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Dear Member & Friend,

This newsletter comes with some delay. The beginning of this year has been busy and did not leave sufficient time for preparing SPICE Update No 100 during the month of February. We apologize for this delay.

In this issue we report on activities important for the

development of business incubation. For example, the infoDev training held in Istanbul for incubator managers from the ECA and MENA regions – and more trainings to come. And – as usual – there are many more reports about incubation developments around the globe...

InfoDev certified new trainers for Business Incubation Management

After a one week training program in Istanbul infoDev has certified additional trainers for its “Business Incubation Management Training Program”. This program consists of 12 modules, each designed for a one-day training and together covering all components of business incubation management.

Included are four specialized modules on Agribusiness Incubation, Virtual Incubation, Technology Commercialization, and Deal & Financing for Incubation Clients.

The Istanbul training of trainers resulted in certifying **26 new trainers for the MENA and ECA regions**. Additionally **34 business incubator managers from 20 countries** received training on business incubator

marketing & stakeholder management; monitoring, evaluating and benchmarking business incubators; setting up virtual business incubation; as well as modules on business incubator models and management



A special focus of the Istanbul “train the trainers” program was put on methodology:

“PCT, Participant Centered Training” under the lead of training specialist **Mary Ann Gallagher**. PCT is aimed at securing the best possible learning effect – and very positive evaluations given by the participants demonstrated effectiveness of PCT. The same result already had been achieved at the training program in Ooty, India end of last year (see Update No. 99) ... continued on page 2

SPICE Picnic No 4 – this time with Paprikash and held in Serbia

As promised in Tallinn at the SPICE Anniversary celebrations, here we inform about the first element of the SPICE social event 2012 to be held in Serbia.

Planned for July / August 2012 the 4th SPICE Picnic will bring together members to jointly cook fish Paprikaš and enjoy Serbian folklore.

Paprikaš is made in a stock pot hanging over an open fire. Preparing it is like a ceremony in the Panonian region. If you want to try it before arriving in Serbia.... here is the recipe.

Fish Paprikash (Fiš Paprikaš)

2 tablespoons cooking oil / 2 onions, minced / 1 tablespoon sweet paprika / 1 tablespoon hot paprika / 2 tablespoons tomato paste / 2 teaspoons salt / 3 1/2 pounds various freshwater fish (trout, pike, catfish, etc.), leaned

and cut in large pieces / 1/4-1/2 cup white wine / 1-2 small hot peppers / 1 16-oz. package wide egg noodles, cooked.

Heat the oil in a large stockpot over medium-high heat.



Add the onions and sauté. When soft, sprinkle in both the sweet and hot paprika, stir and then add the tomato paste. Pour in 8 cups of water, add the salt and put the fish in the stockpot. Simmer over medium heat for about 45 minutes and then add the wine and hot peppers. Simmer for another 15 minutes. Add noodles (homemade or fresh noodles are the best choice).

This recipe serves 5 and comes from the Osijek area in Slavonia, which is blessed with good freshwater fish in its rivers. The paprikash should taste bit hot and spicy. Serve with crusty loaf of continued on page 3

infoDev “Train the Trainers” in Istanbul (continued from page 1)

The Istanbul training was held in the Sheraton Maslak Hotel and the ARI Teknokent technology park that co-hosted the event and supported preparation and organization intensively. Especially **Umut Unsal** working for Teknokent supported preparation and organization of the event intensively and received highest appreciation of his work from participants and ECABit / infoDev organizers. Overall, infoDev has now trained and certified 65 trainers (business incubator managers) from across the ECA, MENA, LAC, Africa and Asia networks. Given training roll-out plans and certification criteria, it is therefore expected that a further 1000 SME development practitioners and stakeholders will be trained, impacting ap-

prox. 10,000 SMEs, in the coming 1-2 years. Concretely a “follow-up” BI management training organized by ECABit already has been held in Romania and two more are being prepared: Organized by MENAinc at the SME conference in Bahrain end of May this year (see page 9) and another training is scheduled for Mexico in October this year (see page 12). For more information about the infoDev trainers and training programs, visit to the special infoDev website: www.idisc.net/WorkGroups/Home.aspx?wid=5 Below, please find a small selection of photos taken at the Istanbul training. More are available on website. www.spice-group.de/events/photo_chronicle/?res=1280



... more about fish paprikash at the 4th SPICE Picnic *(continued from page 1)*

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bread and choose a Riesling wine as the perfect accompaniment. After this mouth-watering introduction a few more details about the event: We are planning to combine this countryside experience with a visit to the city of Belgrade, a real-life experience of an incubator, and a SPICE workshop. Members are invited to indicate their interest to attend



as soon as possible. In return we will provide more information about program as well as the time and venue

This SPICE Picnic will be hosted by the Serbian SPICE member **Hugo van Veghel**, TARA International Consulting Ltd. Belgian Serbian Business Association Novi Sad, Serbia,
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Successful Development of Business Incubation in Pilsen, Czech Republic

The activities of the **Pilsen Science and Technology Park** have started in the middle of the 90ties. The City of Pilsen considered the project as the most important „corner stone“ for creating a business environment favourable for local start-ups as well as for attracting innovative, high tech and knowledge-based companies in the region.



In April 2012, just about a year after construction began, new office and light-industrial units will be ready to use. The Borska Pole Municipal Industrial Park,

part of the **Pilsen Science and Technology Park**, one of the most successful development zones in the Czech Republic, will offer more than 4000 m² of high standard office space and light production space for research and innovation activities in seven new buildings.

The successful development of this technology park is built on the long industrial tradition of the city of Pilsen. Qualified labour force in the region is one of the important success factors as well as close proximity to the University of West Bohemia campus educating over 19,000 students and offering research activities at the technology faculties - of Applied Sciences, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering as well as at the university research centres.

The excellent geographical position of the Pilsen STP close to the D5 highway between Prague and Nuremberg, Germany certainly adds to the advantages.

Up to now, there is a total of over 6000 m² of accommodation available for all sizes of business, ranging from small start-ups to larger operations or technology

development centres. So far, over 70 businesses, research and development centres have already benefited from the location and services of the park infrastructure.

Companies located in the technology park cover a wide range of business sectors like ICT, material engineering, electronics, biotech, energy, and others. The park hosts, for example, Kontron ECT design, a global leader in em-



bedded computing technology and MBtech Bohemia, that develops, integrates, and tests components, systems, modules and vehicles worldwide. The biotech sector is represented by AbCheck, specializing in the human antibody discovery by utilising platforms for the discovery and generation of antibodies. In addition, many start-ups have already benefited from services provided by BIC Plzen - Business and Innovation Centre - and from lease of premises at affordable price.

The new buildings will provide the much needed additional office units (20 - 400 m²) as well as light-industrial units (80- 160 m²) for light production, testing of new technologies or for laboratories. The park consulting services provider, BIC Plzen, offers a wide range of advisory services, access to academic resources, networking, information about funding opportunities in order to help companies to start their activities and growth..

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"Smart specialization. The Role of Business Innovation Centers" XXIII PBICA Conference

For many reasons this year's annual conference of PBICA, Polish Business and Innovation Centre Association, to be held in Kielce, **May 24-26, 2012**, will be special occasion.

20 years ago a group of Business Incubation enthusiasts established the Polish Business Innovation Centres Association at the 3rd Annual Conference of the already existing national network. The topic of that conference "The Role of Business Innovation Centres in Local Development and Business Incubation" was actual in October 1992 – and still is today. The association launched

activities in April 1993 after completing all registration procedures. Therefore PBICA will celebrate 20th Anniversary from May 2012 till May 2013.

There will be grand opening of Technology Park in Kielce during the PBICA conference in May 2012. And conference participants will discuss the role of Business Innovation Centers in 2014-2020 EU financial framework.

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Third EU-Russia Innovation Forum joined by EBN Annual Congress

The EU-Russia Innovation Forum “**Challenging the future: Faster – Further – Together**” in Lappeenranta, Finland will be held **June 13 – 15, 2012** for the third time. Organized by LUT, Lappeenranta University of Technology and the City of Lappeenranta the forum is joined by EBN, European Business Center Network for its 21st annual congress. This cooperation will create a unique international event offering access to best and inspirational concepts & practices in the fields of innovation, small business development, higher education and international cooperation.

Times are economically challenging and are offering at the same time great opportunities for enhancing competitiveness through innovation, cooperation and entrepreneurship. A bottom-up approach of micro-economic initiatives can affect the macro-economic landscape positively. Share experiences and knowledge how to effectively work with much effect. Business incubators, technology and innovation centers, technology parks, and clusters can be drivers of innovation and entrepreneurship. The Forum will ex-



plure experiences, know-how, and tools how they can effectively contribute to economic and development.



The foundation of the Lappeenranta conference will be addressing the main challenges forming the backbone of economic development: internationalization, education, collaboration, and open innovation. On this basis tools for acceleration, internationalization, and clustering of small businesses will be presented and discussed.

The role of public policies will also be a focus of the conference. European and Russian policy makers will provide insight and experience from their activities and programs. This will include discussing the EU-Russia Partnership as well as recent developments of national The Lappeenranta Forum also will include a one-day international matchmaking business event, as well as a Business Angels pitching session, organized in partnership with Technopolis.

Website: <http://www.eurussiainnoforum.com/>

Creative Regions – Second Research Seminar to be held in Copenhagen

After the seminar held in Poznan in September 2011 (see SPICE Update No 98) now Copenhagen, Denmark, will host another event of this series. The coming seminar will focus on two main research themes:

The role of local and regional policies and policy frameworks for creative regions. Of interest are best practices emerging in different European contexts. **Challenges and opportunities of the development of creative regions in Northern Europe.**

Speakers will present papers on case studies, investigations and experiences of a creative workforce and creative industries with special reference to their contribution to region's competitiveness and innovativeness. The papers should cover both theoretical perspectives and

practical examples of the problems faced by researchers in trying to understand the role of creative industries and creative regions in the Northern Europe. The seminar will be held **April 18-19, 2012** at the University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. The Keynote speech will be delivered by Prof. Dr Mark Lorenzen, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark.

It is planned to also have presentations by PhD-students on April 18 and presentations by practitioners, junior and senior research staff on April 19. Presentations and relevant information will also be made available electronically at www.creative-regions.eu

Call for Papers download: www.creative-regions.eu/uploads/6/1/6/6/6166614/call_for_papers_copenhagen.pdf

Purdue Research Park Celebrates 50th Year

The Purdue Research Park is celebrating its 50th anniversary with events highlighting the people and technologies that have contributed to the park's growth as the largest university-affiliated incubator in the country.

When established in 1961, the Purdue Research Park was the third such park established in the United States. Stanford Research Park was founded in 1951 and the Research Triangle Park in North Carolina followed in 1959.

The Purdue Research Park now has four locations across Indiana and 200 companies that employ more than 4,000 people. A study found that the Purdue Research Park network provides an annual economic impact of \$1.3 billion to Indiana's economy. The park has played a key role in commercializing university technology. For example, Cook Biotech Inc. founded in 1995.

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APJIE Asia Pacific Journal of Innovation and Entrepreneurship



Reports are invited for publication in the **Asia Pacific Journal of Innovation and Entrepreneurship**. APJIE, a professional journal

pirical papers, review papers, case studies, conference reports, relevant reports and news, book reviews and briefs



journal covering entrepreneurship, innovation, incubation and related topics. APJIE Vol. 5, No 3 has been published (download at www.iked.or.kr).

The Journal publishes original papers; theory-based em-

For publication in Vol.6., No 2 of APJE is being prepared. Manuscripts for this issue of the journal must be received on the desk of APJIE through electronic mailing system (send to apjie@iked.or.kr) **May 15, 2012**

10th Anniversary of Culham Innovation Center

Culham Innovation Centre is located in the heart of the Culham Science Centre site, an 80 hectare campus that is one of the UK's leading science locations and includes the world's largest fusion research facility, JET (Joint European Torus). It is one of a network of 15 centers managed by Oxford Innovation.

The Innovation Centre provides office and laboratory space on flexible terms for innovative start-up companies in sectors ranging from space transportation to software development and automotive technology. Companies have access to technical support offered by the UK Atomic Energy Authority and from Oxford Innovation.

Culham, launched in 2001, helped 66 companies employing around 250 people. Many have grown to become major success stories for Oxfordshire and they include household names such as: **Kaspersky Lab UK**, Europe's leading anti-malware provider. Founded by Eugene Kaspersky, a graduate of Moscow Institute of Physics And Mathematics in 1997, the company has grown into a leader in the international IT security market. **Toumaz Technology**, the first company to move in to the Innovation Centre, is a leading provider of intelligent, micro-chip-sized wireless body monitoring systems. **OXIS Energy** is pioneering the development of a lightweight, high energy, rechargeable Polymer Lithium-Sulphur battery. **Acro Aeronautical Services**, a specialist in aerospace engineering, has worked on projects of robotic welding guns or hanging a Harrier jump jet in the new Imperial War Museum in Manchester.

Currently, there are 15 innovative companies located at the Centre and a further nine firms using the virtual office service. They include: **Reaction Engines**, a developer of advanced aerospace engines and **Tokamak Solutions**, founded in 2009, aims to commercialize spherical tomahawks as novel fusion neutron sources. The 10th anniversary was marked by a special networking event



Celebrating 10 years of Culham Innovation Centre. Company representatives with Steve Cowley (chief executive of the UK Atomic Energy Authority), Sir Martin Wood, (co-founder of Oxford Instruments) and Chris Allington (managing director of Oxford Innovation's business and innova-

including presentations from Chris Allington, managing director of Oxford Innovation's business and innovation centers division: "We are delighted that Culham Innovation Centre is celebrating its tenth anniversary and has done so well in supporting technology businesses."

This is a shortened version of a report available at the Culham Innovation Center website www.culham-ic.co.uk/centre_articles/11-culham-innovation-centre-marks-10-years-of-innovation-success

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DELTA and OMEGA – new buildings in Wrocław Technology Park opened

Two new buildings of Wrocław Technology Park, named Delta and Omega were officially opened October, 25 2011. The celebration was attended by high level representatives of Lower Silesian Voivod, Igor, Energy Department of the Ministry of Economy, Polish Agency for Enterprise Development, the Marshal Office represented by its Director, Mieczysław Ciurla, and His Eminence Cardinal Henryk Gulbinowicz honoured who blessed the buildings and 'park' companies.



The city authorities were represented by Adam Grehl, Wrocław Vice Mayor, and Prof. Maciej Chorowski took part in the event on behalf the WPT Management Board. Among the attending guests the presence of the representatives of both chambers of the Polish Parliament, the

Senate and the Sejm, Wrocław institutions of higher education and organizations supporting business should be noted. The celebration was accompanied by an exhibition of the companies located in the Park and their products. The cutting of the ribbon was handled unconventionally – by touching concurrently four points on the screen the 'virtual' scissors cut the 'virtual' ribbon. The celebration was concluded with a toast to the success of the Park and a concert performed by a musical quartet.

The new buildings were created as a part of the project 'From Wrocław Technology Park to Innopolis Wrocław', carried out under the Innovative Economy Operational Program. Thus, the total office, laboratory and production space of the Park was increased to over 40,000 m². Delta building will house, among others, new and extended laboratories (moved from the BETA building) and the companies making use of their services, the enlarged kindergarten with the 'Technoludek' educational center, the Lower Silesian Incubator for Entrepreneurship as well as the offices of Wrocław Technology Park.

In the Omega building the tri-generation energy source will operate, ensuring supplies of electricity, heat and cooling for the whole complex of Wrocław Technology Park.

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Incubator Quality - SPICA World Map

SPICA Directory has introduced a certain “quality standard” for being listed on SPICA World Map”. This standard does not evaluate the quality of an incubator / technopark sorted or updated more than 24 months ago are not accessible for users.



Here, in the right column on this page we give a selection of organization profiles that recently have been added or updated.

SPICA World Map www.spica-directory.net/map/ now is the main entry point for general 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 incubator profile. For example, by using the tab “countries” on the homepage of SPICA Directory. For association profiles files the special tab “associations” serves as an entry gate.

Add your incubator or technopark to the SPICA World Map – it is simple.

If your organization is not yet in SPICA Directory, select “Insert new Profile” in the main menu of the SPICA homepage www.spica-directory.net and follow the instructions. However, before doing this you need to register for the use of SPICA Directory. Please use the tab “register” on the SPICA Homepage.

If your organization is listed in SPICA Directory and you did not yet receive a user name and password for accessing the information system, please contact the SPICA Directory Team at update@spica-directory.net.

To see all institutions that recently have been added or updated recently in SPICA Directory Online, please visit www.spica-directory.net/recent.php

And finally, if you want to report on your experience with SPICA Directory Online, make suggestions, or experienced

Problems, please contact users@spica-directory.net



The Polish Business and Innovation Centers Association has been established in 1993 and is one of the oldest and largest national associations

of business incubators and technology parks. It also is one of the few organizations publishing detailed surveys about the development of incubators in the country

SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/associations/?id=51



The Society of Science and Technology Parks of Czech Republic is one of the oldest national associations of business incubators and science / technology parks in Europe. It began operations in 1990 and is one of the few associations offering a quality securing program (accreditation).

SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/associations/?id=16

Now on SPICA World Map

United Kingdom: The **Culham Innovation Centre** just celebrated its 10th Anniversary. Being part of a science park this incubator serves 15 clients on-site and 9 virtually and offers access to a wide range of services
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USA: VoiVoda Labs is active since the year 2008 and has at this time 8 client firms with 290 employees. VoiVoda operates also facilities in Bulgaria
SDO-Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2385



Estonia: Tartu Science Park is operating since 1992 and at this time has 67 companies on site with more than 300 Employees.
SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=93



Jordan: The business incubator **Al Urdonia Lil Ebda** is working since the year 2006 and has at this time 16 on-site and 30 off-site client companies. Additionally 24 companies have graduated from the incubator
SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2021



South Africa: The incubator **Mpumalanga Stainless Initiative** is active since 2001. At this time MSI serves 18n client companies – further 9 firms have already graduated.
SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2401



Nigeria: The **Calabar Technology Incubation Center** is a government Owned incubator operating since 1998. Since beginning 178 companies have graduated from the incubator
SDO Profile www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2405

Uruguay: **INGENIO Business Incubator** is working since the year 2001. It is at this time serving 17 client firms.
SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=1694



Australia: The **Innovation Center Sunshine Coast**, active since the year 202 has served 100 client firms with 350 employees (at this time: 32 firms)
SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=895



To open soon:
Next step - Pančevo! business incubator in Serbia. It will be a “mixed use incubator” with 260 sqm of rental space for client firms. The incubator will have four staff people to offer the full range of incubation services. Opening of this incubator is scheduled for April 27, 2012
SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/centers/?id=2402



Views & Facts

From World Bank's Test Kitchen

The *infoDev* Access to Markets and Finance (A2MF) team is leveraging research from the TOP50 competition to formulate a co-incubation program which responds to the needs of network businesses. Based upon the submitted business plans of more than 750 companies, *infoDev* sees a tendency of start-up enterprises in the developing world to expand their reach in two specific areas: regional expansion and developed markets.

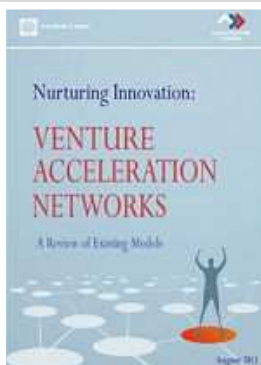
To support regional expansion, *infoDev* has issued grants to the existing *infoDev* network incubators. These incubators will then test various methods of internationalization for the entrepreneurs they house in addition to the TOP20 companies. This pilot initiative will be tied to a learning component, which will inform the next steps for the "access to markets" program in the future

Beyond regional expansion, *infoDev* is organizing a study of global co-incubation programs. This study will provide a "landscape analysis" to present information on the forces shaping current co-incubation initiatives, actors engaging in co-incubation and companies benefitting from co-incubation.

This mix of practice and learning exemplifies the unique advantage of *infoDev* to act as the World Bank's test kitchen for new initiatives. Through this work at the intersection of innovation, technology and entrepreneurship, *infoDev* is to create opportunities for inclusive growth, job creation and poverty reduction by empowering the next generation of innovative entrepreneurs.

For more information visit the *infoDev* website, especially <http://www.idisc.net/en/Article.39249.html>

Venture Acceleration Networks



The report "Venture Acceleration Networks - A Review of Existing Models" seeks to understand venture acceleration networks, which consist of experienced, skilled and well-connected individuals who provide hands-on support to entrepreneurs.

Venture acceleration networks consist of experienced, skilled and well-connected individuals

who provide hands-on support to entrepreneurs. They help propel viable business ideas to the market place by accelerating the regeneration of ideas and connecting entrepreneurs to the market.

This report explores the roles, common threads, approach, success factors and challenges involved in these networks. For providing further insight iDisc.net hosted its first question and answer session with the authors of the Venture Acceleration Networks report.

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To download the report, please visit

<http://www.idisc.net/en/Publication.418.html>

Did you know? Interesting finding about Business Angels in Germany

The „Business Angels Report 2011“ published by „Business Angels FrankfurtRheinMain e.V.“ provides interesting insight. For example (percentages relate to German Business Angels):

27 % see a positive development of investment conditions

65 % expect the investment readiness of BAs to rise

45 % see a boom of start-up enterprises in Germany in 2011

18 % expect this boom to come in 2012

As most interesting areas to invest in BAs see environment/energy (66%), medicine/health (49%), biotechnology (44%), internet/web (42%), services (41%), and mobile business (31%)

Business Angels FrankfurtRheinMain e.V.) is a central forum for growth enterprises looking for capital injections as well as for private equity investors from all over Germany

This organization aims at supporting and promoting a new generation of entrepreneurs – especially by providing the funding needed for innovation based start-ups.

The network intends to make Business Angels and integral part of SME support in Germany.

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UKBI Inspire - Accreditation for Isle of Man Incubator

The Isle of Man Business Incubator celebrated obtaining accreditation from UK Business Incubation (UKBI), the industry body for business incubation at an event held at the Isle of Man Business Centre.

The UKBI *Inspire* accreditation process involved a review of business incubator policies, procedures and the team providing support to client companies. The review involved benchmarking these areas against best practice and included a visit to the Island by a UKBI assessment team.

The Isle of Man Business Incubator was established in 2008 and managed by Coventry University Enterprises. In

2010, the Department of Economic Development established a public-private sector partnership to enhance support for local start-ups and also businesses looking to relocate to the Island.

Kate Lord-Brennan of Isle of Man Business Incubator said "This is major milestone and I am pleased with the feedback we received from the UKBI review team. The review process was very constructive and we obtained a lot of advice which will help us to continue developing."

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Business Incubation in ECA

This section provides information about incubation activities and programs from the ECA region (Eastern Europe and Central Asia). ECA^{bit} is the regional networks 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.ecabit.org/> or contact Todor Yalamov todor.yalamov@online.bg



Armenia

mLab at Hackathon[YAN] Yerevan 2011

mLab ECA in cooperation with Microsoft Innovation Center Armenia and Public Journalism Club have organized the Hackathon [YAN] Yerevan contest in mid-December 2011.



Hackathon [YAN] Yerevan 2011 was lasting 24 hours dedicated to solving the problems of Yerevan and city's inhabitants. More than 50 teams submitted projects, which hacked issues

related to health, transportation, education, environment as well as problems of disabled people and tourism.

Hackathon [YAN] Yerevan 2011 contest

During the round-the-clock contest, 33 teams (over 150 people) worked to develop and present their programs, applications, mobile solutions and web sites or their prototypes / demo versions to the panel of judges. Majority of the teams (20 teams) worked on mobile applications, solutions for the city. The Yerevan Mayor visited the event and expressed the City's readiness to cooperate with the best teams..



Developers at Hackathon[YAN] Yerevan 2011

Seven projects were awarded and won monetary prizes. Mobile applications developed during Hackathon [YAN] were under facilitation and consultancy of mLab. Two mobile applications were awarded mLab ECA prizes: "Mapy" application to address Yere-

van related information accessibility" for city visitors and inhabitants by CYBER GATES team and "Annoisy" application, which

is a rapid reporting system on "annoying noise" (car signals, construction, loud music, etc.). In addition the Grand Prix went to mobile solution presented by the

"Ognakan" team (translated as "assistant" from Armenian). The "Voice" project of this team allows people with hearing disabilities to communicate with others through a mobile application.

The winners of three Microsoft Innovation Center prizes have presented projects on: 1. Traffic regulation and monitoring, 2. Kinect-powered Yerevan info stand and 3. System of improved communication between drivers and police. The Traffic regulation project uses the city cameras to calculate the traffic, average speed, bandwidth, and transfers the data to an HTML 5 map. The system is storing the content in Windows Azure and is available for all mobile devices supporting HTML 5. The Municipality has already started working with some of the teams for implementation

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Regional Mobile Application Laboratory For ECA
Eastern Europe and Central Asia



Azerbaijan

Supporting Youth Entrepreneurship

The new Azerbaijan state program "Azerbaijan Youth in 2012-2015" aims to create Youth Business Incubators. Related to this initiative a number of events are being organized – one of them the international conference "Business incubators' activity and support of youth mobile entrepreneurship: The world experience and perspectives for development of this field in Azerbaijan" was held in December 2011. Speaking at the conference the Deputy Minister of Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan Republic Intigam Babayev stated that the conference aimed at sharing international experience on establishment of youth business incubators in Azerbaijan in order to support youth entrepreneurship.

The conference, which was a part of Mobile Monday (MoMo) Baku project, was organized by the Caspian Investment Centre and the Ministry of Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan Republic with the financial support of Bakcell and Alcatel-Lucent.

Representatives of MoMo in Germany, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Montenegro, Ukraine, Belarus and other countries joined the conference. The conference was also

supported by InfoDev, ECABit (European and Central Asian Business Incubators and Technology Parks Network), and Mobile Monday Global Network.

Within the conference the first MoMo Baku event was organized with the participation of representatives of local ICT companies, young developers and bloggers; and MoMo representatives from various countries.

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Business Incubation in MENA

This page provides information about incubation activities from the MENA region (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 contact Mr. Mohammed Allam at m3allam@gmail.com



MENAinc

MENAinc Regional Network Designs its Future

MENAinc has experienced difficulties in recent years – much related with the political situation in many countries. Now Bahrain Development Bank by providing the



financial basis took initiative to find ways for future activities and development of the Regional Network MENAinc

The MENAinc Focal Point at Bahrain Business Incubator Center organized a

two day workshop of incubation practitioners including the board members of the network to discuss experiences and draw conclusions for re-activating the network. This



meeting held January 29 and 30, 2012 was attended by participants from ten countries, including those that have not been represented in the network before..

A concrete step is organizing a business incubation management training (see article below). But also the structure of the network will be reshaped. These activities

include reconfirming membership, approving the proposed revision of the network constitution to



allow a wider approach regarding membership, and to elect a new board of directors. After this approach had been confirmed by a follow-up meeting in Istanbul (at the infoDev training, see report on page 1) the Focal Point began implementing the agreed activities that may lead to a membership assembly end of May this year.

For more information about the program and to register, please contact the MENAinc Focal Point, Mohammad Allam at email m3allam@gmail.com

Website: www.idisc.net/WorkGroups/Home.aspx?wid=5



MENA - Bahrain

infoDev Business Incubation Management Training organized by MENAinc

The MENAinc Focal Point at Bahrain Business Incubator Center offers a business incubation management training on May 28 and 29 2012. The training will be offered by recently trainers from the regions that recently have been certified by infoDev at the week-long training held in Istanbul (see report on page 1+2 of this newsletter). The Bahrain training will offer two modules (one day each) of the infoDev business incubation management training. These two modules will be selected according to the needs of potential training participants.

The announcement lists four modules to choose from: Module 1 Business Incubation Definitions and Principles, Module 2 Business Incubator Models, Success Factors, Module 4 Business Incubation Marketing and Stakeholder Management, and

Module 6 Managing the Business Incubator

For more information about the program and to register, please contact the MENAinc Focal Point, Mohammad Allam at email m3allam@gmail.com

Website: www.idisc.net/WorkGroups/Home.aspx?wid=5

Bahrain

Business GCC Future Entrepreneurs Conference: in Bahrain, May 30-31, 2012

The initiative to organize the GCC Future Entrepreneurs Forum in Bahrain has been taken by Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) that has much experience in supporting and financing SMEs and also supports the Bahrain Business Incubator Center as well as the soon to be opened Bahrain Women Business Incubator.

BDB organizes the conference as a result of the mandate of the GCC Ministerial Committee for Planning and Development to encourage the growth and development of SME's in the GCC.

The GCC Future Entrepreneurs Forum will provide a

platform to share experiences and knowledge across the private and public sectors of the GCC, including drivers and innovation and economic development policy, international and GCC Corporate leaders, SMEs and entrepreneurs as part of the process of building on the trading history of the GCC nationals for the benefit of the country and the region as a whole.

More information: www.gccfutureentrepreneurs.com/ail
Contact: m3allam@gmail.com



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TOWARDS THE GLOBALISATION AND PROSPERITY OF SME

Lebanon**EU-Lebanon Cooperation Days**source [ENPI Info Centre](#)

Held March 23 and 24 the EU-Lebanon Cooperation Days offered a great opportunity to learn about EU support to Lebanon. The Delegation of the EU in Lebanon was holding the Cooperation Days under the motto 'Working Together'. The event was open to all, to learn about the nature of the EU's support to Lebanon, and to understand how to contribute to it.

The EU is one of the main donors to Lebanon. It allocates about €220 million annually in assistance to Lebanon (€50 million from the European Commission, €50 million from the EU Member States and €120 million in loans from the European Investment Bank).

The EU-Lebanon Cooperation Days covered all aspects of the EU-Lebanon partnership with ten stands devoted to the program and projects funded by the EU and its Member States: Human Rights and Governance; Economic Development; Social Development; Infrastructure; Peace, Reconciliation and Stability; Decentralization and Local Development; Natural Resources and Agriculture; Culture and Heritage; Refugees; and Humanitarian Aid. In parallel, more specialized debates and workshops were held to explain these programs and projects and their impact on ongoing reform efforts in Lebanon.

More information, see www.enpi-info.eu

Euro - Medi**Euro-Mediterranean Guarantee Network started**source [ENPI Info Centre](#)

At a meeting hosted in the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean, the credit guarantee agencies for MSMEs from Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) launching a Euro-Med Guarantee System Network (EMGN).

This MoU is the first step towards the upcoming project "Euro-Mediterranean Guarantee Network (EMGN)". The objective of this project will be to facilitate training,

exchange of best practices to improve the institutional environment as well as research on the feasibility of guarantee funds to support MSMEs in the Mediterranean countries and to promote analytical tools to create guarantee instruments which are dedicated to MSMEs.

Support for business development is one of the key priorities of the UfM, in particular in assisting the development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises

More information, see www.enpi-info.eu

Dubai & MENA**102 incubators active and National Association starting**

Potential has pioneered a innovative Next Generation Performance framework, whether individual entrepreneurs, large organizations or employees. Founded in 2005 with headquarters in Dubai and team locations across the Middle East, potential is individuals and companies to kick-start their businesses, improve their performance, improve customer service performance, innovate, expand and develop their Next Generation Leaders.

The company offers consulting, coaching and training capabilities, deployed across products: the Potential

Entrepreneur program for Entrepreneurs starting up their business, the SME Evolution Program as well as development programs for large organizations. Potential uses a customized program to evaluate the situation of the client's business, discover areas that need improvement, undertake training and onsite coaching.

The company wants to be the long-term partner of choice to organizations and individuals.

Contact: email: contactus@potential.com

Website: <http://potential.com/aboutus/>

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 the infoDev program. More on <http://www.incubationasia.com/index.php> contact Suresh Kumar, psgstep@vsnl.com

**New Zealand****Advance: Supporting Inspiring Australian Companies**

Advance is running an initiative to help Australian companies to innovate, commercialize, and globalize.

The **50 for the Future Advance Innovation Program** provides Australian start-ups with a unique opportunity to experience Silicon Valley. Participants will make invaluable connections and pitch directly to top tier VCs and angel investors. Companies selected will participate in a 12 week journey that includes the opportunity to attend workshops, be mentored by Australian entrepreneurs based in Silicon Valley, and attend a three day

Summit in Silicon Valley.

advance is the global network of Australians and alumni abroad. Established by founding patrons Lachlan Murdoch, Anthony Pratt, Peter Lowy and Lisa Fox in 2002, Advance has a growing membership of over 20,000 in 80 countries. Advance forges connections with the one million Australians in the diaspora, drawing on their experience and networks to open doors and opportunities.

Contact: innovation@advance.org

Website: www.advance.org/innovationprogram/index.asp

India**Largest Networking Event in Social Entrepreneurship held in Madras**

With more than 350 attendees the "Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship Conference", held in Madras, India, in December, 2011, was a great success. Organized by Villgro and hosted by the IIT Park Madras "The Summit 2011" was the largest annual networking

platform for social entrepreneurs, The Summit followed a "Share, Learn, Do" philosophy and brought talent to the Social Entrepreneur: staff, volunteers & mentors

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Website: www.villgro.org

Business Incubation in Africa

This page provides information about incubation activities and programs from the AFRICA region. AIN is the regional networkers 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



Senegal Incubator for Youth and Women develops



or in Dakar, Senegal.

A rented building now is hosting the start-up companies and the services are provided in a separate store right across the street. Additionally Mbarou helps client firms that are not located in the incubator. At this time in total 17 start-ups are being served by this initiative – businesses or very different kinds. For example, a start-up planning to produce videos about African people to show the “true Africans”, two entrepreneurs starting software companies, a business producing dresses and shoes, a medical devices supply firm, and a company operating a regional bus line.

The incubator helps these entrepreneurs not only with own staff, but has built a network with other institutions providing the needed advice and support.

Mbarou has gained her knowledge and experience from working earlier in another business incubation initiative with support from infoDev. She also is active as Board Member in AIN, the Africa Incubation Network.

Nowhere it is easy to start and develop a business incubator – especially not without financial support governmental or donors. But in the year 2007 “SPICE Girl” **Mbarou Gassame** took the challenge and opened a business incubator



At a recent infoDev mission to Senegal SPICE President Heinz Fiedler visited this incubator to learn about the real life of an incubator dealing with grass-route entrepreneurship – a sector often undervalued with all the focus on technology and growth businesses. During a half-day workshop many of the clients presented their activities, achievements and challenges. The discussion illustrated the commitment of start-up entrepreneurs and incubator staff and supporters – and even showed potential for international business cooperation.

Unfortunately the public sector does not provide the support that is usually one of the main pillars of business incubation. This incubator could reach even higher levels of entrepreneurship promotion and start-up support with public or donor support. The foundation has been laid.

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Senegal CTIC - Dakar ICT Incubator well on Track



On the street in front of the ICT Incubator a man offering shoe repair is working every day. The incubator is located right in the city center of Dakar – a good business location also for show repair.

At the entrance of the incubator a sign informs the visitor about what is to be expected: *“You are entering the world of entrepreneurs who change their destiny. People who work together for sustainable social development”*.

Inside the incubator visitors will see this declaration is becoming reality. Opened

just about a year ago the incubator has five resident and two off-site client firms – selected from more than 170 applications. There are many more applicants knocking

at the door. And almost daily new applications arrive – mainly through the incubator website, but also referred by incubator clients and partners. Even continuing the rigorous selection process practiced since beginning CTIC is expected to be completely filled during this year and will not be able to provide sufficient space and support for further prospective clients. The main reason for this bottleneck is that other than expected most Prospective clients want to physically move into the incubator. This is why the incubator managing director, **Omar Cissé**, and his team are working on an expansion plan with concrete options in mind.

CTIC is supported and funded by its private sector shareholders and received a grant for infoDev for the starting phase. Also the German development aid organization GIZ is providing support by financing one of the business advisors in the incubator team. The shareholders and donors value the work of the incubator positively and support the expansion concept.

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Kenya *Call for Partners*

MEDO, the Micro Enterprise Development Organization, connects large companies with emerging MEs black-owned. MEDO facilitates micro and small business development and supplier relationships.

Grassroots-focused and with specific attention to the elements of Enterprise Development, Preferential Procurement and Socio-Economic Development, MEDO works with clients to provide sustainable and measurable results. MEDO empowers MSMEs owners through:

- Training on how to start and run a business;
- Networking with entrepreneurs and corporates;

- Shared services such as bookkeeping, accounting and legal counsel; and
- Free access to computers, phones, office equipment.

Call for Kenyan Entrepreneurship Program Partners: MEDO is planning an internationally supported Entrepreneurship Program for Kenya starting in May 2012 and is looking for local implementation partners. If you can assist or can recommend others please Contact Judi Sandrock, email js@medo.co.za Web: www.mymedo.co.za

South Africa *Incubator Project calls for Partners*

In 2011 Stellenbosch University (SU) was the South African university that had published the most PCT patent applications. Also in 2011 InnovUS, the technology transfer office of SU, was also involved in the establishment of three companies and sold our shares in one of our oldest companies in the end of the year. Last year eight of the 10 companies had a combined income of more than R107 m and our companies employed 194 people. All that a good basis of experience for moving ahead with the project to establish the **Maties Incubator** as a launch pad for start-up companies situated on Stellenbosch University campus.

This incubator should house its first entrepreneurs by the end of 2012 and will be established in the old furniture repair building next to the Engineering Faculty. Both SU spinout companies as well as start-up companies that have not originated from the University will be welcomed in the new facility

Saberi Marais, Business developer of InnovUS, describes the special feature of the new incubator as follows: "What sets us apart is how we plan to mentor and service the companies - in addition to excellent mentorship, we will also be in a position to provide technology mentors in many instances to the companies (we have leading academics whom we can pull in to assist there). Our 100 Hour Internship program involving postgraduate business science students can assist the startups on an ad hoc basis with financial models, business models, market studies etc. We have great access to early stage investors both locally and abroad whom we can introduce to the entrepreneurs." Through the Africa Incubator Network (AIN) Saberi invites all to provide "Any insights, opinions and advice on where to raise the money" for the incubator. Contact: Saberi Marais, email info@innovus.co.za Web: www.innovus.co.za/pages/english/home.php

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

**Costa Rica** *Women Entrepreneurs and Professionals*

The Forum of Women Entrepreneurs and Professionals in Costa Rica is running a program called "Bridging opportunities". In this context the Forum is committed to finding training opportunities, training, participation in events, links to institutions, linkages between entrepreneurs and professionals in the creation of a network for sharing, support each other, do business with network partners, mentoring, dissemination of products or

services, activities, etc. and everything that can be beneficial to the development of entrepreneurship of women, the primary objective of our organization. The Forum also is organizing a month business breakfast.

The virtual course "Gender and Leadership," is recommended by the Forum. For more information, please visit Contact: presidencia@foroempresariascr.com Web: www.educoas.org/Portal/es/ineam/GEN-E105_12.aspx

Mexico *infoDev Business Incubation Management Training in Guadalajara*

An infoDev training will be held in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico, October 15-19, 2012, as part of the conference Jalisco: "Entrepreneurship and Innovation". The event expects to attract over 120 participants from Mexico and neighboring Latin American countries and is being sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Jalisco state in collaboration with the Latin American and Caribbean Incubation Network (RedLAC).

The following training modules will be delivered: defi-

nitions and principles of BI, financing of incubated enterprises, technology commercialization, virtual incubation, and agribusiness incubation. Manuel Bello, Rubén Malizia, Marcelo Lebendiker and César Yammal are the infoDev certified trainers for the activity.

The event will be complemented by NBIA's training and workshops and incubator practitioner's round tables. The event will finalize with a "Tekila Route" tour Contact: C. Yammal. cesar.yammal@innovosgroup.com

Important upcoming Events

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

If the conference hosts / organizers are represented in **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 – directly and online. Just click on "[Add new information](#)" and you will be guided through the simple process. For an actual event overview, please visit the SPICE Group website <http://www.spice-group.de/events/>

April 18 -19, 2012 in Copenhagen, Denmark: Third Seminar on Creative Industries

The third (and final) seminar of the Regional Studies Association Research Network Creative Industries in Europe will be hosted by Høgni Kalsø Hansen, at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. SPICE Update (No 98) had reported on the second seminar, held in Poznan, Poland.

Before the end of the year 2011 a **call for papers** will be circulated by the organizers. Not to miss this call, please check website www.creative-regions.org.uk and /or contact email creativeregions.network@gmail.com

April 25 -27, 2012 in Münster, Germany: 11th Internat. Conference on Science-to-Business Marketing

FINPIN is a network of people who are enthusiastic about **knowledge** and **innovation** based **entrepreneurship** and its promotion in **higher education**.

The 2012 Conference will be a major European meeting and discussion forum for practitioners and researchers on entrepreneurship and education. Conference themes will be Enterprise Education, Competitiveness, Growth through Innovation, Knowledge Partnerships and University-Business Cooperation, Entrepreneurship and Development

This conference is organized by FINPIN (Finnish Entrepreneurship and Innovation Net work for Higher Education), Lahti University, and Münster University.




The Call for **papers** is open until **November 21, 2011**

Please see also www.finpin.com for up-to-date information on the [FINPIN2012 Conference](#).

Contact: finpin2012@lamk.fi

May 6 - 8, 2012 in Regensburg, Germany: ADT Spring Conference

The logo for the ADT Spring Conference. It consists of the letters "ADT" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the letters are three slanted, parallel lines in shades of green and yellow, suggesting a stylized "A" or a graphic element. The text "ADT" is positioned to the right of these lines.

The German Federal Association of Business Incubation and technology Centers, will hold its **ADT Spring Conference 2012** in the BioPark Regensburg, in the Southern part of Germany Under the headline "ADT 2020 – Future Technology Centers". This conference is targeted towards


a German speaking audience. The Annual ADT conference is scheduled for November 4 – 6, 2012 and will be held in the second largest city of Germany, Hamburg.

Website: www.adt-online.de

Contact: Andrea Glaser: glaser@adt-online.de

Website: www.bioregio-regensburg.de

May 6-9, 2012 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA: 16th Annual International NBIA Conference

The logo for the NBIA conference. It features the letters "NBIA" in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the letters is a square graphic with a grid pattern and a central circular element, possibly representing a globe or a network.

Business incubation practitioners and economic development professionals each year gather to explore strategies for entrepreneur support at NBIA's International Conference on Business Incubation. Participants attend in the fundamentals of business incubation and interact with advanced professionals who can share lessons learned and strategies for success. For advanced incubator managers,

the conference provides in-depth workshops, educational sessions, incubator tours and receptions. Through the training and networking opportunities attendees learn about incubator sustainability, entrepreneur services, and For those who are new to incubation, the conference provides an opportunity to learn, make new friends and take home new techniques.

Website: www.nbia.org/events/conf2012/index.php

Contact education@nbia.org.

May 6, 2012 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA: 23rd Global Summit of Business Incubation Associations

A matter of tradition: At the Annual NBIA conference also leading representatives of national and international business incubation associations meet to discuss recent developments, challenges and new perspectives for the development of the global business incubation industry

This event is hosted by NBIA and by invitation only, but if you are an association leader and have not yet received an invitation, please

contact Lindsay Schuenke at lschuenke@nbia.org or Heinz Fiedler at heinz@gbin.net

May 21-24, 2012 in Daejeon, South Korea: 8th INSME Annual Meeting

The 8th INSME Annual Meeting on "**Innovation across Borders: Building Competitive Nations through SMEs Networks**" will be co-hosted by INSME and the World Technopolis Association – WTA, Daejeon Metropolitan City, and others,

The new 8th INSME Annual Meeting website provides more details www.annualmeeting2012.insme.org or on the ISME portal: <http://www.insme.org/>

If you are interested to attend, n contact the INSME Secretariat at: insme2012@insme.it

May 24-26, 2012 in Kielce, Poland: 28th Annual PBICA Conference – 20th Association Anniversary

For many reasons it will be special occasion for meeting. 20 years ago group of Business Incubation enthusiasts established Polish Business Innovation Centers Association at the 3rd Annual Conference of the already existing

network: "The Role of Business Innovation Centers in Local Development and Business Incubation" in October 1992.

PBICA formally launched

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 activities in April 1993 after completing all registration procedures. Therefore **PBICA will celebrate its 20th Anniversary** from May 2012 till May 2013 – 20 years of continuous learning and growth. There will be grand

opening of the Technology Park Kielce during this year's conference in May 2012.

Conference participants will discuss the role of Business Innovation Centers on the basis of the 2014-2020 EU financial frameworks.

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 SDO Profile: www.spica-directory.net/associations/?id=51

June 14 -16, 2012 in Zadar, Croatia: 4th International Conference Management of Technology

The **4th International Conference Management of Technology - Step to Sustainable Production (MOTSP 2012)** will present the results of recent research activities

in the scope of management of technology, industrial engineering and sustainable production.

Contact: Prof. Predrag Cosic, motsp2012@fsb.hr

June 13 -15, 2012 in Lappeenranta, Finland: The 3rd EU Russia Innovation Forum

The 3rd EU-Russia Innovation Forum this year will be combined with the 21st EBN Annual Congress and will be held under the title Challenging the Future - Faster, Further, Together”.

and gathered over 700 participants in 2011 - and the EBN annual congress, gathering 400 innovation & incubation professional since more than 20 years. Additionally, this year will benefit from a substantial involvement of Lappeenranta University of Technology (LUT), and from a lot of other European, Russian, American and Asian academic experts.

Website: <http://www.eurussiainnoforum.com/>

The **Lappeenranta 2012 conference** is the result of the integration of two prestigious events the EU-Russia Innovation Forum - a promising international EU-Russia cooperation-focused event which is now starting its 3rd edition

June 16, 2012 in St. Petersburg, Russia: Innovation Workshop

As a post conference event following the EU-Russia Innovation Forum in Lappeenranta, Finland and the IASP World Conference in Tallinn, Estonia a workshop during is planned to be held in St. Petersburg on June 16, 2012. This is right at the peak of the famous “White Nights – one

more reason to come and see.. Participation is open not only for attendees of the named conference, but open to all interested.

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 #Website for more details: www.iasp2012tln.com

June 17 -20, 2012 in Tallinn, Estonia: IASP World Conference

“**Science and Technology Parks: Serving the Companies and the Innovation Community**” is the theme of the World Conference on Science and Technology Parks that will be held in Estonia’s Capital. An excellent reason (if

any reason is needed) to visit Tallinn again after the Baltic Dynamics conference and SPICE Anniversary in September this year

Website for more details: www.iasp2012tln.com

June 17 -20, 2012 in Barcelona, Spain: XXIII ISPIM Conference

“**Action for Innovation: Innovating from Experience**” is the title of the 23rd ISPIM conference that will be hosted by La Salle University in partnership with Orbita97. Around 450 innovation experts from 55 countries are expected to attend this event. The three-day program will

note Presentations; “Hot Topic” Roundtable Discussions; Facilitated Themed Sessions with Academic and Practitioner Presentations; Workshops; and Special Interest Groups.

Conference website: conference.ispim.org

July 2 -6, 2012 in Cardiff, UK: Creative Regions Summer School 2012

The Creative Regions Summer School have been designed to introduce postgraduate students, practitioners and policy makers to the current academic knowledge and research in the field of creativity and regional economic development. Whether you are working with creative industries policy

strategies or you are in undertaking further research in this field, the Creative Regions Summer School will help to direct and support your future learning

Contact: creativeregions.network@gmail.com
 Website: www.creative-regions.org.uk

September 13 -15, 2012 in Vilnius, Lithuania: Baltic Dynamics 2012



This year again Lithuania’s Capital Vilnius is the venue for the Baltic Dynamics conference organized by KTU Regional Science Park in cooperation with Kaunas Regional Innovation Centre, Kaunas University of Technology, The Ministry for Economy, and BASTIC, the Baltic States innovation center association.

Topics this year are “Public entrepreneurial support”, “The role of entrepreneurship in innovation system”, “The role of Non- Governmental Organizations in Technology Development”, “Innovation and “From Research to Market - International Cooperation”, and “Open Innovation”.

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 Web: <http://www.balticdynamics.com/>

Services for Members of the SPICE Group Network

SPICE Group members can use a number of services provided through the SPICE Group website (www.spice-group.net). Here some examples:



To send a message to all members use the simple tool the SPICE Group website offers in the PUMBAA section. Log in with your user name and password and select "mailing"



Publish a short article about your activities in business incubation as well as innovation and entrepreneurship support. Just click "Add news" right on top of page <http://www.spice-group.de/actual/> and insert your article.



Have your own "@spice-group.net" email address (like name.familyname@spice-group.net)..If you are interested, please contact the SPICE Secretariat: larisa@spice-group.net

...and SPICE Group offers services to **non-members**. Of course, these features also network members can use through the website



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SPICE BER – Meeting 3 and 4

We already reported on the SPICE BER Meetings. A more or less regular roundtable / dinner meeting of SPICE Group members in Berlin. Other members, of course, are invited. All needed is an indication of interest to be put on the information list for upcoming meetings.



The Meetings 3 and 4 have been held in January and February 2012 – in Berlin. of course. The meeting in January began with a roundtable in the offices of the VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik and concluded with a meal in a nearby Greek restaurant. Discussions were covering topics like the Berlin business incubation system with pre-incubators at the universities and waiting queues for all six Technology business incubators. Also joint activities for project work and publications were discussed.



and for the body. The well-known restaurant "Witwe Bolte" was the place of choice. As the name suggests (see the famous "Max & Moritz" stories by Wilhelm Busch) grilled chicken is the most important specialty of this place and The choice of the SPICE'ers who combined the crispy chicken with "Krautsalat" and beer.

For the 4th SPICE BER meeting participants convened right where food is served to combine food for the brain. The next SPICE BER meeting is scheduled for April 19. More info and contact: Uwe Seidel, seidel@vdi-vde-it.de



And finally...

Members, especially those who have been active by providing information for publication, organizing workshops and meetings, are invited to send us their information, comments or requests. This kind of contributions is needed for bringing life and the personal touch to our network - and it is the basis for synergy. SPICE Update only can provide impressions – nothing compares with personal participation.

This is why we are hoping to meet you personally in the course of coming months – maybe when we cook the fish paprikash together in Serbia?!

Heinz Fiedler & Larisa Brovarska

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