

Premiere for bionection, the technology transfer conference in Dresden

+++ Partnering event for life sciences takes place today and tomorrow in Dresden +++ biosaxony invites international scientists and companies of the life sciences industry to the Free State of Saxony +++ The aim is to set up a strategic partnership for developing new products

Dresden, 9 October 2014 The international technology transfer conference bionection opens its doors today for the first time. In the DFG Research Center and Cluster of Excellence at the TU Dresden, researchers will have the opportunity to present their innovative ideas to potential industry partners in theme panels and pitch presentations. Further opportunities for intensive networking are provided through an accompanying industrial exhibition, a poster session and 1-on-1-partnering. This two-day event is rounded off with an exhibiter's evening.

The six theme panels cover a broad spectrum of cutting-edge research topics from the life sciences industry. The focus is on topics such as bioengineering/biomaterials, bioinformatics, medical technology/equipment, new technologies/diagnostics and therapeutics/vaccines/drugs. Hungary is this year's priority country and is represented with its own panel on nutrition/green biotechnology. This country focus aims to strengthen new co-operations in Eastern Europe.

bionection does not only offer a platform for intensive co-operation, but also wants to inform participating scientists about the know-how of successful technology transfer. Thus, three workshops are offered alongside the panels that address topics such as the right time to patent a product idea, the best suitable strategy for locating co-operation partners and decision-making on spin-off or sale.

Prior to the bionection, a workshop on „Partnering Guidance & Pitch Training“ as well as individual coaching of scientists provided ideal opportunities to prepare for the conference.

„With the initiation of the bionection, biosaxony responds to the needs of the region and now provides a platform on which excellent research can be transferred to commercialization“, emphasises André Hofmann, CEO of biosaxony. „Over 70 registrations for pitch presentations show that scientists from the life sciences industry clearly think about their options of commercialising their research ideas“, Hofmann continues. For this, bionection should provide a guiding incentive.

The Saxon State Minister for Higher Education, Research and the Arts, Prof. Sabine Freifrau von Schorlemer, also realises the tremendous potential of the partnering conference for the Free State: “The bionection provides a valuable contribution to intensify and accelerate the transfer of science to industry in Saxony. With the implementation of the biotechnology offensive in the year 2000, the Saxon State Government has already initiated a very successful movement. This holds true in particular for the excellent scientific achievements in Dresden and Leipzig, but also for the industrial success in the whole Free State of Saxony.”

The organizer biosaxony anticipates 200 participants from science, industry and technology transfer, who can look forward to inspiring discussions and exciting sessions over the next two days.

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