

## 4<sup>th</sup> International Technology Transfer Conference

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Jožef Stefan Institute and TehnoCenter of the University of Maribor in cooperation with the National Institute of Chemistry and with the support of Public Agency for Technology of the Republic of Slovenia, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Štajerska and the European Commission ended a two-day international conference on technology transfer.

The **4<sup>th</sup> International Technology Transfer Conference** hosted renowned international experts in the field of technology transfer from recognized institutions such as the **University of Cambridge, Eindhoven University of Technology, Polytechnic University Zuyd, University of Copenhagen, Institute Rudjer Bošković and TTO A/S Copenhagen.**

The first day, 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2011, the conference took place at the Jožef Stefan Institute in Ljubljana, on the second day, 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2011, at the Rectorate of the University of Maribor.

On the first day a special **prize for Innovation for Economy was given**, in a total amount of **10.000 EURO**. The winner was chosen by an international jury composed of: Andrea Di Anselmo, Meta Group, Italy; Laszlo Czirjak, iEurope Capital, Hungary; Aleksandar Čabril, Serbian Business Angels Network, Serbia; Uroš Glavan, DTK Murka dd, Slovenia; Rok Habinc, STH Ventures dd, Slovenia; Blaž Kos, the Business Angels of Slovenia, Slovenia; Jure Mikuž, RSG Capital, Slovenia; Christian Schmock, TTO A/S of Copenhagen; Prof. Leo Verhoef, Eindhoven University of Technology, Polytechnic University Zuyd, Netherlands. The conference commission awarded the prize for the most inventive and innovative ideas with applications of interest and use in the economy.

The prize was divided into two parts and granted the following winners:

**First prize in amount of 7.000 EURO** was given to **Professor Dr. Gregor Majdič** from the Veterinary Faculty, University of Ljubljana and Faculty of Medicine Maribor, University of Maribor for the invention entitled: **Treatment of animals with the help of stem cells.**

**Second prize in amount of 3.000 EURO** went to the **Professor Dr. Marin Berovič** from the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, University of Ljubljana and **Professor Dr. Darko Makovec** from the the Jožef Stefan Institute, for the innovation entitled **The process of magnetic separation of waste yeast biomass from the bottles of sparkling wine.**

The second day of the conference was organized by the TechnoCenter of the University of Maribor. Invited speakers presented examples of good practices on the field of technology transfer. The project KBB was implemented under the Operational Program Slovenia-Austria 2007-2013 and organized by Slovenian and Austrian partners ([www.kbb-si-at.eu](http://www.kbb-si-at.eu)). The main objective of the project was to help businesses in the border region with the technology transfer.

In the afternoon the honorable Mr. **Christian Schmock** from the TTO A/S Copenhagen led the workshop on how to organize a technology transfer office, how to be successful in early commercialization and what is the proper commercial strategy, i.e. spin-out, licensing or collaboration.

Lectures and round table discussion on venture capital will be available at the conference web site: <http://tehnologije.ijs.si/4ittc/program.html>.

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Jos Douma, Ambassador, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; Professor. Dr. Jadran Lenarčič, JSI director and Leon Tossaint, former vice president of quality by Philips and an honorary member of the board of the Slovenian Foundation for Business Excellence (from left to right).



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The recipient of the first prize for the most innovative project, prof. dr. Gregor Majdic from the Veterinary Faculty, University of Ljubljana and Faculty of Medicine Maribor, University of Maribor, and representatives of the international commission, which decided on the winners.