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Dear Member and Reader,

Means the latest concept of business incubation and acceleration going back to the roots? After all the noise about “new” concepts for helping new businesses to start and grow (“incubation is out – acceleration is in”) the latest developments seem to be like “back to the roots”. A well-designed combination of incubation, co-working, acceleration, of space, advice, and community is the newest in incubation and in a way looks like the initial idea of the “business incubation concept”. Not the “either – or”, but an “as well as” combining all needed tools now seems to be understood (again) as the path into the future of business incubation. In this newsletter we present new initiatives for bringing new enterprises on track – for the start and early stage as well as for the growth.

Comments from readers as well as their hints where to find other interesting examples always are welcome!

German SME Alliance Publishers Position Papers

ADT, the German Federal Association of Business Incubation and Technology Centers, is actively working the working group on "Innovation and the digital agenda" of the “SME Alliance” that was initiated in 2013. This alliance, facilitated by the BVMW (German Federal Association of SME), has 27 association members

representing more than 250,000 SMEs.

The SME intends to act as the “Voice of the “Mittelstand”, the segment of German economy that is considered its backbone. The aim of the alliance is promoting SME-friendly legislation to secure and develop the international competitiveness. ... continued on page 5

Qatar launched new Business Incubator

The building for the incubator is under construction: 20.000 m² of space and a budget of QR 100m (ca. € 20m) for the new incubator that will be “the largest in the Middle East” as officials stated at the launching ceremony that was held in beginning of March 2014. For the time being the initiative aimed at promoting entrepreneurship to achieve industrial diversification”



in the country is operating from the building of Qatar Development Bank (QDB). QDB and the Social Development Center (SDC), ... more on page 4

Technopark Ranking in Turkey: ODTÜ Teknokent, Ankara on first Rank

The Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Turkey has developed a Technology Development Zones (TDZ) Performance Index to compare the performance of the 39 technology parks of the country.

Criteria of this index are grouped in 3 categories, 6 dimensions and 36 parameters. As a rough overview the evaluation includes

Dimension 1: Management company ...more on page 6

Coming Up

The first **ADT Summer School** is scheduled to be held in Berlin, Germany, Sep 15 – 18, 2014. The Science and Technology Park Berlin Adlershof will be hosting this training that provides insight and experience from decades of business incubation in Germany.

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Coming Up

At the 28th Annual International NBIA Conference in New Orleans (see page 12) the

25th Global Summit of Business Incubation Associations

will be hosted by NBIA. Personal invitations for this Summit will be mailed to leading representatives of (inter-) national business incubation associations.

INNO AWARD 2014 – the second Round is open

The application phase for the second INNO AWARD, the Innovation Award in the Network of Technology Centers Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (VTMV) started March 10, 2013. When starting this competition, Petra



Ludwig, Managing Director of the Technology Centre Warnemünde pointed out that the INNO AWARD is aimed at promoting all kinds of innovative ideas of creative people and entrepreneurs; it is not focused on specific technologies or market segments. As last year also the INNO AWARD 2014 will honor both creativity and innovation, as long as market potential can be identified. "The very successful launch of the Award in 2013 confirmed that there are many ideas, but to make them a concrete business for (technology) start-ups support is needed." Petra Ludwig, also deputy chairwoman of the VTMV said and continued "This is where the business incubators come into play, as well as their partners from industry and finance". These are, for example, the ECOVIS Grieger Mallison, the SME Investment company Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (MBM), and the E.DIS AG who all support the INNO AWARD 2014, not only with finance but also with knowledge for selecting the winners. From student to young businessmen, all potential entrepreneurs from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern with an

innovative idea may participate in the competition. The evaluation criteria for the award remain unchanged: the level of innovation of



the project comes first, followed by the technical feasibility and market potential. The three-page entry form is easy to complete and available on website www.inno-award.de.

€ 18,000 are at stake – this is total price value with € 5,000 for the winner (plus the same amount is in-kind support services. Second and third price will be €

3,000 and € 1,000 respectively, both as cash prices with additional in-kind support. All three winners of last year's award are still in business; one of them even won additionally the "Lilienthal Design Award" (for more details about the winners see interviews on www.inno-award.de/inno-award-2013). Ms. Ludwig emphasized that the INNO AWARD also offers a great chance for innovative ideas in the service sector where business start-ups need significantly lower investments than in production.

Deadline for applications just has passed and the award ceremony will take place on June 30 in the Technology and Business Center (TGZ) in Wismar.

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G-Forum 2014: Sustainable Entrepreneurship

The G-Forum 2014 is the 8th Interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship Annual Conference and will be held under the title "Sustainable Entrepreneurship" in Oldenburg, Germany, November 13-14, 2014. Partner is the Carl-von-Ossietzky University of Oldenburg.

This conference will examine how entrepreneurial activity can contribute to environmental and social sustainability on the local and global level. Important reference point for sustainable entrepreneurship is the development of a green economy that combines economic prosperity, environmental sustainability and social justice.

The G-Forum 2014 addresses entrepreneurship and practice alike. Accordingly, in addition to the scientific track an independent practice track is offered

(there will be conference tracks in German and English language). The conference topics include entrepreneurship, innovation, family business and SME. At the conference the following four awards will be presented



- KSG Entrepreneurship Research Award
- Best Entrepreneurship Research Newcomer Award
- Best Sustainable and Social Entrepreneurship Research Award
- Cultural Entrepreneurship Award

The deadline for **submission of papers** to tsubmission-gforum2014@fgf-ev.de is **June 30, 2014**

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Pitch where the Money was made – Berlin May 6 & 7, 2014

The "Alte Münze" in Berlin was the place where the money was made. No matter if you think about the Reichsmark, GDR-Mark, Deutsch-Mark or even the



Photo: www.alte-muenze-berlin.com/

EURO, these coins and bill were produced here. This Old Mint, located right in the city center of Berlin now is the place for HEUREKA 2014, the third

time that this two-day event brings together people with ideas and concepts for a

start-up, people who have done that successfully before, and people with the money to invest. Two Berlin incubators are partnering: hub:raum and the Axel Springer Plug & Play Accelerator.

May 6, 2014 is the date for the event, April 15, 2014 the deadline for applications.

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The StartUp Nation

Geographically Israel is a small country with a population of about 8 Million people. If it comes to business innovation, the country is strong and serves as example for many aspects of business incubation.

With limited natural and resources, Israel has become a hub of innovation and entrepreneurship; some call it the StartUp Nation. Some well-known technological inventions from Israel are: Windows NT Technology, Intel Pentium MMX chip, USB drive and Voice Mail. The Launchpad Accelerator is part of this entrepreneurship ecosystem. This business mentorship program is part of StarTAU, the Tel Aviv University and

and provides entrepreneurs with the support and tools for a successful startup and business development: mentoring, business support services, strategic consulting, networking opportunities, market exposure, and connections to investors including venture capital funds, angel investors, and incubators.

SarTau also has an eye on promoting women entrepreneurship, for example through a fifteen week program with social and technological initiatives including series of weekly seminars and lectures.

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ADT Summer School: German Technology Centers: Best Practice – Future Trends“

The ADT, Federal German Association of Innovation, Technology and Business Incubation Centers as well as Science and Technology Parks, will hold its first ADT-Summer School. The Science and Technology Park Adlershof in Berlin will host this Summer School September 15-18, 2014.

The summer school is tailored to people who want to acquire information, knowledge and skills for developing new structures for supporting the transfer of innovation as well as starting and growing new enterprises, especially through realizing new and improving existing business incubation centers.

The lessons will be presented by experienced managers of leading German technology centers and parks for example, the Science and Technology Park Berlin Adlershof, the Technology Center Dortmund, the Technology Park Heidelberg, and the BioPark Regensburg.

The target group of this summer school includes political decision makers, representatives of regional busi-

ness development agencies, tech-transfer officers at universities institutes and companies as well as

Member of management teams of incubation and technology centers or parks, from all over the world.

The summer school will be held in English and include nine modules. From an overview on Germany's technology centers and parks, through setting up and developing, financing, and managing technology centers and parks, to providing services to start-up companies. Technology clusters, international networking of technology regions, public relations and marketing will be included as well as a case study: Initiating a Technology Center Project.

For program details visit www.adt-online.de

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Supporting university based technology start-ups in Germany

15 years EXIST - End of March 2014 the program "EXIST - Start-Ups" celebrated its 15th anniversary with a conference in Berlin 's E-Werk with around 450 guests. At this event BMWi, the German Federal Ministry for Economy, launched an improved promotion program for innovative start-ups. For example, the financial support for start-ups has been increased. Graduates of a university now can receive a monthly start-up grant of € 2,500 (up from € 2000). Moreover, the funds for investment in the eXIST- Seed grant and the eXIST research transfer will be increased significantly. The investment grant for innovative start-ups in cleantech and energy may now reach € 250,000 (up from € 70,000) for construction of demonstration plants and prototypes.

Since 1998, the BMWi program EXIST provides decisive support for university-related start-up activities. EXIST has leveled at almost every



German university supporting a new entrepreneurial culture, improving the entrepreneurial spirit and mobilized numerous technologically sophisticated business start-ups at almost all German universities.

In total, more than 1,700 innovative and technology-based start-ups have been supported. EXIST now has become a nationally and internationally recognized "quality seal" for knowledge-based start-up teams from Germany.

Websites www.exist.de, www.bmw.de

[Download](#) of the conference materials (German)

IFC's SME Toolkit launched in UAE together with Khalifa Fund

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) of World Bank and the Khalifa Fund launched the [SME Toolkit](#) in the UAE. This toolkit is an online platform, now available in more than 40 countries and 18 languages'

. It is designed to help small and medium enterprises (SMEs) grow their business and improve performance. First launched in 2002, the various websites worldwide receive 5 million unique visitors annually.

Community, Curriculum and Capital - Galvanize

The name could be the program: To stimulate, to arouse to awareness or action, or to coat with a resistant layer, are meanings of the word “galvanize” (American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language). Without looking what Wikipedia has to say about this matter, these are all activities suiting well to business incubation.

“Galvanize” is the name of one of the latest business incubation initiatives that started 2012 in Denver, Colorado in the former Rocky Mountain Bank Note building. Now, not even two years in business, “Galvanize” has reached out to a second location in Denver as well as facilities in Boulder and San Francisco.

Where the incubator started, in the “Golden Triangle” of Denver, meanwhile more than 150 technology start-ups are working. This facility offers about 2,800 m² of space, for co-working as well as in individual office space combined with services from advice and training to eatery and bar. „Community, Curriculum and Capital“ are the pillars of the concept.

Regarding “**community**” Galvanize is organizing events and workshops, brings together “a community of innovators, mentors, investors, students and tech-

ologists” to create opportunities for start-ups to meet with peers, find advisors and mentors.

The “**curriculum**” component has a focus on IT, for example, the “Web Development Intensive” offered in Fall 2014 (in San Francisco) is a 24-week program with training on five days a week, 8 h each day.

For the “**capital**” component “Galvanize Ventures” is available, a seed stage VC fund investing in start-ups across the US.

All in all Galvanize is not one of those “six-weeks-to-be-an-entrepreneur / six-months-to-be-a-millionaire” programs that became so popular recently. The concept respects reality, acknowledges that all businesses are different and need an individual combination of ingredients and an individual time frame to become successful. Good news that the components of the “good old concept” of business incubation are being combined (again) in a new initiative driven by private sector partners and investors.

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Qatar launched New Business Incubator

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After the launch beginning of March 2014, the initiative is aimed at promoting entrepreneurship to achieve industrial diversification” in the country is operating from the building of Qatar Development Bank (QDB). QDB and the Social Development Center (SDC), member of Qatar Foundation, are the leading stakeholders of the “Qatar Business Incubation Center” (QBIC). With the goal to develop “the next 100 Million QAR companies in Qatar” the incubator is offering not only space of all kinds to its future clients. A comprehensive program to “empower entrepreneurs to start and grow companies by developing, connecting, investing and incubating within our incubator” will be offered:

- **Information** provided, for example through “Speaker series” with international speakers not only from the MENA region as well as Entrepreneurship 101 workshops and seminars.
- **Training** to turn ideas into reality will be of-

fered in a 10-week “LeanStartup” program that includes business planning and field work in the market with future customers and checking competitors.

- **Advice and mentoring** will be part of the offers of the incubator **Networking** especially targeted at connection the client start-ups with their (potential) customers in the market as well as financiers will provide important support to the companies
- **Access to Finance** completes the offer with equity investments as well as convertible loans

Abdulaziz bin Nasser Al Khalifa, the Chairman of QBIC and CEO of QDB at the incubator launching expressed his belief that QBIC is a new milestone for entrepreneurship and the Qatari economy: “I believe we are witnessing a transformation, providing entrepreneurs the resources needed to turn dreams into reality”

“Our mission is to develop Qatari companies valued at QR100. QBIC provides incubator space for entrepreneurs and scale-ups to carry out their work with their teams,” said Raed Al Emadi, CEO of QBIC.

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NBIA announced the Finalists for the 2014 NBIA Incubation Award Finalists

At the upcoming [NBIA Annual International conference](#) in New Orleans the Award Winners of the 2014 NBIA Incubation Awards will be announced on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. But already know the list of Finalists has been published for the eight award categories:

- Outstanding Incubator Client, Technology
- Outstanding Incubator Client, General and Special
- Outstanding Incubator Graduate, Technology
- Outstanding Incubator Graduate, Nontechnology

- Incubator Network of the Year
- Incubator Innovation Award
- Dinah Adkins Incubator of the Year, Technology Focus

More information about these finalists is available on the [NBIA website](#)

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Facts & Views

German SME Alliance Publishers Position Papers



Continued from page 1... Cooperation within the “SME Alliance” is based on the 10-point action plan. The Alliance has worked on joint position papers in working groups on the labor market, digital agenda, energy, innovation, taxes, and financing. At a meeting in March 2014, the work results of the individual working groups summarized in position papers were presented. These position papers as common political basis now are communicated to members and networks in politics, business and the public. The meeting in

March was also used to discuss main topics from the position papers in the light of current SME policy issues with Brigitte Zypries, State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Economics (BMWi). She informed about the realignment of the BMWi to focus on important issues of the “Mittelstand”, regarding job qualification, entrepreneurship support, funding research and innovation, education and digitization.

For more information, visit the websites of the partner organizations: [ADT](#), [BVMV](#) or download the “10 Punkte Plan” (in German)

Call for Papers open for ISPIM Americas Innovation Forum

ISPIM - International Society for Professional Innovation Management will hold its “2014 **ISPIM Americas Innovation Forum**” in Montreal, Canada on October 5-8, 2014. Organized in collaboration with Université de Montréal, Polytechnique Montréal, HEC Montréal and Univalor, this event is expected to bring together around 200 innovation experts from 25 countries and will include:

- Multi-track sessions that mix industry, academia, science, & government,
- Sessions and communities on innovation challenges for research, business & government,
- Showcases on Innovation Success in Montreal with presentations, panels and site visits,
- Networking events

Submissions from academic, research, consulting, industry, intermediary and policy organizations are encouraged and should focus, for example, on the following themes:

Business Model Innovation, Design for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Innovation Cultures and People Innovation Ecosystems and Regional Growth, Open Innovation and Collaboration, Social Innovation, as well as Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The deadline for submissions is June 16, 2014

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More information about the event is available on the conference [website](#)

For details about the Call for Papers use [download link](#)



The Seventh New Arab Women Forum

Empowerment through Entrepreneurship & Innovation” is the title of the seventh “**New Arab Women Forum**” that will be held in Beirut, Lebanon, on June 4, 2014. The Forum will be devoted to discuss the potential of women entrepreneurs, the challenge they face in the Arab countries and the role they can play in innovation and fostering economic growth and employment.

23% of Arab Women Entrepreneurs have an innovative product or service, as compared to 18% of men according to the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor’s latest report. This can be taken as indication that Women entrepreneurs will play an increasingly active role in the economy of the Arab countries. On this background the main topics of the forum will include:

- A new Era for Arab Women Entrepreneurs
- Enhancing Access to Finance
- Women Entrepreneurs: Facing the Innovation Challenge

- Success stories of Innovative Women Entrepreneurs



The forum will also include parallel workshops and the WOW award ceremony.

NAWF is organized by **Al Iktissad Wal Aamal Group** and **Al Hasnaa Magazine**, in cooperation with the **French Institute of Lebanon**. NAWF will bring together distinguished speakers and participants from both genders from the Arab world and internationally, including ministers and senior public officials, business leaders, social entrepreneurs, experts, journalists, NGO heads and many other personalities.

The list of candidates for the **2014 WOW Award** is available for voting on [website](#)

Register online at the conference [website](#)

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Women Entrepreneurs supported by Business Incubation

The recent issue of SPICE Update (No 108) provided information about the news women business incubator in Bahrain. This article found much interest. Therefore from next issue of SPICE Update we will

continue our reporting on Women Business Incubation programs and invite all readers to send information for publication or draw our attention on such initiatives all around the World: update@spice-group.net

New EU Agency for SME



The Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) has been set-up by the European Commission to manage several EU programs on its behalf. The new Executive Agency replaces the EACI (Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) that managed the Enterprise Europe Network, Intelligent Energy - Europe, Eco-innovation and Marco Polo programs.

EASME will cover most of COSME, the EU program for Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and

Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), including Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), Your Europe Business and the European IPR Helpdesk. EASME will also handle part of Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation, and supervise the program for Environment and Climate action (LIFE) and, later in 2014, some elements of the European Maritime Fisheries Fund and follow-on initiatives to Intelligent Energy Europe and Eco-innovation programs.

Learn more about EASME visit website: <http://ec.europa.eu/easme/>

Technopark Ranking in Turkey: ODTÜ Teknokent, Ankara on first Rank

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Dimension 2: R&D competence; R&D projects, expenses and revenues

Dimension 3: Export data and company composition
Dimension 4: IPR; Domestic and foreign patents, brand registrations

Dimension 5: Incubation programs and technology transfer office services

Dimension 6: Networking. University-industry, inter-company, and international collaborations

Based on data provided by the technology parks the "TDZ Performance Index 2012" resulted in a rank-

ing of 30 technoparks. The result shows significant differences: the technopark evaluated best ODTÜ Teknokent, Ankara, with 60,45 points reached a significantly higher score than the technoparks following on ranks 2 – 5. reached a score more than double of the lowest rank.

[Bilkent Cyberpark](#) (52,54 points), [İTÜ Arı Teknokent](#) (50,48 points), [Sakarya Teknokent](#) (46,78 points), [İzmir Technology Development Zone](#) (45,96 points).

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The VW "Beetle" and Business Incubation

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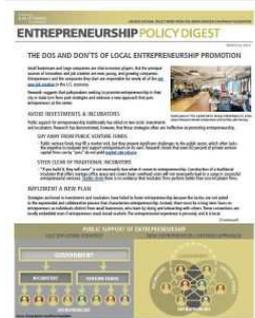
There is much talk about "right" or "wrong" concepts for business incubation, for supporting start-up entrepreneurs to grow their businesses. "Traditional" business incubators – those with walls and public support – have been declared wrong and dead. One example is the recent publication of Kauffmann Foundation, the "[Entrepreneurship Policy Digest](#)", published in April 2014 and recommending "Avoid Investments and Incubators" and "Stay clear off traditional incubators". The future of entrepreneurship support often is seen in "new" concepts like co-working spaces, hubs, business accelerators or initiatives like "Startup Weekend" or websites fostering partnerships and mentoring. There is nothing bad or wrong with such recommendations. But in the hunt for the one solution for entrepreneurship support they all miss the simple point that it is always advisable to stay clear off badly performed start-up support and business incubation activities. The business incubation concept used in the Kauffmann Digest as reference possibly describes a model that was accepted in the early decades of business incubation. Using it today looks like using the concept of the Volkswagen "Beetle" (created 1938, produced until 2003 – and still running on the streets) as reference for inventing the latest prototype of a new car. So, let's stay clear off badly performed business incubation initiatives. But, this is where matters become difficult. What is badly performed? How to find the best possible concept?

There is much information available about these and related questions. However, the answer is not simple

enough for being given with a short article in this newsletter. But, it is worth to remember that there are numerous "traditional" business incubators that performed very well over decades, reached impact far beyond their walls, and still are doing well – as there are many examples for the "new" concepts that failed, or are just too new for having generated "output" enough to decide on success or failure.

As some of the "traditional" incubators seem to believe that their work is done once the walls have been built, some of the "new" concepts only count the (private) dollars invested as impact indicator. Remembering how many real estate investments failed and how many (venture) capital investment had the same destiny makes it easy to understand that such numbers cannot help with finding the guidelines for a "good" entrepreneurship support concept.

Reality is complex – and it is simple at the same time. Meanwhile it is (should be) common sense that all business incubation / start-up support initiatives need to be designed based on the aims of such a project as well as the environment. If the aim is to "produce" as many mobile apps as fast as possible the incubator certainly looks different to the one supporting biotech start-ups. And another truism is that any incubator intending to stay for all ...continued on next page...



...continued from previous page... its lifetime with the same facilities and services, with the same business model is doomed to fail – more likely sooner than later. The same, by the way, is true for all the companies in incubators.

The lesson to learn from all the experiences in start-up and growth support over the recent decades is simple: To start and operate a successful initiative for entrepreneurship, start-up or growth support: Define the goals, analyze the environment, find the partners and allies (and agree with them on the aims), bring together the needed toolset and team, monitor the development of the initiative – and never forget that the market (your clients) will change rapidly. And so the incubator has to do.

Easy to say, but not so simple to do? Looking at “real life” suggests that incubators successfully working

since decades have followed this new incubators have learned and adopted the lessons (see article “galvanize”, page 3). The concepts now are not an “either or”, they are based on “and”. Numerous (“traditional”) incubators also offer co-working space or put some of their clients into acceleration programs. Some did so, even before these words were “invented”.

Formulating the “do’s and don’ts of local entrepreneurship promotion” (the Kaufmann Digest) on two pages possible is a “mission impossible”. For such purpose simplification is necessary. But using a model for “business incubation” as reference that clearly is not state of the art anymore to compare with “new models” that have not had enough time yet for evaluating their success or failure can be misleading those looking for advice and support with building up a system for local entrepreneurship promotion.

Creative Industries are considered an important part of economic development strategies. The importance is seen by communities, region, economic development agencies as well as and business incubators. Also in the political arena creative industries are receiving increasing attention. Therefore we decided to provide information about this business sector aggregated o special pages of the newsletter “SPICE

Creative Industries

Higher Education & the Creative Economy

After a series of five research workshops the final conference of the network "Higher Education & the Creative Economy" will take place at King's College London, June 23 + 24, 2014. This conference will explore the dimensions of collaboration and engagement across higher education and the creative economy. It will include session on community engagement, creative graduates, partnership and knowledge exchange. It will include also policy panels and discussion and a knowledge sharing panel with key representatives from the AHRC Creative Economy Hubs.

The research network "Beyond the Campus: Connecting Knowledge and Creative Practice Communities

Across Higher Education " and the Creative Economy aims to create a platform for discussion between **academics, practitioners, artists, cultural organizations, business development managers** and other **university directors**, about *knowledge connections and collaboration* between **universities** and the **creative and cultural sector**.

A Call for Papers is open until April 28, 2014. For more information, visit the [website](#)

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Design, Develop & Grow Social Innovation

The project “**Social Innovator**” was initiated by [National Endowment for Science, Technology and Arts \(NESTA\)](#) and jointly started by collaboration of the [Young Foundation](#). It is hosted by the [Social Innovation eXchange](#) a global community of over 700 individuals and organizations committed to promoting social innovation and growing the capacity of the field.

“**Social Innovator**” was started to bring together ideas, resources and case-studies to find practical solutions to social problems and to explore ways to support social innovation. The website covers a wide range of topics to guide and support the practice of all people who can contribute to the social economy: from policy-makers and social organizations to foundations and philanthropists. Actual topics on t website are for example

Venture philanthropy describing the “idea behind” and giving information about organizations in a num-

of countries

Innovation hubs described as “shared work spaces specifically designed to promote collaboration”

discussing the role of such hubs in social innovation, and innovation and characterizing examples in some countries

Social Innovation Park, a 'social silicon valley' developed fist by DenokInn, the Basque Centre for Social Innovation, Entrepreneurship and New Business Development. This non-profit initiative is promoted by local authorities of the Basque region in collaboration with private entities and academic institutions.

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Incubator Quality

SPICA Directory has introduced a minimum “standard” for being listed on SPICA World Map”. This standard does not evaluate the incubator / technopark operations, but the quality of information provided.

- Organizations that have provided actual and complete data within recent two years are shown on SPICA World Map.
- Profiles inserted or updated more than 24 months ago are not accessible for directory users

SPICA World Map only shows locations of “Centers”

(incubators, TPs, associations, consulting, support and finance organizations that have provided a complete profile



SPICA World Map

www.spica-directory.net/map

SPICA World Map now is the main entry point for users of the directory. From that map access to the individual incubator technopark/ / association profiles in SPICA Directory is possible There also are other ways of finding a specific profile. For example, by using the tabs

Add your profile to SPICA World Map – it is simple:

- If your organization is not yet in SPICA Directory select “Insert new Profile” from main menu of the SPICA homepage www.spica-directory.net and follow instructions
- If your organization is listed in the Directory but you did not yet receive a user name / password for accessing the system, please contact the SPICA Directory Team atupdate@spica-directory.net

Note: to access SPICE Directory profiles you need to be registered as user., Profiles that have been updated recently are available at www.spica-directory.net/recent.php

Advice – Support – Finance in SPICA Directory

ASF, Advice – Support – Finance provides access to information about organizations and companies active in the ecosystem to provide important functions for innovation, entrepreneurship and growth. Public and private not-for-profit organizations can publish their profile free of charge if they provide references to incubators / technoparks listed in SPICA Directory

Being still in a “Beta status” the ASF section already offers the possibility to access information and to insert information about consulting, supporting and financing organizations. We invite you to try and test the new section and help us to improve the new section of SPICA Directory www.spica-directory.net/asf/entry.php To **add a new profile** of your organization to the ASF section of SPICA

Directory (related with any incubator /technopark already listed) use www.spica-directory.net/admin/centers/new.php

New on SPICA World Map

Portugal. The **Madan Park Business Incubator** in Caparica has 52 clients at this time and 8 graduates with 200 employees



SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2357



Tunisia: The **Sfax Business Development Center (SBDC)** at this time serves 50 client firms and has graduated already more than 80 companies with 300 employees

SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2512

Germany: The **Technology Park Warnemünde** opened in 1990 and has



a successful business incubator “on site”.

SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2250



Germany: The **Technologiezentrum Warnemünde** is the business incubator of a technology park (see above). The incubator

has already served more than 200 companies

SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2264

Canada: **Technoparc Montréal (Saint-Laurent Campus)** largest science park with over 65 companies and ca. 5000 employees



in Aerospace, ICT, Life sciences and Cleantech.

SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=503

MAPS Iran: The **MAPS Technology Acceleration Center** is active since 2012 and at this time has

four on-site and two virtual clients

SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2604

Nigeria: **Technology Incubation Centre (TIC)**

Benin was established in 1999 as Agency of National Board for Technology Incubation (NBTI) Number of clients served: 15 on-site, 5- off-site.



SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2125



Argentina: **Littoral Centre Technology Park – Incubator (PTLC)** since 2003 served 32 clients, 10 of them graduated with 100 employees

SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2394

Australia: The business support center **designedge** operates since 2003 and has served 450 + firms



SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2199

Morocco: The Morocco Incubation and Spin-off Network promotes business incubation and cooperation between all parties involved since 2002.



SDO profile: www.spica-directory.net/associations/?id=121



Africa: **AIN**, the Africa Incubation Network was set up with support from infoDev / World Bank to develop a collaborative network of African incubators and other business development service providers

SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/associations/?id=148

Business Incubation in ECA

This section provides information about incubation programs from the ECA region (Eastern Europe and Central Asia). ECA^{bit} is the regional networks of business incubators and technology parks, set up with support from infoDev. Information: www.ecabit.org/ contact Radu Ticiu radu.ticiu@it-incubator.ro



"Crazy idea" - International Innovation Camp IV

The Regional Centre for Management and Culture in Tambov, Russia since 2007 is operating successfully the Tambov Innovative Business Incubator and regularly organizes events for youth entrepreneurship and incubation Management training.

The forth "International Innovation Camp" is scheduled to be held August 19 to 20, 2014 to bring together participants from the region, Russia, and other countries. It is especially targeted at members of the network of business incubators and technology parks in Europe and Central Asia (ECAbit), national and inter-

innovation experts entrepreneurs and managers of innovative companies, representatives of financing organizations as well as promising scientists, graduate students, undergraduates, students with experience in business.

For more information, please visit the [website](#)

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Trans-regional Cooperation between Belarus, Lithuania, Poland, and Ukraine

Health, ICT, Energy, Environment as well as New Materials and Processes are the focus areas of the upcoming trans-regional business co-operation initiative: the **8th International Forum Science and Technology Days Poland- East**, which will take place at Supraśl, Poland, June 12-14, 2014. The location is well chosen target countries in mind. Supraśl is located in North-Eastern Poland near Białystok and close to Belarus, Lithuania, and the Kaliningrad region.

The Forum's objective is to expand international cooperation between the European Union and Eastern countries, especially Belarus, Poland, and Ukraine. This event is organized in the framework of the EU Eastern Partnership as one of the elements of cooperation towards regional development.

Priority participation is granted to attendees registering with a Project / Business Proposal. This cooperation

forum is organized by "**Innovative Eastern Poland Association**" that besides organizing the international forum is promoting innovation based business

development in the region Podlaskie and coordinating activities of the International Innovation Centre of East (IICoE), facilitating the Medical Cluster of Eastern Poland, and developing the project to build a regional science park, BEST PARK

Further information as well as templates for registration and project proposals can be obtained by contacting the organizers at dnt2014@ipw.org.pl

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website <http://www.bestofeast.mwci.eu/pl/start.aspx>



Winter School for Future Entrepreneurs in BIC Pilsen



In the first week of February 2014 the annual Winter School, organized by BIC Pilsen in cooperation with West Bohemia was held the third time supported by the University of Pilsen (project UNIPRANET). The objective of the intensive five-day Winter School is to promote university students to become entrepreneurs. Participation is open to students from all universities from different fields of study. Interest this year, significantly exceeded the capacity of the available 30 seats. The theme of this course was creating the "face" of the company as a competitive advantage and included concepts such as branding, corporate identity, marketing, and advertising as well as design as a value added product. Participants learned how to building a brand, the uniqueness of each company and how they can through the various components of corporate identity ensure the integrity of the corporate image. Speakers and participants, for example, highlighted the current

trends in the Czech marketing and errors, which should be avoided when creating website.

Participants evaluated the Winter School very positively, especially the interactive learning style allowing attendees to get actively involved. As in previous years the Winter School provided attendees a unique opportunity to meet with successful entrepreneurs and managers. This time participants could discuss with the Chairman of the Humpolec Bernard Family Brewery, Stanislav Bernard. From the participant's comments: "I first time learned about something that is really used in practice today, and I will be able to use it."

This and other positive reviews of the winter school are a great motivation for the next year of the course, which has to be organized without the UNIPRANET.

This report is based on an article in the newsletter of BIC Pilsen (you can [download](#) in Czech language from website)

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Hotels for Ideas

LATC Latgale Machinery and Technology Center in Latvia since 2007 is working successfully to help entrepreneurs to start and grow their businesses. After the first client company graduated in 2009 meanwhile more than 40 new businesses have graduated from With the aim to make incubation services also accessible to would-be entrepreneurs in the region since October 2013 LATC bringing its services closer to the clients. The new tool is called “Latgale Business Incubator Idea” Hotel “and such facilities are now available in five towns: Rēzeknē (where LATC is located), Daugavpilī, Līvānos, Balvos un Preiļos. Additionally the services are provided as “virtual” incubation for the

rest of the Latgale region. The Idea Hotels offer support services to companies, which are not older than two years from the date of registration. Since this service offered (fall 2013) already more than 100 entrepreneurs have used its offer. This concept for making incubation services available in smaller communities improved the outreach of the LATC and is financially supported by LIDA, the Latvian Investment and Development Agency as well as by the EU Regional Development Fund.

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Business Incubation in Africa

This page provides information about incubation activities and programs from the AFRICA region. AIN is the incubators and technology parks that has been set up with support from the infoDev program. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.infodev.org/en/Project.22.html> or contact



South Africa 7th SA Innovation Summit “Local Innovation Global Conversation”

The theme for the 2014 Summit is **Local Innovation Global Conversation**. Finding solutions lies at the very heart of our motivation for innovation. So, the event will showcase South Africa’s wealth of creativity, origination and ingenuity for developing solutions to unique challenges. As the World Design Capital (WDC), the Cape Town “will be the epicenter of dialogue on design thinking and design development. We are excited to capitalize on the WDC and draw the world’s attention to showcase our innovative capability and to take local innovation into a broader global conversation!”

The Summit will have separate tracks for practitioners and academic presentations with a wide range of

topics, for example, local innovation case studies with global impact, how to grow a small business to mid-size global, the connection between science and profit, tools and methods that foster innovation, pathways to success: from idea to market, benchmarking best practice in innovation management, or mobilizing through crowd sourcing and Open Innovation. There are more topics to select from and the academic track adds to the list. For more information, please check the website <http://www.innovationsummit.co.za>
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Business Incubation in ASIA

This section provides information about incubation activities from the ASIA region. APIN, the Asia Pacific Incubation Network is the regional networks of business incubators and technology parks set up with support from infoDev. See www.incubationasia.com/index.php; contact Suresh Kumar, psgstep@vsnl.com



South Korea: ASPA Conference and Board Meeting in Gwangju

The 17th ASPA Annual Conference “Asian Future Industry & Convergence” was held in October 2013 in Gwangju, South Korea. 246 participants from 10 countries (Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Taiwan, Iran, the U.S, Russia, Hong Kong, Finland and India) attended the event that was combined with the 26th ASPA Board meeting.

The conference speakers from Korea, Iran, U.S, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Vietnam presented experiences from their countries and regions and special sessions were offered for attendees from. Overseas and Korea respectively. Part of the event program also were visits to the “Design Korea” exhibition and technical tours (Gwangju Institute for Science and Technology / Jeon-

nam National Univ Robotic Research Institute) and a cultural tour to Gwangju Design Biennale. The ASPA Awards ceremony was held during the Gala dinner to acknowledge the achievements of outstanding venture companies.

The next annual ASPA conference will be held in Shiraz, Iran, October 15 – 18, 2014 with the theme “STPs: Innovation & Commercialization Opportunities in the Conceptual Age”.

More information, see conference [website](http://www.aspa.org)
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Business Incubation in MENA

This page provides information about incubation activities from MENA (Middle East and North Africa). MENA^{inc} is the regional infoDev supported network of business incubators and technology parks. More information: <http://iisc.infodev.org/en/Region.5.html> or <http://www.menainc.org> contact Mr. Mohammed Allam at m3allam@gmail.com



MENAinc First Issue of new newsletter published

The Network of Business Incubators and technology Parks in Middle East and Northern Africa, MENAinc, has published the first edition of a new newsletter. “MENAinc Update” is planned to report periodically on matters related with startup and entrepreneurship support initiatives, policies and programs in the MENA region.

Topics of the first issue are

- ADU Enterprise and ESCWA to Launch the “Digital Arabic Content Competition”
- Valorization: A Case Study of ODTÜ Teknokent
- 16th -18th June 2014, Ankara, Turkey
- Arab Technopark & Incubator Network Meeting
- IASP World Conference Doha, Qatar
- UAE Approves New SME Law

- New Technology Incubators in Libya and Egypt
- Women Business Incubator in Bahrain
- infoDev training Bahrain
- TechOman - Technopreneurship & Innovation conference “Creating the Right Ecosystem for Knowledge Economy” to be held April 28 – 29, 2014



To subscribe contact the MENAinc Focal Point at the Bahrain Business Incubator Center.

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In the Make: an Arab Network of Technoparks and Incubators

In November 2013 a first meeting of a future “Arab Technopark & Incubator Network” (ATECNET) was held in Tunis, Tunisia organized by the Elgazala Technopark (see SPICE Update no 106 and SPICE News of Oct 5, 2013). Now, a follow-up workshop has been scheduled to continue discussion. This gathering will be held with support from ITU in Algeria, June 23 – 24, 2014. ITU, the International Telecommunication

Union, with its headquarter in Geneva, Switzerland, is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs. ITU currently has a membership of 193 countries and over 700 private-sector entities and academic institutions.

For more information about the planned workshop, please contact at ITU Mr. Slaheddine Maaref, email: slaheddine.maaref@itu.int

Business Incubation in Latin America

This page provides information about incubation activities and programs from the Latin America and Caribbean region. Relapi is the regional network of business incubators and technology parks that has been set up with support from the infoDev program. For more information, please visit the website http://www.relapi.org/site_novo/index.php



Brazil Private Universities – Quality Education and Business Incubation

„Student loans and business incubators – experience of private universities“ is one of the three main themes of a conference held in Sao Palo, Brazil on April 28, 2014. Under the theme “Higher Education in Latin America – the Role of the Private Sector in improving Quality, Access and Employability” this conference also discussed “Broad Access to Quality Education” and “Higher Education and Employability”. One of the invited speakers was Nicolas Rouhana, Executive Director of BEYTECH in Beirut, Lebanon. Being one of the most successful incubators in its region and closely working with the university this incubator has more than a decade of experience that certainly is very valuable for the discussion of developments in Latin America.

This conference was organized by PROPARCO (created in 1997), a Development Financial Institution partly held by Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and private shareholders. The mission is to be a catalyst



for private investment in developing countries to target sustainable development and growth. PROPARCO's sectoral strategy is tailored to a country's development level and focuses on the productive sector, financial systems, infrastructure, and equity. PROPARCO invests in a geographical area ranging from major emerging countries to the poorest countries, in particular in Africa, has a team of 155 people, 12 regional offices and is supported by 50 AFD Group agencies worldwide, and a portfolio worth € 3.1 bn (as of 2012)

To attend, please use [online registration](#).

SDO Profile: [BEYTECH](#); Website [PROPARCO](#)

Important upcoming Events

<http://www.spice-group.de/events/>

If the conference hosts are members of **SPICE Group** the respective logo is shown at the event. As the full list of events is taking too much space in the newsletter only a brief overview can be provided. We recommend visiting the "Events" section on the SPICE Group website. This page also offers the feature to put your own event on the list. Just click on "[Add new information](#)" and you will be guided through the simple process.

May 6 & 7, 2014 in Berlin, Germany: HEUREKA 2014

The "Alte Münze" located right in the city center of Berlin now is the place for HEUREKA 2014, the third time that this two-day event brings together people with ideas and concepts for a start-up, people who have done that successfully before, and people with

the money to invest.

May 6, 2014 is the date for the event

Website <http://heureka-conference.com>

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May 18 –21, 2014 in New Orleans, USA: 28th International Conference on Business Incubation

The annual international NBIA conference certainly is one of the most important business incubation events. It provides access to firsthand how successful

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incubator managers operate their programs in conference sessions, workshops, roundtable discussions and panels. Mark your calendars for the 28th NBIA conference to be held in New Orleans.

Info: <http://www.nbia.org/events/conf2014/index.php>



The

26th Global Business Incubation Summit

will be hosted by NBIA on **Sunday, May 18, 2014** for representatives of national business incubation associations. A separate, personal invitation has been mailed

May 22 –24, 2014 in Rzeszow, Poland: Market for Innovation. 25th Annual PBICA Conference

The Polish Business Innovation Centers Association will hold its **XXV Annual Conference "„Market for Innovation. The Role of Business Innovation Centres"** will be held in Rzeszow, South East Poland on 22-24 May 2014.

This event will be the place to meet BIC managers and staff, businessmen and researchers. There will be pre-

conference training and workshops.

This is also opportunity to discover the potential of South Eastern Poland, the region of aerospace industry since the beginning of XX century.

Co-organizer: Rzeszow Agency for Regional Development and Aeropolis Science & Technology Park.

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May 28 –30, 2014 in Coimba, Portugal: Mapping Culture: Communities, Sites and Stories

The Centre for Social Studies (Centro de Estudos Sociais – CES), a State Associate Laboratory at the University of Coimbra in Portugal, is calling for the submission of papers and panel/workshop proposals from academics researchers, public administrators, architects, planners and artists for an international

conference and symposium. CES is committed to public interest, including relationships between scientific knowledge and citizens' participation.

Proposals can be submitted online at the [CES website](#):

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June 5-6, 2014 in Nicosia, Cyprus: Seventh International Conference ICEIRD 2014

A **call for papers** has been published for the **7th International Conference for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Regional Development (ICEIRD 2014)**:

"Igniting Regional Economies - Knowledge, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in South East Europe "

More information about conference topics and program as well as about the conditions for the submission of

is available on the conference website

Submission deadlines:

for abstracts: January 20, 2014

for reports: March 1, 2014

For more details, please visit the [ICEIRD website](#)

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June 8 –11, 2014 in Dublin, Ireland: Innovation for Sustainable Economy & Society"

Organized by ISPIM in partnership with Intel Labs Europe and The Innovation Value Institute, the **25th ISPIM conference "Innovation for Sustainable Economy & Society"** is expected to bring together around 500 innovation experts from 50 countries. The three-day program will include: The Knut Holt Memorial Address; Industry-Leading Keynote Speakers; Innovation for Business Sessions featuring leading companies; "Hot Topic" Roundtable Discussions;

"Innovation for Sustainable Economy & Society" with academic and Practitioner Presentations; Workshops;

Special Interest Groups; Academic Research Development Sessions. Delegates also will experience a taste of local culture at magnificent dinner venues and plenty of time for networking.

Email: conference.ispim.org web: www.ispim.org



June 11–14, 2014 in Dublin, Ireland: Conference of the International Council for Small Business

A **Call for submissions** has been issued for the **59th Annual Conference of the International Council for Small Business** to be held in Dublin under the title **“Entrepreneurship and Sustainability”**. Topic will be accepted in the following tracks: Sustainability, Policy, Minority, SME. Management, Gender,

Education, Internationalization, Innovation, Firm Performance. Family Business, Theory and Methodology

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June 25–27, 2014 in Lleida, Spain: “Empower Youth, Accelerate Entrepreneurship, Transform Lives”

EBN, will hold the 23rd EBN Congress **“Empower Youth, Accelerate Entrepreneurship, Transform Lives”** in Lleida, Spain. This event will focus on Young Entrepreneurs who create companies, jobs, value, knowledge, social capital, attraction, partnerships, futures. Selected from four pitching sessions, the following **awards** categories are announced:

Inspiring territories, Collaborating projects, Accelerating BICs & Y-Entrepreneurship

Centers, and Transforming Young Entrepreneurs

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August 18-22, 2014 in Kraków, Poland, Creative industries Workshop

The Workshop “Creative Industries: a driver of new spatial dynamics?” co-organized by the Adam Mickiewicz University and the University of Birmingham will be held as thematic session on creative industries, at the International Geographical Union Regional

Conference. More information as well as the possibility to [register](#) is available on the IGU [website](#)

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Sep 15-18, 2014 in Berlin, Germany, First ADT Summer School “Best Practice – Future Trends”

The ADT, German Federal German Association of Innovation, Technology and Business Incubation Centers will hold its first ADT-Summer School in Berlin Adlershof (see article on page 3).

The lessons will be presented by experienced manag-

ers of leading German technology centers and parks for example, the Science and Technology Park Berlin Adlershof, the Technology Center Dortmund, the Technology Park Heidelberg, and the BioPark Regensburg. The summer school will be held in English.

More details see website: www.adt-online.de

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Sep 16-18, 2014 in Cape Town, South Africa, 7th Innovation Summit

The theme for the 2014 Summit is **Local Innovation Global Conversation**. Finding solutions lies at the very heart of our motivation for innovation. So, the event will showcase South Africa’s wealth of creativity, origination and ingenuity for developing solutions to unique challenges. Sessions will relate with practi-

tioner or academic topics from innovation case studies to crowd sourcing and open innovation.

Website for details: www.innovationsummit.co.za

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Sep 17–19, 2014 in Tartu, Estonia: Baltic Dynamics 2014

The Baltic Dynamics 2014 is organized by Tartu Science Park in cooperation with Tartu City Government, Tartu Regional Energy Agency and Interreg IVC Program. Rapidly changing environment, innovation and technology influence daily life in many ways: Where is the future?

For the BD 2014 key topics of future have been selected for discussion. Four finalists: HARDWARE,

START-UP, HEALTHCARE and ENERGY will compete for the title. The winners will be chosen by the conference participants.

The Baltic Dynamics conference is an initiative of the Baltic Association of Science/Technology Parks and Innovation Centers (BASTIC) and has been held annually since 1995.. This year it will be held in Tartu, and hosted by Tartu Science Park.

For more informaton

Watch the [teaser video](#)

Check the website: www.balticdynamics.com/why



Oct 15–18, 2014 in Shiraz, Iran: 18th ASPA conference

ASPA's 18th annual international conference titled **“Science and Technology Parks: Innovation and Commercialization Opportunities in the Conceptual Age”** will again present results from research and development activities in aspects of STPs. All managers and staff of STPs, faculty members in technology and entrepreneurship management fields, entrepre-

preneurs, technopreneurs and technology development investors, R&D managers, technology development policy makers, technology development and management experts should not miss this event.

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Oct 19–22, 2014 in Doha, Qatar: IASP World Conference

The IASP World Conference 2014 under the theme “**Science parks: where technology goes to work**” will take place in Doha, Qatar, on 19th – 22nd October 2014, hosted by Qatar Science and Technology Park. The main general themes of the conference will be “Role of STPs as technology development catalysts”,

“Models of cooperation between universities and companies and the role that STPs can or should play“, and “STPs and their resident companies”.



Website www.iasp2014doha.com

Nov 13–14, 2014 in Oldenburg, : G-Forum 2014: Sustainable Entrepreneurship

The G-Forum 2014 is the 8th Interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship Annual Conference and will be held under the title " Sustainable Entrepreneurship "in Oldenburg. This conference will examine how entrepreneurial activity can contribute to environmental and social sustainability on the local and global level.

The G-Forum 2014 addresses entrepreneurship and practice independent tracks (in German and English). Topics include entrepreneurship, innovation, family business and SME.



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Nov 27–28, 2014 in Warwick, United Kingdom: UKBI Conference

This year’s annual conference of UK Business Incubation will be held in Warwick, United Kingdom. The program includes workshops, roundtables, and panel discussions on the “Importance of Pre-Incubation”. “Accelerators”, “Soft Landing Zones”, “Options for Start Up Finance”, “Implementing Open Innovation”, Virtual Incubation”, “Do University Incubators function more

efficiently when outside the campus environment?”, and “Social Innovation “.

For „real-life” insights conference tours are offered to Coventry University Enterprises at Coventry University as well as to the University of Warwick Science Park

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More details on the [conference website](#)

About Members



Jeff Milanette

has moved to a different continent – from Los Angeles, USA, to Addis Abeba, Ethiopia.

As CEO, he now is responsible for establishing and managing the Ethiopia Climate

Innovation Center (CIC), a project of the World Bank's infoDev organization. His duties included finding suitable facilities, recruiting staff and client entrepreneurs, and developing a program of activities that will help clients commercialize their innovative technologies. Ethiopia is replete with opportunities to utilize clean and green technologies to improve the lives of its people. Working closely with a consortium of non-profit, academic and private sector organizations, a Proof-of-Concept Competition was completed that narrowed a list of 180

applicants down to 30, then selected eight of them to receive awards that will help them develop prototypes, seek technical assistance, obtain equipment, and meet other needs that will further their development. Examples of the kinds of projects have included high efficiency cook stoves; organic composting using municipal waste; an e-waste project to strip the metals and re-usable components from junked electronic equipment; bio-fuel: projects that turn unwanted and invasive species into fuel.. The challenge has been to select the winners while encouraging those who don't receive grants to remain affiliated with CIC and brought to a level of development where they can be more competitive next time. An investment fund is also planned and is expected to be operational near the end of the year.

The experience gained will be extremely important to broadening the base of Innovative Partners Incubation so we can use these skills in other projects around the world.

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And finally...

We invite all readers to contribute to the global exchange of information and discussion. Give us comments (or simply add them to the news articles on the SPICE News page), send us information about your activities. or draw our attention on imitatives worth reporting on.

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