



TII Newsletter

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NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR 2009-2012

Dr. Joachim Hafkesbrink, Managing Director of the innovation consultancy firm Innowise Research & Consultancy GmbH and representative for Germany on the TII Board of Management, was elected by Board colleagues at their recent meeting in Valencia to **take over as President from Michel Duhamel at the Annual General Meeting in 2009**. Joachim has been closely associated with TII's activities since 1989 and was a driving force in last year's strategic reflection at Board level on the future of the Association. He holds a doctorate in economics and social science with a focus on innovation theory and management, and over the past 20 years has managed several consultancy companies dealing with knowledge and technology transfer from science to industry. His international technology transfer activities have led him to work extensively with Russian R&D institutes, then in the field of environmental technologies and latterly with the digital economy and knowledge society. Joachim will be the second TII President from Germany after Lothar Schaar of Erfinderzentrum Norddeutschland during the period 1991-1994 and will begin his term during TII's silver jubilee year in 2009.

150 DELEGATES ATTEND TII 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The sun shone in Valencia on 24 and 25 April for TII's 2008 annual conference. 150 delegates from 30 countries attended our flagship event, which, by common consent, was judged to be an excellent occasion for networking and exchanging experience with colleagues from the innovation support community across Europe. Attendance this year was characterised by a substantial representation of non-members, which was reflected also in the speaking programme. A total of six parallel sessions were offered over the two days, including the wrap-up conference of the EU-funded project STAIRS, in which TII is a partner organisation. Plenary session speakers included French-Canadian Guy R. Cloutier, best-selling author of *Power of the Future*, David Raitt from the TT and Promotion Office of the European Space Agency, Sven Schade from the Directorate for Innovation of DG Enterprise of the European Commission, Klaus Klipp of the Assembly of European Regions, Hans Brasz, VP for Technology Strategy at the Dutch-based life sciences/materials sciences company DSM and Antonio Martinez of the MORE investment company, part of the inno Group. Our thanks go to our host organisation, IMPIVA, for their generous support and a memorable conference dinner set in a beautiful citrus tree plantation on the outskirts of Valencia. **The conference presentations and a selection of photos taken during the conference and the social**

events are available via the links from the TII home page at <http://www.tii.org>

TENDERS ALERT SUPPLEMENT LAUNCHED

At the beginning of May, the secretariat launched **a new e-mail based service, called TAS Supplement**. This service complements the existing Tenders Alert Service and offers members with a specific interest in FP7 and bidding for European contracts additional value-added documents, such as: updated work programmes, briefing notes for programmes, press releases, updated lists of call deadlines and advance information on FP7 calls. If you are interested in subscribing to this service, it is not too late. Just send a one-sentence request to the TII secretariat and we will add your address to the list. This service is covered by your annual membership fee.

20 NEW MEMBERS JOIN TII SO FAR IN 2008

The recruitment of new members has been particularly buoyant so far this year **with 20 new members joining**. In future issues of the e-newsletter, we will list the new members who have joined since the previous issue with a contact name and address so that you can get in touch directly to discuss a potential area of collaboration. For contact details of the new members listed below, please go to the Members Directory on the TII website (alphabetical list by organisation) at <http://www.tii.org/contacts>

CROATIA: HIT - Croatian Institute of Technology

ESTONIA: Baltic Innovation Agency

FRANCE: Bicheron Consulting, TecKnowMetrix

HUNGARY: Central Transdanubian Innovation Agency, Central Transdanubian Regional Development Agency, DEAK, Semmelweis Innovations

ITALY: AREA Science Park, Paolo Vercesi

MALASYA: Malaysian Technology Development Corporation

MOLDOVA: Moldovan Research and Development Association

NORWAY: Innovation Norway

PORTUGAL: SINES Tecnopolo

SLOVENIA: Public Agency of Technology of the Republic of Slovenia, Regional Development Agency of the Ljubljana Urban Region

SPAIN: Fundacion MADRI+D, Instituto Tecnologia Ceramica, LABEIN

USA: Fabio Parigi

AER AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE REGIONS 2008

- For the third consecutive year the Assembly of European Regions is **holding its Award for Innovative Regions** which aims to honour European Regional Authorities actions which have stimulated, fostered and implemented innovation on their territory. It also aims to promote best practice and demonstrate how regions can contribute to regional economic welfare. Any European Region or County may participate, be they from an EU member state or not. An application form, as well as descriptions of previous award-winning

entries, may be found on the following website: <http://www.a-e-r.org/home-en/main-issues/economic-development/aer-innovation-award.html>
Applications should be made by 1 June 2008. The award winners will be announced during the AER General Assembly in Tampere, Finland on 13-14 November 2008

ENCOURAGING SME INNOVATION AND GROWTH: INCREASING CAPITAL ACCESS

... is the title of the **INSME Annual Meeting** which will take place on 3-4 July 2008 in Guangzhou, P.R China. The programme offers a mix of presentations from European and Chinese experts on public support policies and measures for SME innovation and growth and funding instruments for SMEs, as well as a series of industrial and technological site visits. More information may be found on the INSME website at <http://www.insme.org>

TECHNOLOGY OPEN DAY FOR HEALTH & FOOD TECHNOLOGIES

TecMinho, in partnership with University of Minho, is organising the third edition of its **Technology Open Day on 5 and 6 June in Braga, Portugal**. This year the focus is on health and food technologies, and in particular health and well-being, biotechnology, medical technology, agro-food, electronics and advanced materials. Researchers, teaching staff and university spin-offs will have the opportunity to present their R&D results and share with industry their vision of future developments in their field of research. One2one meetings with industrial representatives are scheduled to take place on the afternoon of 5 June. The event is free of charge for all participants and offers potentially exciting opportunities for companies searching for new technologies and business opportunities. Abstracts of the technologies to be showcased, the conference programme and a registration form may be downloaded from <http://www.tecminho.uminho.pt/technologyopenday>

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