



Welcome to the latest edition of the information sharing newsletter from the Maynooth University Commercialisation Office. Our goal is to share relevant market news and activities on the commercialisation of Maynooth University research. We hope you enjoy this newsletter.

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KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER IRELAND (KTI) IMPACT AWARDS

The KTI Impact Awards recognise and showcase the success in knowledge transfer carried out in Irish Higher Education Institutes and in publicly funded research organisations for the wider benefit of the economy and society. Across seven categories this year, the awards recognise top performance in industry engagement and commercialisation of research. They pay tribute to the businesses and research organisations involved in this process of knowledge transfer.

The awards also acknowledge and celebrate the technology transfer offices, industry liaison offices and their staff who make this happen.

At the Impact Awards event this year there was also an additional award "Alison Campbell, Director of KTI, announced the **KTI Special Recognition Award** which was presented to Lorraine Kane, Ops Manager at Maynooth University Commercialisation Office. This acknowledged Lorraine's consistent high performance across the Maynooth University Technology Transfer Consortium of four HEIs and her contribution and support, nationally, to the development of the Knowledge Transfer system in Ireland."

The full complement of the KTI Impact Awards are available at www.knowledgetransferireland.com



Photo L to R; Alison Campbell, Director of KTI and Lorraine Kane, Ops Manager, Maynooth University Commercialisation Office

MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY ANNUAL COMMERCIALISATION AWARD 2016

Each year the Commercialisation Office recognises excellence in the commercialisation of research at Maynooth University. We consider activity such as invention disclosures recorded, licence deals completed, new patents filed, spinout company creation and developing new links with industry as key factors in bringing research to the market place. The 2016 Annual Commercialisation Award was awarded to Professor Kevin Kavanagh of the Biology Department.

Kevin and the Promoters Nick Duggan and Padraig Maughan formed Rosadex Limited to develop and commercialise a therapy for Ocular Rosacea. Kevin has identified the precise method of action involved in the development and recurrence of the condition. Ocular rosacea involves irritation to the eye and eyelids and can result in loss of vision. Kevin recently identified and protected formulations that may represent a novel way of treating this condition.



Photo: Centre of Photo: Prof Kevin Kavanagh of Biology receiving the Annual Commercialisation Award presented by Prof Ray O'Neill, VP for Research & Innovation, flanked by Paul Tyndall (L) and John Scanlan (R) Maynooth University Commercialisation Office.

REGIONAL SKILLS NETWORK

A Network of Regional Skills Fora was established in 2016 as part of the Government's National Skills Strategy to assist employers and the education and training system to work together to meet the emerging skills needs of their regions. More structured engagement on the skills agenda and the work of the Fora will contribute to better outcomes for learners and support enterprise development.

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Siobhan Keogh
Mid East Forum Manager



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MaynoothWorks currently has 22 clients representing 90% occupancy level. Avectas, RaiseYourIQ and Ubipix represent a selection of the University's spinout companies (where University research has been critical to the venture). Recent companies formed by graduates of Maynooth University include AccessEarth and MoodleyManor.

Companies also locate to the Incubator for access to research supports and include Verify setup by Hailo founder Jay Bregman (supported by research input from Dr Tim McCarthy). REIVR Fusion (supported by Dr John McDonald) and Aeronet Global (supported by Prof Ronan Farrell).

MaynoothWorks offers an **accelerator** programme "New Frontiers" geared toward very early stage technology companies. This programme is run in conjunction with Athlone Institute of Technology and some success stories include; www.moodleymanor.ie, www.raiseyouriq.com, www.cognikids.com and www.ubipix.com.

We also welcomed our first client from the ESA Space Solutions Centre Ireland of which we are an active partner.

MaynoothWorks client feedback:

"My decision to locate in MaynoothWorks has been vindicated by the level of support I have received in helping me prepare my business for funding, the expertise available is second to none and has provided significant clarity and purpose"
Leslie Turner CEO Schoolwise

"The workshop on raising investment was one of the most relevant and important events I've attended as CEO of a growing company. Siofra did a fantastic job of clearing the fog of the investment process and terminology. Even more importantly, she showed why this knowledge was essential for early-stage strategic choices. Highly recommended!" CIVIQ CEO Vanessa Liston