Welcome to the latest edition of the information sharing newsletter from the National University of Ireland Maynooth Commercialisation Office. Our goal is to share relevant market news and activities on the commercialisation of NUI Maynooth research. We hope you enjoy this newsletter. For more information visit: www.commercialisation.nuim.ie

CONNECT, recently hosted by the Commercialisation Office at NUI Maynooth, is a biennial event with a two-fold purpose: (a) to showcase the research expertise and encourage industry to tap into the knowledge base of the University and its partner institutes and thereby develop research collaborations; and (b) to provide a networking opportunity for delegates to meet and explore how they can work together. This year NUI Maynooth and its technology transfer consortium partners, Athlone Institute of Technology, Institute of Technology Carlow and Waterford Institute of Technology showcased the diverse range of research expertise available to industry. The event was attended by over 200 delegates from local SMEs to global MNCs who capitalised on the opportunity to network and discover the best way to tap into resources available.

NUI Maynooth continues to open its doors to the business community. Both nurturing and developing good business ideas are essential to Ireland’s economic recovery. R&D can be an expensive and difficult process which many businesses struggle to pay for. Working in partnership with NUI Maynooth and the consortium partners can overcome these barriers.
Professor John Ringwood was recently presented with the 2012 Commercialisation Award. John has been very active in the commercialisation space over the last number of years and has successfully licenced several technologies to industry. John currently leads the Center for Ocean Energy Research and is a Professor in the Department of Electronic Engineering.

The annual Commercialisation Award recognises excellence in the commercialisation of research at NUI Maynooth. We consider activity such as licence deals, spin-outs and linking with industry key factors in bringing research to the market place.