



TII Newsletter

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Dear Member,

With this first electronic news bulletin of the year, the TII secretariat wishes you good health, happiness and success with all your ventures in 2008!

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR TII ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At the beginning of next week you will receive a pre-programme and call for papers inviting you to take part in the association's annual conference which will be held in **Valencia, Spain on 24-25 April. The theme this year is 'From Regional Networking to International Partnerships in Technology Transfer and Innovation Support'** and the call for papers will invite contributions for six parallel sessions to be held over the two days. Like last year in Paris, we are programming our Annual General Meeting and a welcome reception on the evening prior to the opening of the conference, i.e. 23 April. We are also intending to offer a one-day **pre-conference workshop that day on 'Effective Marketing Communications'** delivered by Judy Marcure of Calibre Communications in Australia. More details will be sent soon.

INNOVATION TOUR TO ISRAEL

As announced at the end of last year, a novel concept in networking and good practice exchange is about to make its entry into the TII programme of activities. **From 9 to 14 March we are planning to hold the very first TII Innovation Tour** which will allow participants to discover first-hand the players and institutions which excel in academic entrepreneurship and knowledge-based company creation in one of the world's leading innovative regions. The destination in 2008 is Israel. Over 5 days, a group of visiting specialists/programme leaders in the field of knowledge-intensive entrepreneurship meet with peers in leading research institutes (The Technion, The Weizmann Institute, Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and governmental and R&D supporting bodies and are introduced to some success stories involved university spin-off companies. A full programme will be available at the beginning of February.

EXPERT POSITION WITH THE IP&SC UNIT OF THE JRC OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The Intellectual Property and Scientific Cooperation Unit of the Joint Research Centre of the EC **is seeking to recruit a dynamic seconded national expert**. The mission of the IP&SC Unit is to develop JRC innovation-related activities and to protect, promote and exploit the Communities' IP portfolio. The candidate should be a university graduate (preferably in science or economics) with significant knowledge of technology transfer and ability to understand both sciences and business. 3 years work experience, preferably in transferring technology in a research/academic, industrial or commercial environment is requested. Interested candidates should contact Olivier Eulaerts at DG JRC of the European Commission in Brussels, e-mail: olivier.eulaerts@ec.europa.eu

JOB OFFER: EU ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECT MANAGER IN THE AREA OF OPEN SOURCE

The laboratory 'Proofs, Programmes, Systems(PPS) of University Paris Diderot - Paris 7 - and CNRS **is recruiting a Project Manager to handle the day-to-day administrative management of an EU-funded research project** which involves 10 partners across Europe and Argentina. PPS comprises more than 30 permanent research and teaching staff working in computer science, logic and mathematics and originating from different countries. The ideal candidate should have excellent knowledge of English and French, experience of managing international projects and EU programmes, good international and financial management skills, experience of knowledge/technology transfer and IPR management and very good computing skills. Knowledge of open source software is an asset. Responsibilities include managing the project and monitoring the administrative issues of the 7 work packages, writing evaluation reports, managing IPR issues with the support of Diderot Valorisation, the TT, IP and European Programmes office of University Paris Diderot, arranging meetings and communication activities (newsletters, website). Applications (covering letter and CV in English) should be addressed to mancoosi-jobs@sympa.pps.jussieu.fr

INVITATION TO TENDER FROM ESTONIA

Enterprise Estonia has launched an invitation to tender to carry out a training programme entitled "Innovation through Strategic Collaboration", with a view to increasing effective collaboration between Estonian firms. The programme consists of 4 modules and the target group for training is made up of collaboration leaders/facilitators/ teams who could be representatives of firms and enterprise associations, leaders of education and research institutions, officials of municipal governments as well as

representatives of development agencies. The training is to be carried out in the period from 1 March to 30 May 2008. Interested parties should contact Tiiu Evert (tiiu.evert@eas.ee) at Enterprise Estonia to receive the tender documents and indicate that they are willing to bid for the tender by 25 January 2008 at the latest.

INNOVATION SUMMIT 2008

The Innovation Summit 2008 will take place in London on 10-12 March on the theme of 'Fostering and promoting a culture of innovation throughout your business to drive sustainable revenue and growth'. The speaking programme consists of presenters from some leading corporate names who will give case study insights into how they are dealing with product innovation, business model innovation, culture and collaboration and open innovation amongst others. Further information may be found at <http://www.innovation2008.co.uk>

HIGH TECHNOLOGY SMALL FIRMS CONFERENCE

The 16th annual High Technology Small Firms Conference will be held at the University of Twente in Enschede (NL) on 21-23 May. The focus of this year's conference will be the growth of high-tech small firms and the instruments which support it. Abstracts (500-700 words) on related topics such as the roles of support instruments related to strategy, marketing, financing, organisation or networking, as well as heterogeneous networks, global entrepreneurship, funding or government policies, are welcome until Monday 4 February. More information may be found at <http://www.utwente.nl/nikos/conferences/htsf/>

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