



The Technopolicy Network

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New Institutional Member

Amsterdam Innovation Motor (AIM)

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new institutional member Amsterdam Innovation Motor. Amsterdam Innovation Motor (AIM) is a Dutch organisation established to maintain and consolidate the trendsetting position of the Amsterdam region in the knowledge economy. AIM wishes to promote innovation, cooperation and new business in the Amsterdam region. To do so, it focuses on the development of the five sectors that are the most promising in terms of strengthening the position of the region, namely: Creative industries, ICT, Life sciences, Sustainability Trade and logistics. AIM functions as a facilitator to promote mutual cooperation between knowledge institutions, commerce and industry, and government and social organizations in the Amsterdam region.



AIM Amsterdam Innovation Motor

Winner of the Good Practices Award '08

The Waterloo Research and Technology Park Accelerator, Canada has won the Good Practices Award 2008. The award recognizes its excellence in achieving faster exits for startups by performing a gap analysis of the status of the companies at the time that they enter the Accelerator, and helping the fledgling companies to attract critical financing, hire employees and obtain customers.



Transatlantic Helsinki Event on: 'Organizing Transatlantic Innovation' 25 & 26 June Helsinki, Finland

The Transatlantic Helsinki Event concerns a two-day conference focusing on the challenge of early stage finance and research commercialization in the context of different national innovation systems. The main focus of the event will be threefold: making SBIR work, best practices in evaluation and transatlantic cooperation.



Wageningen University

The 6th Annual Conference on: 'Shaping Science Based Clusters' 24 & 25 September 2009, Wageningen, The Netherlands

The sixth annual conference of The Technopolicy Network will focus on the development of science based clusters across the world. Over the course of two days, several international speakers will give insight and address topics such as: if and how a science based cluster can be shaped, what factors determine a successful development of a science based cluster and which actors have taken leadership in shaping science based clusters. Furthermore, best practices will be shown and different examples of cluster development will be discussed. The opportunity to exchange experiences through connecting questions and answers from participants will also be provided.

Join The Technopolicy Network Annual Conference in Wageningen, The Netherlands on September 24 & 25, 2009 and learn about how science based clusters can be shaped. Please see [The First Announcement](#) for more information on our 6th Annual Conference. Registration is now open with an **Early Bird discount** before July 1st. [The registration form](#) can be found on our website.

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Course on IT- Clustering 23 September 2009, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Preliminary to the Annual Conference in Wageningen, a course on IT-clustering in Amsterdam will be offered. This course will be organized in cooperation with our new institutional member Amsterdam Innovation Motor. More information will follow soon.



8th Annual Incubator Conference and Award on 'Best Practice in Science Based Incubators' 19 & 20 November 2009 Stockholm, Sweden

The 8th Annual Incubator conference will be organized in cooperation with the Swedish organisation Innovationsbron. Theme of the conference will be: *"How Incubators Stimulate and Create New Regional and International Commercial Clusters."* More information will follow soon.



Stockholm fountain

Most Entrepreneurial Scientist of Sweden on 20 November 2009 Stockholm, Sweden

Scientific entrepreneurs should be recognized as a driving force behind science based regional development. On the second day of the Science Based Incubator Conference in Stockholm, the award ceremony of the Most Entrepreneurial Scientist of Sweden will take place. The Most Entrepreneurial Scientist Award is an initiative of The Technopolicy Network and is organized in cooperation with VINNOVA. More information will follow soon.

NEWS FROM THE STAFF

New Staff Member

On March 15th, Dr. ir. Paul Vulto has joined the Technopolicy Network team as project manager. Paul has recently completed his Ph.D. within the Department for Microsystems Engineering (IMTEK) at the University of Freiburg, Germany. In the past, Paul has been working for the venture company Silicon Bio-systems in Italy and for the Office of Science and Technology at the Netherlands Embassy in Tokyo, Japan. His experience in valorization of high-tech research in an international context makes him a valuable addition to the team.

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Manager TPN on maternity leave

From beginning of May until beginning of September Tanja Pijpaert will be on maternity leave. During this time, you may contact Paul Vulto concerning the activities of the network. Tanja will be back for the 6th Annual Conference and hopes to welcome you during the conference in Wageningen, The Netherlands.

Other activities outside the network:

IASP World Conference, 2009 "Future Knowledge Ecosystems: The opportunity for science and technology parks, places and partners."

With recession threatening all regions around the world, international economic competitiveness increasingly hinges on the ability of places and regions to harness the future knowledge economy and find innovative solutions to current challenges. Join the world's leading science park managers and technology-led economic development practitioners at the IASP World Conference to explore what these "Future Knowledge Ecosystems" will entail and how innovation regions must adapt to address the new demands that are vital to a region's economic success. Please visit www.iasp2009rtp.com for more information and to register.

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