imperial College London, University College London, TU Delft, Chalmers University of Technology, Politecnico di Milano, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, University of Warwick, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and ParisTech.

Science|Business news and events service, was co-founded by Richard L. Hudson, former managing editor of The Wall Street Journal Europe, and Peter Wrobel, former managing editor of Nature. Based in London and Brussels, Science|Business publishes news of R&D investment and policy daily online and in special print reports, and organises meetings of R&D policy makers, investors and researchers. It works with a network of 13 leading research institutes, including Imperial College London, Karolinska Institutet, University College London and ETH-Zürich. The company’s mission is to encourage enterprise in science. It publishes on www.sciencebusiness.net.

K. U. Leuven was founded in 1425 and caters today for more than 33,000 students. With a budget of €1.3Bn it strongly focuses on top level research. The technology transfer office, K.U.Leuven Research & Development, has operated since 1972, and has overseen the incorporation and provided guidance to more than 80 spin-out companies (several of which have become quoted companies) as well as managing a large patent portfolio.

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