

MARCH 2006 EVENTS DIARY

1-2 March, 2006 - Business South 2006, St Mary's Stadium, Southampton. Admission is free of charge. The event will feature over 100 companies from across the region, together with a range of experts providing free business seminars. A special Meet the Buyer zone will allocate exhibitors and visitors a space to present their services to representatives from large buying organisations such as the Ministry of Defence, Southampton City Council, Hampshire County Council and the Henty Group. Keynote speakers in the seminar theatre include Anne Duncan, chief executive of Yellowfin Ltd and Ernst & Young Regional Entrepreneur of the Year, who will talk about entrepreneurship in the 21st century, what makes an entrepreneur, and how innovation leads to success. Stuart Greenfield of Leepeck Greenfield will present an 'Idiot's Guide to Marketing,' and getting the basics right for SMEs. An e-village sponsored by Business Link Wessex featuring 40 Information and Communications Technology (ICT) companies from across the region will occupy the third floor of the venue. Denise Barlowe, head of business development at Southampton and Fareham Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said: "This show will enable businesses to showcase their products and services on a scale not previously seen in the area, as well as providing an important networking opportunity."

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1 March, 2006 - LBN's BioWednesday meeting, London. 6 – 9.00 pm. Sponsored by UK Trade and Investment and Thomson Dialog in association with the London BioScience Innovation Centre. UK and Switzerland between them host some of the world's best oncology research and drug pipelines, but is the translation of this excellent research into innovative new medicines as efficient as it could be? This evening's panel discussion will focus on those areas that maybe impede cancer drug discovery and development, exploring whether there are solutions to some of the problems that could be addressed through greater cooperation. The London BioScience Innovation Centre (LBIC) provides a focus for life sciences activity in London, offering laboratory and office facilities of an exceptionally high standard. Other speakers are Shahid Qazi, Business Development Manager, Thomson Dialog; Philip Oliver, DTI International Technology Promoter – Life Sciences, Europe; Melanie McCullagh, Antisoma; Michel Aguet – Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research (ISREC); John Herrmann – Serono.

www.londonbiotechnology.co.uk

1 March, 2006 – The BridgeClub event, Quadrus Centre, Boldon Business Park, South Shields, Tyne & Wear. In conversation with Dr Roger Duggan, Managing Director, Immunodiagnostic Systems Ltd 6pm – 8pm. This conversation, led by Caroline Theobald from the Bridge Club is a must for any academic wanting to make a difference or any business-owner wanting to enjoy increased profits by identifying a niche market.

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1 March, 2006 - i10 Innovators: The Business Plan Competition launch, the University of Hertfordshire. i10 Innovators is a regional Business Planning Competition that brings together all ten universities in the East of England to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship and to illuminate the most promising business ideas from the region's students and staff members. The launch of Innovators will take place from 12pm - 5pm. Transportation to and from the event will be provided free of charge by each institution, details to be sent when you book your place. Hundreds of students and staff from the East of England are expected to attend this exciting entrepreneurial event. The event is free of charge and refreshments will be provided throughout the day, beginning with lunch on arrival.

www.i10.org.uk

1-3 March, 2006 - The International Conference 'World Sustainable Energy Days 2006' will take place in Wels, Upper Austria. The conference is aimed at contributing to awareness-raising on energy and sustainability issues, and offers a unique combination of events on sustainable energy production and use, covering energy efficiency and renewable energy sources for buildings, industry and transport. Five conferences - which present the latest technology trends, outstanding examples and European strategies - and the 'Energiesparmesse', an exhibition and trade show on energy efficiency and renewable energy sources, offer participants opportunities to create new partnerships. European Commissioner for Energy, Andris Piebalgs, will present the EU's policies on sustainable energy at the event.

www.energiesparverband.com/esv/index.php?id=228&L=1

2 March, 2006 - South West Marketing Forum 2006, Leigh Court, Abbots Leigh, Bristol BS8 3RA. The Direct Marketing Association and Chartered Institute of Marketing have organised a programme of seminars from 16 of the regions top marketing experts, ranging from public relations advice to digital mobile marketing. Half Day – Entry, Lunch & 2 Seminars – £65 + VAT

www.swmarketingforum.co.uk

Tel: 0870 850 0626

2 March, 2006 - Swiss-UK Oncology Partnering Seminar – in association with Swiss Embassy, London and UK Trade & Investment.

www.londonbiotechnology.co.uk

2 March, 2006 - 'Where Next for Big Pharma?', Bristol Enterprise Network event, School of Geographical Sciences, University Road, Bristol. With fewer 'blockbuster' drugs in the pipeline, lucrative patents expiring and greater regulatory pressures, how will the multi-billion industry react and what are the opportunities for early-stage drug discovery businesses and greater collaboration with Universities?

www.bristolenterprise.com

2 March, 2006 - 'Making Waves in Kent' event, Corn Exchange, Rochester. A new event which aims to help shape the future for commercial and leisure marine businesses in Kent. Sponsors are Marine South East, MareNet, RMBUA (River Medway Business Users Association) and organisers Business Link Kent. Industry speakers include Marine South East's CEO Jonathan Williams who will be focusing on The Coast Region – other speakers will also be looking at key issues and there will be an opportunity to network and discuss topics. The south coast of the United Kingdom is important hosting a number of marine sub-sectors consisting of everything from a substantial ferry industry through to high turnover ports and a leisure-laden coastline punctuated with rivers and picturesque marinas. Kent is flanked by the River Medway, the Thames Estuary and the Channel and needs collective representation in order to deliver its full 'marine' capability. As further evidence of how innovation can be brought to the region, a Brussels-funded Interreg Programme, codenamed DEEP, has recently been embarked upon, hosted by Business Link Kent that is designed to enhance business and technology transfer between the port economies of Kent and the Nord Pas de Calais region.

www.eventskent.co.uk

2-3 March, 2006 - Mobile Music Technology - Third International Workshop, University of Sussex, Sussex House, Brighton. Combining mobile technology and music promises some exciting developments in a rapidly emerging field. Devices such as mobile phones, walkmans and iPods have already brought music to the ever-changing social and geographic locations of their users and reshaped their experience of the urban landscape. With new properties such as ad hoc networking, Internet connection, and context-awareness, mobile music technology offers countless new artistic,

commercial and socio-cultural opportunities for music creation, listening and sharing. The programme will consist of presentations from invited speakers, in-depth discussions about the crucial issues of mobile music technology, hands-on group activities and break-out sessions where participants can get valuable feedback on their work-in progress projects. The invited speakers include Michael Bull (University of Sussex, UK), often dubbed by the press as 'Professor iPod' for his iPod and car stereo user studies that reveal fascinating trends for mobile music.

www.viktoria.se/fal/events/mobilemusic

2-12 March, 2006 - 76th International Motor Show, Palexpo-Geneva. All the brands and their models.

www.salon-auto.ch/en

3 March, 2006 - Yorkshire & Humberside's pre-MIPIM property conference, Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate. As the French Riviera prepares for the MIPIM conference, Yorkshire and Humber's towns and cities will be holding their own version of the internationally acclaimed property conference. Speakers include: Terry Hodginson, Chair, Yorkshire Forward, Barra Mac Ruairi Head of Renaissance Towns and Cities, Yorkshire Forward, Kjell Nordstrom, Institute of International Business, Stockholm, Tom Bloxham, Urban Splash, Sir Terry Farrell, Farrell's, and John Thorp MBE, Leeds City Council.

www.yorkshire-forward.com

3 March, 2006 - Sustainable Use of Water conference, Leeds, West Yorkshire. Theme of conference will be to demonstrate how the needs of industry can be met at lower cost and in a more sustainable manner by making use of modern technology to provide water that is fit for purpose although not of drinking water.

www.cookprior.co.uk

3, 8 and 9 March, 2006 - Three conferences on energy in building, Batibouw exhibition in Brussels, Belgium. The first event will address how to make construction sustainable and competitive. A round table discussion will bring together representatives from the construction sector, architects and organisations active in the field of sustainable construction. The 8 March conference will ask whether energy management is a necessary evil. The event will include presentations on the European energy building directive, its implementation and experiences thereof; the Danish energy labelling system; and the results of a German initiative to promote energy savings. The final conference will address the role of public authorities in energy management in buildings. The objective of this event is to use a series of presentations and a thematic workshop to illustrate the innovative actions and initiatives implemented by public authorities to promote energy saving and the use of renewable energy in buildings. The event will also address methods of financing and institutional and legislative changes that are required.

www.observatoiredulogementdurable.be

5-7 March, 2006 - London Book Fair 2006, ExCel, east London. One of the world's most important publishing events, held annually in March and now in its 36th year. For booksellers, publishers, librarians, literary and film agents and service providers to booksellers and publishers.

www.lbf-virtual.com

6-9 March, 2006 - O'Reilly Emerging Technology Conference (eTech 2006), Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, California. They've showcased peer-to-peer networks and person-to-person mobile messaging, web services and weblogs, big-screen digital media and small-screen mobile gaming, hardware hacking and content remixing. We've hacked, blogged, ripped, remixed, tracked back, and tagged to the nth.

<http://conferences.oreillynet.com/etech>

6-10 March, 2006 - World Maritime Technology Conference, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London. The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) will host the second World Maritime Technology Conference (WMTC 2006) in partnership with 23 of the world's leading maritime associations. The WMTC 2006 exhibition takes place in parallel with the conference giving an exciting insight into the latest advances in maritime technologies. Each day of WMTC during the lunch time period a series of 15 minute presentations will take place in the exhibition areas giving an insight into the latest research and development initiatives, cutting edge technologies and perhaps a little 'off the wall' thinking. Chairman - Dr John Chudley, Director of Research and Innovation, University of Plymouth chairs the Innovation Hour at WMTC 2006. Applicants for these short presentations must demonstrate the ability to give a fast, fun presentation, and to generate lively debate. These sessions will be particularly suited to universities, research agencies and those exhibiting a particular concept at the WMTC exhibition.

www.wmtc2006.com

Tel: 01722 41 33 44.

6-10 March, 2006 - UKTI trade mission, Washington Convention Center, Washington DC. A major feature of the trade mission will be the FOSE trade show, this is the biggest event of the US government sales calendar. About 500 companies will exhibit and just about everyone in the US with ambitions to sell to the US government will be there.

www.fose.com

6 March, 2006 - Reception for The Prince's Trust, House of Commons. Speeches will begin promptly at 6.40pm, followed by a networking drinks reception finishing at 9.30pm. Ernst & Young are hosting the night for The Prince's Trust Technology Leadership Group, a top-level networking forum that raises funds to support disadvantaged young people via The Prince's Trust Business Start-up Programme. To date The Technology Leadership Group has raised £2.5million, which in real terms equals 1,400 new businesses funded – a great achievement. However, this year alone over 4,000 young people will start sustainable micro-enterprises, this is more than 15 businesses every working day that need funding. Tickets: £150 donation each or £400 donation for three
Venue: House of Commons, St Stephen's entrance, St Margaret St, London

www.princes-trust.org.uk/technology

7-8 March, 2006 - A seminar on managing innovation will take place in Paris, France. The event will address such issues as stimulating creativity so that it increases the value of production; ensuring that new innovations correlate with the strategy of a business; reducing time to market; building up a portfolio of innovative projects; innovation networks. The seminar will address both the theories surrounding innovation and practical examples. Contact person: For further information, please visit: ;

<http://www.opteam.fr>

7-9 March, 2006 - MEDTEC 2006, Stuttgart, Germany. It is mainland Europe's only exhibition dedicated to medical device manufacturers and suppliers, where design and manufacturing professionals from the medical device industry can source new technologies and suppliers. Over 5,000 such professionals attended the 2005 exhibition.

www.medtecshow.com

7-9 March, 21-23 March, 2006 - UK Trade & Investment International Month. UKTI is holding free half-day events highlighting key international trading issues during International Month. These are designed for businesses new to exporting and experienced exporters. Also available will be Hotspot

sessions, seminars on a range of subjects crucial to successful exporting and an Overseas Business Exhibition.

www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk

www.uktisoutheast.com/ContentDisplay.aspx?ID=469&sbcid=494

7–23 March, 2006 - International Trade Month. Building on the success of past events, UK Trade & Investment in the South East, and its partners are holding International Month 2006 to help businesses address their concerns and explore their international potential.

Hotspot Half - Day Events - Dates and Venues

Tuesday 7 March, 2006 – Williams F1 Conference Centre– Wantage, Oxfordshire

Wednesday 8 March, 2006 – Madjeski Stadium, Reading, Berkshire

Thursday 9 March, 2006 – The Rose Bowl, Southampton, Hampshire

Tuesday 21 March, 2006 – Buxted Park, Uckfield, Sussex

Wednesday 22 March, 2006 – Leeds Castle, Nr Maidstone, Kent

Thursday 23 March, 2006 – Wentworth Golf Club, Virginia Water, Surrey

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7 and 9 March, 2006 – The IEE Kelvin Lectures, Glasgow University (7th) and IEE London, Savoy Place (9th). Former President of the Royal Society Prof Sir Michael Atiyah is renowned for his ability to explain the most puzzling of scientific topics. His topic, ‘The Soliton: Wave or Particle?’, is one of those conundrums. Those attending will be better informed by his state of the art exploration of this important and curious subject.

www.iee.org/events/kelvin.cfm

7 March, 2006 - The European Regions Research and Innovation Network (ERRIN), annual general event, Brussels, Belgium. The event addresses the importance of regions for sustainable development and innovation. Confirmed speakers on the day include Danuta Hübner, Commissioner for Regional Policy at the European Commission, Atilio Martinetti from the Milan Chamber of Commerce special agency and Amanda Orchard from Advantage West Midlands in the UK. The event is intended to appeal to those interested in boosting regional development and looking at ways to fund regional development.

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7 March, 2006 - Conference to explore SMEs and the Lisbon agenda, Brussels. A conference on the challenges and opportunities of SMEs within the field of Information and Communication Technologies will be held in Brussels. Co-organised by the IST-funded EPRI-start project, the SME Union and the European Grants Advisor the event, entitled ‘‘At The Heart of Lisbon: Supporting Innovative SMEs’’, will introduce two projects supporting SMEs and allow policy-makers and practitioners in the field to make their voice heard. Particular emphasis will be put on the experience of the new member states and on EU funding issues. Growth and innovation are the cornerstones of the knowledge based economy and SMEs are a vital component to make that happen.

<http://www.epristart.org>

7 March, 2006 - International Business Network (IBN) event, Sheffield United Football Stadium, Sheffield. The aim of the IBN is to create opportunities for businesses from all industries and sectors in Yorkshire and the Humber to share information, ideas and experience that will increase their international business potential. 4.30pm. Speaking at the event is Lena Ekelund, Technical Project Manager at Volvo Cars Special Vehicles. Lena’s involvement in a concept car designed by Volvo for women received international acclaim and in 2004 she received an award for Automotive Woman of

the Year. Also speaking is Alan Wilkinson Chambers MBE, who has also received international recognition following his inspirational talks with the England Rugby team and England Cricket team, who went on to win the World Cup and the Ashes respectively. Mike Albans-Jackson of Scunthorpe-based Defence Solutions attended an IBN event in Hull in June 2005 and is convinced of the benefits of networking. He says: "At the IBN I got talking to Paul Heron from Design Odyssey Ltd, a bathroom company, and initially there seemed to be no link between their business and our specialism in defence work. However, one of the bathrooms that the firm makes is stacked vertically and would be suitable for use on ships and submarines. The Ministry of Defence had recently identified an issue with bathrooms on warships, so our two companies worked together to produce a radical new design to improve habitability, and sea trials will hopefully take place this summer."

www.tradeyorkshire.com

7 March, 2006 - Corporate Information Management 2006, London.

www.tandfevents.com/cim2006

8-9 March, 2006 - International Plasma Protein Congress 2006, Marriott Hotel, Prague.

www.ippc2006.com/content/view/1/3/

8-9 March, 2006 – 'Procuring for Healthcare 2006: Investing in Innovation', the De Vere Belfry, North Warwickshire, UK. Patients are missing out on life-saving and life-extending treatments because the NHS is "a late and slow adopter of medical technology" (Wanless, 2002). This inaugural conference will address the key issues concerning policy and practice which are determining patient access to innovative diagnostic and treatment solutions.

www.wilmingtonconferences.com/procurement2006

8-10 March, 2006 - The 3-Ds of Preservation: Disasters, Displays, Digitization, Paris. The Bibliotheque Nationale de France and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) are holding a conference, in Paris on 'Recent disasters around the world have highlighted the need for better planning and preparation to ensure the survival of library collections and cultural materials. Increasing numbers of exhibitions of library and archival materials point to the need for standards and best practices to make certain displayed items are not damaged. Digitization of materials is burgeoning around the world, yet we are not certain of the status of preservation of these important files.'

www.bnf.fr/pages/infopro/journeespro/dri-conservation_gb.htm

8 March, 2006 - Software Support for Metrology/CEMMNT Club Meeting, SEIC, Loughborough.

www.npl.co.uk/ssfm/news/events/20060308

8 March, 2006 - MerseyBio Events, Spring 2006 Networking Evening, The Sherrington Medical Lecture Theatre, University of Liverpool. 5.30pm. 'The Trials and Tribulations of a Poacher Turned Gamekeeper', with Dr Allan Marchington of Mizuho International as speaker. Mizuho International is the London arm of the world's largest banking group, and Dr Marchington, a Liverpool graduate, is responsible for the life sciences investments of Mizuho International's Private Equity Group. Allan will share some of his experiences as an entrepreneur setting up a new company in the UK, and the fun of dealing with rapid expansion and growth. He will provide some reflections on selling and merging his UK business with a large US corporate and contrast life working stateside. He will then tell us about life on the 'other side of the fence' as a venture capitalist at Mizuho Private Equity.

www.merseybio.com/eventlinks/showevent.asp?recordid=113

8 March, 2006 - Stem Cell Research in a Nutshell, Oxford Said Business School, Park End St, Oxford. 5.30pm. Speakers include Sir Richard Gardner FRS, University of Oxford, Dr Paul Fairchild, and Julian Savulescu, The Uehiro Centre.

www.science-enterprise.ox.ac.uk

8 March, 2006 - Technical Seminar on the Healthcare, Electrical and Lighting Industries, The Ardencote Manor Hotel and Country Club Lye Green Road Claverdon Warwick CV35 8LS. Current trends, future developments in these areas and a portfolio in these markets. Next to this, Rapra Technology (an independent plastics and rubber specialist organisation) will present a view on virtual design in the healthcare industry. Besides getting a better idea of what GE Plastics has to offer in these markets, this will be an excellent opportunity to meet other OEM's in your industry, moulders, and design houses as well as GE staff. This technical seminar promises to be an interesting, interactive and effective event for you and your business.

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8 March, 2006 - 6th Annual International Women's Day UK Flagship Event, The Savoy, The Strand, London WC1. Celebrated globally, this day is recognised by all Women's Groups because it inspires women to achieve their potential in every sphere of their lives. Aurora, in conjunction with HSBC, is delighted to support this important day by hosting the UK's 6th Annual IWD Flagship Event.

Phone 020 7653 1909 or email events@auroravoice.com. Two speakers are Lady Barbara Thomas Judge, a US-trained lawyer, and Ms Piraye Antika, Chief Executive of HSBC Turkey, one of HSBC's most senior female executives.

www.network.auroravoice.com/EventDetail.asp?Event=185

8 March, 2006 – International Trade Day, De Vere White's Hotel, Reebok Stadium, Bolton. International Trade Week March 2005 attracted more than 1,200 people to over two dozen events, including 250 companies at the centrepiece of the week's activities, International Trade Day, which this year takes place in the De Vere White's Hotel at the Reebok Stadium, Bolton. International Trade Week is a major factor in UK Trade & Investment's strategy to boost export and economic performance in the North West. Companies wishing to find out more about what the week has to offer in their locality can now phone 01925 400190 during office hours to register their interest and receive regularly updated information about events of interest to them. The Trade Week begins. Monday 5 March.

International Trade Week, 6-10 March 2006 - Provisional calendar of events is as follows:

Monday 6 March:

Cheshire & Warrington Best Practice Tour/International Trade Strategies.

Opportunities in Germany.

Greater Manchester Sport Means Business.

Asia Pacific - Priority Markets

Tuesday 7 March

Cheshire & Warrington A Guide to International Trade

- How to manage and motivate distributors

- Risk management

- Internet marketing

Cumbria & Lancashire Profit From Export Fair (Location: Kendal).

Greater Manchester New Exporters Seminar and one to one meetings.

Greater Merseyside Trading with the Americas - Seminar and workshops.

Wednesday 8 March

De Vere White's Hotel at International Trade Day with Reebok Stadium, Bolton breakouts on finance issues, IPR & legal issues, plus opportunities to meet international trade experts from Brazil, India, China, US and Europe.

Thursday 9 March

Cheshire & Warrington Opportunities in South Asia.

Women in Business Forum.

Cumbria & Lancashire Opportunities in Europe for new and novice exporters.

Greater Manchester Women in Business - training and development forum.

Friday 10 March

Cheshire & Warrington Best Practice Tour/International Trade Strategies.

Cumbria & Lancashire Interactive Seminar - Opportunities in Central & Eastern Europe / a Focus on Poland.

Greater Manchester Russia Challenge.

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8 March, 2006 - UKRC Conference 2006: Gender and leadership, transforming the culture of science, engineering and technology, British Library, London. The second annual UKRC conference will continue to tackle the issues which contribute to the under representation of women in science, engineering and technology careers particularly those issues for women reaching senior management and leadership positions. With a target of increasing research and development investment to 2.5% of the GDP by 2010, the supply of scientists and engineers is critical to the UK SET economy. Despite women forming half of the working population they only represent 24.1% of those working in SET and of all SET managers, only 12.5% are female. There is evidence to suggest we are entering a new era of women in leadership as women rise to elite leadership positions, but there is still a long way to go. A strong message from the top endorsing and promoting gender diversity and equality, supported by relevant policies and practices, does have a positive impact on the recruitment, retention and progression of women.

www.tinyurl.com/bk2pf - setwomenresource@bilk.ac.uk

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8 March, 2006 - International Women's Day (IWD), 6th Annual IWD Flagship Event at The Savoy, London. Celebrated globally, this day inspires women to achieve their potential in every sphere of their lives. Aurora and HSBC are supporting the event. IWD UK will be officially opened by Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Women and Equality, Megg Munn. The IWD Breakfast keynote address will be delivered by Lady Barbara Thomas Judge and an HSBC executive. Tickets are £40 + VAT. Corporate tables £400 + VAT. Bookings at

www.network.auroravoice.com/EventDetail.asp?Event=185 - admin@auroravoice.com

Tel. +44 (0) 845 260 7777

www.InternationalWomensDay.com

9-10 March, 2006 - The European automotive research partners association (EARPA) will hold a conference in Brussels, Belgium. Participants will discuss the future of the automotive world, particularly in view of the forthcoming Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). The event will include presentations by EU officials, and MEP, and representatives from various stakeholder groups.

www.earpa.org

9-15 March, 2006 - CeBit 2006, Hannover, Germany. One of the biggest and best-organised electronics and electrical engineering shows on Earth.

www.cebit.de

9 March, 2006 - PLC Awards, Le Meridien Grosvenor House Hotel, London, W1. The PLC Awards event was founded in 1987 to reward excellence in the smaller quoted company sector. The winners of each of the seven award categories are presented with their awards at the annual PLC Awards Dinner, which is held in March. The PLC Awards Dinner is “the” City event of the year and is attended by 1,500 guests, including quoted companies, investment banks, fund managers, investment analysts, and corporate advisors.

www.plc-awards.co.uk/index_2005.php

Tel. 01277 350 557

9 March, 2006 - Sustainable Business Awards for the South East 2006, Brighton Corn Exchange, West Sussex. lisahayward@seeda.co.uk

9 March, 2006 - Bristol Enterprise Network event, The Watershed, 1 Canon’s Road, Harbourside, Bristol, BS1 5TX. 6pm. Co-sponsored by University of the West of England, Business West and Knowledge West, the event focuses on ‘Customer Sales - A Blend of Art & Science’. Guest speakers - James Barlow, Learning Support Manager, Research & Enterprise Development, University of Bristol; Anthony Debling, ST Microelectronics; Nick Drake-Knight, Sales Trainer & Personal Development Consultant, Hypnotic Business; Sandu Hellings, Managing Director, RiskHive Ltd, and Pat Walker, Partner, Well Associates.

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9 March, 2006 - RAENG International Lecture: Future Technology Horizons, speaker: Dr Craig Barrett, Chairman, Intel Corporation, 7 Carlton House Terrace, SW1. 6.00pm for 6.30pm. In this, the Academy’s inaugural International Lecture, Dr. Craig Barrett, Chairman of the Board for Intel Corporation and Chair of the US National Academy of Engineering, will share his thoughts on the impact of technology in the evolving digital world. This event has been made possible by the kind support of the ERA Foundation.

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9 March, 2006 - Presentation of R&D Grants, East of England region, the Conference Centre, TWI, Granta Park, Gt Abingdon, Cambridge CB1 6AL. It will also include a presentation from UKTI.

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9 March, 2006 - Cancer Treatments for the New Millennium, the National Heart and Lung Institute, London. Major advances are being made in the discovery and development of new medicines to treat cancer with molecularly targeted drugs such as Glivec, Herceptin and Avastin being successfully brought to market and improving and extending the lives of cancer patients. These molecules are the tip of the iceberg and herald a new dawn in the treatment of cancer. Our March meeting brings together a collection of internationally recognised speakers to present data on how the application of new technologies is shaping drug design in this area and to report on the latest clinical findings with some of the most exciting drugs in development.

www.smr.org.uk

9 March, 2006 - ‘Customer Sales ... a Blend of Art and Science’, The Watershed, Bristol. Following on from the very successful “Identifying Key Markets”, the Research & Enterprise Development

Office, University of Bristol move one step further down the sales pipeline - how to actually sell ! Is it an art, a science, down to sheer persistence, great experience or a skill anyone can develop?

www.bris.ac.uk/research

9 March, 2006 - Breakfast Seminar, The Crown of Crucis, Ampney Crucis, Cirencester. It will provide businesses with information on opportunities in the market and details of a forthcoming market visit to Brazil in 21-26 May, 2006. The seminar coincides with the State visit to the UK by President Lula of Brazil. Have one-to-one discussions with UKTI International Trade Adviser, Berkeley Fenne, who will be leading the market visit, and Paul Eadie, UKTI's Brazil Market Adviser, who has extensive experience of the market. Anyone interested in applying for a place, which costs £10 per person, should contact Mary Little, International Trade Team.

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www.glos.businesslink.co.uk

10-19 March, 2006 - National Science Week 2006, nationwide. One organisation, the NERC has awarded funding for various scientific schemes during the event. Seven awards of up to £2000 have been given out to individuals from the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH), Natural History Museum, and Cardiff, Sheffield and Portsmouth Universities. One of this year's schemes involves an open day at the Wallingford site of CEH and the British Geological Survey (BGS), providing an opportunity to find out how the science they do can help us understand and adapt to environmental challenges such as climate change.

www.nerc.ac.uk/insight/events - www.the-ba.net/the-ba/Events/NationalScienceWeek

10-16 March, 2006 - SXSW Interactive Festival, Austin, Texas. The event brings together uber-geeks, tech entrepreneurs, and digital innovators from around the world for four days of keynote speeches, Trade Show, panels, parties and assorted evening fun. Now in its thirteenth year, this is the event where the web's most creative minds share their ideas about how interactive technology will shape the future.

www.sxsw.com

10-19 March, 2006 - The European Fine Art Fair (Tefaf, Maastricht) is the world's most prestigious art and antiques fair, attracting over 200 of the most eminent international dealers from 15 different countries. It will run in the large exhibition area at the MECC (Maastricht exhibition and conference centre). There is an increase in the number of exhibitors on the previous year of 24, making a total of 218. There will be an increased focus on the art deco period and an impressive range of Chinese, Indian and South-East Asian art. With Chinese porcelain and paintings, Indian sculptures and Chinese smelling salts bottles.

www.tefaf.com

10 March, 2006 - Health Technology Assessment: Has the UK Got It Right?, Venue: Old Theatre, Old Building, LSE, London. 6.00pm. Speaker: Professor Michael Drummond, Professor of Health Economics and former Director of the Centre for Health Economics at the University of York. Several jurisdictions have established agencies for the assessment of health technologies. In some countries the recommendations of such agencies are purely advisory, in others they are linked to decision-making procedures concerning the price, reimbursement or use of health technologies. In the UK the government has established the National Co-ordinating Centre for Health Technology Assessment and constituent parts of the UK have bodies that make recommendations about the use of drugs or other health technologies, such as the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) in

England. The adoption of these procedures has raised many challenging methodological and policy issues. These include: (i) how to prioritize technologies for appraisal; (ii) how to involve stakeholders; (iii) how to develop the necessary technical skills; (iv) how to implement the findings of studies?

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13-31 March, 2006 - World Intellectual Property Organization trademarks meeting, Singapore.

A major conference to revise a key international treaty in the field of trademarks will be convened at a conference for the Adoption of a Revised Trademark Law Treaty (TLT), hosted by Singapore. It is expected to conclude with the adoption of a new international treaty of particular significance for brand-owners. Delegations representing the 183 WIPO member states as well as a number of intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are invited to participate in the conference.

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=6982)

14-15 March, 2006 - 'SmartCards 06' conference, the London Marriott Hotel, Kensington. London based Symposium Events is running its two-day conference will examine the role of citizen-cards in public sector reform and analyse a variety of local authority examples of where technology is delivering consumer choice and access to public services. Consumer choice, market contestability, higher standards and per capita funding are at the centre of the new public service reform agenda. But, behind the headlines a quiet revolution in public choice and access is well underway. Local government already operates an array of smart cards, multi-functional e-purse payment and identity systems - enabling citizens to buy and access a variety of publicly funded services. The technology that drives this revolution is the smart card – now increasingly referred to as the citizen card.

This policy driven event examines how citizen cards and e-government technology can support public sector reform policy objectives. The conference will analyse a variety of examples of where technology is delivering consumer choice and access to public services. This unique two-day conference builds on the first Public Sector Reform & Smart Cards conference organised by the Social Market Foundation (SMF) in 2004. This second SMF conference will bring together key policy makers, leading local authority practitioners, public sector strategists with smart card and e-government specialists. Delegates will hear from high profile and influential speakers on how central and local government can work with service and technology providers to deliver improved access, choice and higher quality public services.

www.symposium-events.co.uk

14-16 March, 2006 - Maintec 2006, The NEC Pavilion. The UK's annual industrial maintenance event for all maintenance professionals, covering thermography, lubrication, oil analysis, computer software, tools, cranes, cleaning machinery, condition monitoring, maintenance consultancy, outsourcing, flooring, health and safety, workwear.

www.maintenanceonline.co.uk

Tel. +44 (0)1252 783111

14-16 March, 2006 - 2006 NIST - ATIS Workshop on Synchronization in Telecommunication Systems (WSTS '06), Boulder, Colorado. The programme is being finalised now and contributions are invited.

www.tf.nist.gov/seminars/ATIS.html - charles.curry@chronos.co.uk

14-16 March, 2006 - Nanocomposites 2006 & Nanotubes. Marriott Hotel, Brussels. Nanocomposites promise to redefine the way plastics are exploited in a wide range of critical applications, improving

surface finish, barrier performance and fire retardance without sacrificing mechanical properties or processibility. Catch up with latest developments from the leaders in this exciting and fast moving technology at Nanocomposites 2006. Hear expert speakers from: Süd Chemie, Nanocor, Southern Clay, Unicore, Laviosa Chimica Mineraria, Elementis, Centexbel, Byk-Chemie
www.nanosconference.com

14-17 March, 2006 - Electronic Records Management Conference, Netherlands. Topics to be covered include e-records, data migration, liability and document management, SAFE standard and long-term archiving. www.ivthome.com - Tel. +1 561 790 2025

14-17 March, 2006 - Cheltenham Racing festival, Cheltenham racecourse. Friday is sold out, but there are three other days of the best steeplechase and hurdle racing on the planet bring the season to a climax as 450 horses compete for £2.8m in prize money. The four major Championship races are backed up by another six Grade 1 contests and a whole host of Handicaps that set racegoers the challenge of picking a winner that can bring high return. Over £1m will be bet on-course on every race.
Course ticketline: 01242 537 642

14-17 March, 2006 – Tomorrow’s People, Said Business School, Oxford. The forum is being organised by the James Martin Institute for Science and Civilization, with accommodation offered at Worcester College, Oxford. The institute was established in 2004 ‘to understand, through social science research, the technologies with the greatest capacity to shape our futures during the 21st Century’. Speakers include US personalities Joel Garreau and futurologist Peter Schwarz, chairman of the Global Business Network. Registration Fee - £300.
www.martinstitute.ox.ac.uk

14-17 March, 2006 – MIPIM, Cannes. This is a ‘must-attend’ business event for corporate real estate managers. In 2005, buildings and projects from 74 countries were highlighted.
www.mipim.com - Tel. + 33 (0)1 41 90 44 89

14 March, 2006 - ‘Strategic chemistry-based science education in the 21st Century’, SCI International Headquarters in Belgrave Square, London. Organised by Society of Chemical Industry, the second SCI Insight paper ‘Strategic chemistry-based science education in the 21st century’ addresses the current state of science education in the UK and discusses the issues arising and how they affect industry and academia. As part of the research into this emotive topic, SCI surveyed its UK members on their views on whether or not the country is educating sufficient chemists and scientists to fulfil its requirements over the next decade.
insight@soci.org

14 March, 2006 - JISC Conference 2006, International Convention Centre, Birmingham. This year’s JISC Conference programme will be built on the theme of Supporting Education and Research.
www.jisc.ac.uk/conference2006

14 March, 2006 - Latest Developments in Particle & Material Characterisation event, Cardiff, Wales. Topics to be covered include laser diffraction particle size analysis; dispersion stability; aerosol sizing; particle size analysis in the process environment; sub micron particle sizing; characterisation of proteins and the connection between particle characterisation and rheology. Event organiser: Malvern Instruments.
marisa.fraser@malvernusa.com

14 March, 2006 - America's Uncertain Fiscal Future, Old Theatre, Old Building, LSE. 6pm. Speaker: David M Walker, comptroller general of the US. The United States is on a unsustainable and imprudent fiscal path. Comptroller General of the United States David M. Walker will discuss past, present and future fiscal trends and the type of actions needed to put the US on a more prudent and sustainable course for both the American and the global economies.

www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEPublicLecturesAndEvents/events/2006/20051221t1120z001.htm

15-16 March, 2006 - Energy From Waste 2006, the Institute of Physics, Gt Portland St, London. Delivering a viable solution for waste management and power generation in the UK. Decision-makers within waste management, power generation, environmental strategy and planning authorities would benefit.

www.recyclingwasteworld.co.uk - julia@markallengroup.co.uk

15-16 March, 2006 – Energy from Waste 2006, the Institute of Physics, London. The event is sponsored by Waste Recycling Group, and supported by the Renewable Energy Association, DEFRA, Environmental Services Association and Institution of Civil Engineers. the Energy from Waste 2006 event considers the political and policy environment, the financing choices, technologies and system combinations, and has programmed in panel debates with a wide variety of leading figures from business and industry.

www.recyclingwasteworld.co.uk/conferences

15-16 March, 2006 - Nutrigenomics and health: from vision to food, Denmark. The Danish Centre for Advanced Food Studies is organising the LMC International Food Congress 2006 at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University (KVL) in Denmark on March 15 and 16 2006. The congress will present recent progress within nutrigenomics: presentations on day one will explore topics within the field of 'nutrigenomics, markers and health', while the programme on day two will address topics within the field of 'nutri-genomics and new food'. The plenary sessions will comprise keynote lectures given by internationally respected scientists who have been invited to present current and future research. Topics to be addressed will include nutrigenomics and the obesity problem, bioinformatics, the industry's expectations to nutrigenomics in relation to consumer health, system biology in Chinese nutrition and medicine, visions for nutrigenomics, and pertinent ethical aspects.

www.lmccongress.dk

15-26 March, 2006 - The Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games also allow visitors to experience the world-class architecture, entertainment, and eating in a city renowned for its fashion and cutting-edge design. Discover arts and culture from around the Commonwealth at Festival Melbourne, and join the party at live sites and throughout the city. Top tickets are still available to the Athletics, Rugby 7s, and the Opening and Closing ceremonies. For more information - visitmelbourne.com/uk. Sportsworld's specialised tours, flights and event tickets. Tours range from three nights' accommodation starting at £395, flights departing London from £605 plus taxes, and event tickets from £7.

www.sportsworld.co.uk - www.melbourne2006.com

15-26 March, 2006 - Cambridge Science Festival. The Cambridge Science Festival is a seven-day celebration featuring talks, workshops and demonstrations hosted by people who study or work with science, engineering and technology. Supported by TTP Group, Cambridge University Press, Microsoft Research, The Vodafone UK Foundation & Science AAAS.

www.admin.cam.ac.uk/univ/science - csf@admin.cam.ac.uk - Tel. 01223 766766

15 March, 2006 - The Food & Drink Innovation Network, The Staverton Park Conference Centre, Daventry, Northamptonshire. New nutraceutical food and drink products are popping up everywhere, and this seminar will look at what they are, what they do, how they're performing, who's buying them, how the market's going, how to make them and how they overlap with functional foods. Price: £325 + VAT.

www.fdin.co.uk/seminars/next_ad.html

15 March, 2006 – Cambridge Energy Forum event, '2050 Retrospective', central Cambridge. The year is 2050. China and India are now the world's largest economies and no new oil has been discovered for decades. The EU has 40 members and a Gibraltar dam is being discussed to prevent further sea level rise in the Mediterranean. The past 45 years have shown enormous changes in the hydrocarbon economy and the nuclear industry; the value and costs of solar heat and electricity have changed radically. We now look back, with a European bias, at the past 45 years of energy supply and see three critical threads: Hydrocarbons: the oil peak; Nuclear generation; Solar power. The speakers are: Pierre-René Bauquis is the former head of Strategy and Planning, then Head of Gas, Coal and Electricity at Total. He will present the problem of the Oil Peak from an oil industry perspective. Ian Fells is the former chairman of the UK New and Renewable Energy Centre (NaREC) and will speak on the impact of Nuclear Power over the 45 years to 2050. Gehan Amaratunga is head of Electrical Power and Energy Conversion Research at Cambridge University and discuss the impact of solar electricity. Graham Ford is a founder of Heliodynamics, a Cambridge area "clean tech" start-up.

www.cambridgeenergy.com/meeting15mar.php

15 March – June, 2006 – HazardEx series of events, UK and abroad. HazardEx is expanding internationally with proposed venues and dates for later in 2006. The UK series is timed to catch the activity anticipated from those that are yet to conform to the legal requirements of the EU wide ATEX - Worker Protection Directive, which becomes mandatory on July 1st 2006. The last year has seen a 37% year-on-year increase in delegate attendees (that's over 400 senior engineers from major O and G plants, pharmaceutical, food and beverage processors and energy facilities), and it is anticipated this will be surpassed by the next series due to the imminent ATEX deadline. The conferences will follow the well received format of last year with a proposed running order to include an update and warning from the HSE, retrospective ignition hazard assessment of non-electrical equipment by Sira, how to manage Ex equipment within an overall compliance framework by Integrity and Compliance Management, and a mechanical view point of ATEX using flame arrestors by Protego.

UK Venues and dates are as follows.

- Belfast - 15th March 2006 - Wellington Park Hotel.
- Southampton - 27th April 2006 - Southampton Football Club, St Mary's Stadium.
- Cardiff - 10th May 2006 - Cardiff Arms Park Millennium Stadium.
- Middlesbrough - 31st May 2006 - Middlesbrough Football Club, BT Cellnet Riverside Stadium.
- Aberdeen - June 7th 2006 - Airport Thistle Hotel.
- Bolton - 20th June 2006 - De Vere Whites at Reebok Stadium.
- Dartford - 28th June 2006 - Hilton Bridge Hotel International.

Overseas venues and dates are yet to be confirmed, but the schedule is as follows.

- Germany - September 2006.
- Belgium - September 2006.
- France - September 2006.
- Spain - October 2006.
- Turkey - October 2006.
- Dubai, UAE - November 2006.
- Abu Dhabi, UAE - November 2006.

www.hazardexonthenet.net

16-17 March, 2006 - The final START project event, Ankara, Turkey. Funded by the European Commission's FP6 'aeronautics and space' priority, the event is organised by TUBITAK (the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) with the support of the START project countries, and will focus on the path towards FP7, the START project and Turkey's potential in the field of aerospace research. National Contact Points (NCPs) from nine START countries will give presentations on their respective countries' research potential with the aim of stimulating research collaboration between stakeholders. This will eventually result in projects that will be undertaken in FP7, the organisers hope. Speakers from several EU and non-EU countries will address the conference to discuss their experience in aerospace research, EU funded projects and their intentions for FP7. Turkish stakeholders will also be giving their experiences and outlining their potential involvement in future projects. The event is open to the general public.

www.aerospace-start.org - www.startnews.tubitak.gov.tr

16-18 March, 2006 - The first European robotics symposium, 'EUROS 2006', Palermo, Italy. Sponsored by the European Commission's future and emerging technologies (FET) unit as part of the EURON initiative, the symposium is a response to demands for a high quality scientific event to present the best research on robotics across applications and topics. Over the last four years, the EURON (European robotics network) Network of Excellence annual meeting has served to bring together the European robotics community, but is primarily a networking event rather than a scientific event. By contrast, this event will showcase the best research on robotics from all over the world including previously unpublished work.

www.euron.org/euros06/index

16-19 March, 2006 - WIN – World of Industry 2006, Istanbul, Turkey. Exhibitions for the seven largest and high-growth industries in Turkey and the Eurasian region are on show. It is a major business opportunity for those seeking East-West trading success. The developing economies of Eurasia, i.e. Southeast Europe, the Middle East and the Central Asian republics (the 'Stans') offer the potential of lucrative sales and strategic new partnerships. WIN 2005 attracted a record-breaking figure of 819 direct exhibitors, which marks a 23% increase compared to 2004. International participation doubled from the previous year with 108 direct international companies from 18 different countries. WIN 2005 hosted six official country pavilions, reinforcing its dominant position as the leading international trade fair of its kind in the Eurasian region. Attendees profited from a showcase of the latest technologies from around the world and the opportunity to interact with international dealmakers, with 82.330 visitors in total.

www.win-fair.com/eng/index_en.htm

16 March, 2006 - 'The Bus as Rapid Transit' conference, Thistle Charing Cross, London. The Role of bus rapid transit in development, Successful bus transit in high car ownership communities, lessons from existing operations, current technology and systems and From ideas to implementation

www.landorconferences.co.uk

16 March, 2006 - The Selfish Gene: 30 years on, LSE, Old Theatre, Old Building, London. Speakers: Professor Richard Dawkins FRS, Professor Daniel C Dennett, Professor Sir John Krebs FRS, Ian McEwan and Dr Matt Ridley, and in the chair, Melvyn Bragg. The Selfish Gene by Richard Dawkins was published 30 years ago. This and his subsequent writings have had a powerful influence not only in biology but in other disciplines and in the wider intellectual debate, championing science and rationalism. This event will bring together scientists, writers and other public intellectuals to explore these developments. Professor Richard Dawkins FRS is Simonyi Professor of the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University. Professor Daniel C Dennett, Tufts University and is

author of Darwin's Dangerous Idea and Breaking the Spell. Professor Sir John Krebs FRS is based in the Department of Zoology, Oxford University. Ian McEwan is a Booker Prize winner and author of Amsterdam and Saturday. Dr Matt Ridley is author of The Origins of Virtue and Genome. This event is free and open to all however a ticket is required. (A sellout almost certainly..)
www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEPublicLecturesAndEvents/events/2006/20051215t1557z001.htm

16 March, 2006 - 2nd BIA Non-Executive Directors' Forum, central London venue. The half-day event will cover issues such as Board effectiveness and the role of the Board in facilitating successful M&A. As before, this is an opportunity to speak freely and frankly about those issues which are uppermost in the minds of NEDs in the life sciences, in a closed forum under Chatham House Rules.
www.bioindustry.org/cgi-bin/events.pl?CD=4483

16 March, 2006 - Third Annual SNS London Dinner, Home House, 20 Portman Square, London. This is the original SNS Dinner, the one in which we figured out how to package brain candy and eat it all night long. Come meet the other great thinkers and doers hanging around Europe.
www.tapsns.com/london/2006/registration.php

16 March, 2006 - 2006 National Hydrogen Financing Forum, Long Beach, California. The Center for Economic & Environmental Partnership and the National Hydrogen Association will hold the event in conjunction with the National Hydrogen Association's annual meeting and will feature competitively selected emerging companies. These firms will present their business plans to an audience of strategic partners, corporate venture groups, law firms, accounting firms and other interested parties. Alan C. Lloyd, Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency will be a keynote speaker.
www.nhf2.org

17 March, 2006 - Annual Marie Curie Palliative Care research conference, Royal Society of Medicine, London. There is a well established Marie Curie Palliative Care Research Unit based within the Department of Mental Health Sciences (Hampstead Campus), University College London. In order to reach a wider audience of health care professionals, the annual Marie Curie Palliative Care research conference is set to take place for the first time at the Royal Society of Medicine. The overall objective of the Marie Curie Palliative Care research initiative is to foster high quality research which will lead to improvements in care for those affected by cancer and other life threatening illnesses through the implementation of evidence based practice. In addition to keynote speakers, this sixth annual conference will include oral and poster presentations of research taking place in various centres across Marie Curie. Marie Curie Cancer Care has 10 hospices, several day care units and a nationwide nursing programme. The charity also has a research institute in Oxted, which is investigating the causes of cancer and finding more effective ways of treating the disease. In addition, a new Palliative Care Research Institute in Liverpool has been set up.
www.ucl.ac.uk

19-22 March, 2006 - Food and Drink Expo 2006, Birmingham NEC. Food and Drink Expo will be the UK's largest food led event in 2006, providing a platform for innovative manufacturers whose products have global appeal. The fast paced grocery industry is constantly evolving and Expo is a great way of keeping up with new developments from around the world. This year the show has a global flavour featuring regional, international and speciality producers from around the world. Expo gives visitors the chance to see and sample a vast range of speciality and premium products, wines, organic produce, food-to-go, ethnic and low-fat foods, ingredients and fresh and frozen produce.
www.foodanddrinkexpo.co.uk

20 March, 2006 - A workshop on current clinical applications of stem cells will take place in London. Organised by the EU funded EuroStemCell project, the workshop will provide a panoramic view of current applications of stem cell research in clinical practice.

Major themes include:

- bone marrow transplantation;
- cultured epidermis grafting;
- transplantation of cutaneous stem cells;
- cornea grafting with cultured limbal stem cells;
- clinical islet transplantation;
- clinical applications of adult liver stem progenitor cells.

EuroStemCell is an Integrated Project under the 'life sciences, genomics, and biotechnology for health' priority of the European Union's Sixth Framework Programme (FP6). Its mission is to build the scientific foundations required to take stem cell technology to the clinic.

www.eurostemcell.org/News/documents/workshop20032006.pdf

21 March, 2006 - Small Molecule World Tour: Europe, Edinburgh. Thermo Electron Corporation hosts a session on compound identification and bioanalysis.

www.thermo.com/events - tiw2003@pmm.co.uk - Tel. +44 1908 303446

22-23 March, 2006 - The VoIP for Business 2006 conference, Olympia Conference Centre. It is targeted at business level decision-makers ranging from CEOs of mid size organisations through to line-of-business heads from 1000+ employee companies. Presentations will also be made by international VoIP experts and consultants including Forrester, MZA Consulting, BT, Improcom, Deloitte, Ovum, Analysys Mason Group and Xantus Consulting. Leicestershire County Council, The Dorchester, Glasgow City Council, The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and New College Durham are among the leading organisations that will recount their experiences of implementing Voice over IP (VoIP*) technology at the VoIP for Business exhibition and conference.

www.voipforbusiness.co.uk

22 March, 2006 - 12th Horizon, Showcasing emerging technologies, R&D - Beyond Einstein. March's Horizon event will focus on the ground breaking research being conducted in physics at the world famous University of Cambridge Cavendish Laboratory. Our objective is to show how 'far-out' science in areas such as quantum science and astronomy drives breakthrough technologies and applications of the future. The seminar will be Chaired by Professor Peter Littlewood, and will be held at the Cavendish itself with dinner afterwards at Queens' College. This Horizon seminar falls in Cambridge Science Week and our final session will be a panel discussion open to all members of the university and general public. Further details will be released shortly.

www.rsd.cam.ac.uk/events/horizon - horizon@rsd.cam.ac.uk

22-23 March, 2006 - The third edition of the Belgian entrepreneurship forum will take place in Brussels, Belgium. The former 'Salon de l'Entrepreneur' has now taken on a national dimension. It will therefore feature a significant growth in terms of space, number of exhibitors and visitors, thematic courses. The programme, available as from January, will include over 100 conferences, debates and practical workshops. The event will address, among other areas, the following themes: management and evaluation of a business; stopping and re-starting business; finance; creation, support networks, institutions; innovation, equipment and new technologies; and franchising.

Leading managers and political decision makers will be present. The 2006 event will also offer the opportunity of one-to-one meetings with a solicitor, lawyer or a tax expert.

www.entrepreneurendernemen.be

22-24 March, 2005 - Conference of Professors and Heads of Computing Annual Conference. Council of Professors and Heads of Computing, Marriott Hotel, Glasgow.
www.cphc.ac.uk

22-24 March, 2006 - Genome to Systems 2006 Conference, Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester. The conference concerning the latest concepts, technologies and applications in genomic science and systems biology. Following on from the very successful 2004 Conference, there is a programme of 13 academic sessions, and also a programme of plenary lectures and contributed posters. The organisers aim to create the best genomics/systems biology conference in the next 12 months in Europe.
www.genomesystems.org

22 March, 2006 - Aurora / HSBC Regional Women's Business Event, Harvey Nichols Second Floor , 21 New Cathedral Street, Manchester. 6pm. Cost: £30.00 (inc. VAT). The Aurora / HSBC Regional Women's Business Series is aimed at dynamic, ambitious women entrepreneurs building profitable businesses. These exciting events provide an excellent opportunity to find new clients, network with successful businesswomen, and hear insightful local speakers. Manchester entrepreneur Jennie Johnson who founded Kids Allowed Childcare speaks about 'Thinking Big from the Start' and spotting gaps, planning for growth, tackling challenges. Her story is both fascinating and useful. Sue Stockdale Author of 'Successful Women Entrepreneurs' will share lessons about overcoming challenges, gaining motivation and turning business dreams into reality.
admin@auroravoice.com or call on 0845 260 7777

22-24 March, 2006 - A conference on interoperability for enterprise software and applications, I-ESA '06, Bordeaux, France. Organised and supported by the European Network of Excellence (NoE) INTEROP 'interoperability research for networked enterprises applications and software' and the Integrated Project (IP) ATHENA, 'advanced technologies for interoperability of heterogeneous enterprise networks and their application', I-ESA brings together the world's leading researchers and practitioners in the area of enterprise interoperability. The event will address a wealth of different issues affecting interoperability for enterprise software and applications.
www.i-esa.laps.u-bordeaux1.fr

22 March, 2006 - Edinburgh-Stanford Link Student Entrepreneurship Networking Event, Playfair Library, Old College, University of Edinburgh at 6pm – 10pm. Edinburgh University invite We-entrepreneurs members to network with student entrepreneurs on Wednesday, at Wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres. Admission free. Guest speaker Jessica Hardwick, CEO and Founder of Swapthing - www.swapthing.com. Jessica is Scottish and a student entrepreneur who recently started her own company in Silicon Valley. Jessica will have some important lessons to share with student entrepreneurs including how to recognise opportunities, to bootstrap an internet start-up and to manage a high growth venture.
www.edinburghstanfordlink.org - michael.clouser@gmail.com

22 March, 2006 - Ocean Matters, Excel in London. The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST) has an event, organized by the young members network of IMarEst, that is designed for young marine scientists, engineers and technologists to have their say on what they believe is important when developing policies and legislation to govern UK and European Seas.
www.imarest.org/events/science/ocean.pdf

22 March, 2006 - Chemistry Innovation Knowledge Transfer Network – launch event, London Imax Cinema. Contact: Maureen Laughton, Operations Manager, Chemistry Innovation KTN -

maureen.laughton@ciktn.co.uk - 01928 515662 - Address: Chemistry Innovation KTN, The Heath, Runcorn, Cheshire. WA7 4QX.

22 March, 2006 - Aurora Businesswomen's event, Harvey Nichols, Manchester. Called "Thinking BIG from the start", Aurora is working with local women's networks and business organisations to deliver the Aurora/HSBC regional Aurora Gazelle's events series. This Manchester women's networking event sees childcare business Kids Allowed founder, Jennie Johnson, speak about how she set growth plans from Day One and why more women need to 'think big' regarding their businesses. Sue Stockdale, author of 'Secrets of Successful Women Entrepreneurs' that profiles 10 successful UK women entrepreneurs will share her insights about common success factors in woman-owned businesses. Aurora founder will explain how the growth of a women's network became 'big business'.
www.network.auroravoice.com/EventDetail.asp?Event=177

22 March, 2006 - Innovation Showcase for Electronic Products in 2005, Edinburgh Corn Exchange. A second one-day event is being delivered by Scottish Enterprise and Connect Scotland. Among the 60 exhibiting companies and organisations will be some familiar names, such as Plexus Corp, Polaroid (UK) and MicroEmissive Displays, and companies exhibiting for the first time include Photonic Solutions, Solectron and Galgon Industries. Details of the expanding list of exhibitors can be viewed on the showcase website. Crucial to the success of this event is the mix of exhibitors from large to small and from mature to exciting early stage companies. An invitation is extended to all engineers, scientists, procurement managers and others with interests in all aspects of electronics. A concurrent series of seminars will be run through the day. Entry to the Showcase is free. Dinner tickets are priced £55+VAT each.
www.electronicsshowcase.co.uk - 0131 226 0390.

23-24 March, 2006 - The Smart Card ID Summit, the Courthouse Hotel Kempinski, London. The event will offer a comprehensive summit looking into all aspects of smart cards combined with ID technologies. It will provide a critical guide to the latest smart card and biometric technologies and their real life applications around the world: their successes and failures and what can be learned and applied to your current and future projects. Speakers include: Dr David Everett, CEO, Smart Card Group ; Stuart Yaxley, Commercial Director, Oberthur Card Systems; Raymond Wong, Assistant Director, Hong Kong Immigration Department; Dr Farzin Deravi, Reader in Information Engineering, University of Kent; Axel Munde, Head of Biometrics, Information Security Agency (Germany); Jonathan Bamford, Assistant Information Commissioner, Information Commissioners Office UK
www.tandfevents.com/smartcards

23-24 March, 2006 - University and research spin-off: an engine to create innovative companies', Rome, Italy. The event is intended to raise awareness of the increasing importance of company creation by universities and research centres. It is hoped that discussions, drawing on the experiences of researchers and policy makers, will succeed in identifying a successful research spin-off roadmap. The European Commission's Head of Unit for innovation policy will participate in a session on the EU's innovation action plan. The event is a result of collaboration between the European Business and Innovation Centre Network (EBN) and the Gate to Growth Incubators Forum.
www.ebn.be/content/main.asp?PageID=169&MenuGroup=2&MenuNum=1

23-24 March, 2006 - BioWales 2006, Conference and Bio-partnering Event, Vale Hotel, Hensol, near Cardiff, Wales. Speakers include Sir William Castell - President & CEO GE Healthcare; Professor Sir Christopher Evans - Founder & Chairman Merlin Biosciences. Organised by the Wales Innovation Relay Centre (WIRC), the programme attracts bioscience industry professionals and academics, seeking licencing and business development opportunities or simply networking to promote their

company's profile. BioWales 2006 will also enable delegates to meet potential partners, in pre-arranged meetings, to establish technology transfer agreements between academic institutions, multi-nationals and consortia.

www.wda.co.uk/biowales

23-25 March, 2006 – Federation of Small Business National Conference and AGM, The Palace Hotel, Manchester. The Conference Committee will be the usual mix of business and social events which will both educate and entertain. Many speakers from home and abroad are already booked so FSB members can all look forward to an interesting event. This is the ideal place to meet FSB members from all over the UK, network and learn valuable information to apply in your business.

www.fsb.org.uk/data/default.asp?id=0&referrer=%2Fconference2006%2FDefault%2Easp

23 March, 2006 - Waste Minimisation – the Role of Physics, Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London. Physics could help play a fundamental role in the increased efficiency of manufacturing and production processes. The one-day seminar focuses on the role physics can play in waste reduction, resource efficiency and sustainability. Contact: Dr Andrew Rowley C-Tech Innovation Ltd, Capenhurst Technology Park, Capenhurst, Chester CH1 6EH

Andrew.Rowley@ctechinnovation.com

23-25 March, 2006 - Conference on quality assessment of institutions of higher education, University of Pavia in Italy. The event aims to deliver an analysis of the current and future state of assessment for institutions, including changing concepts of quality, case studies following assessed academics, comparative analysis of different assessment tools and the management of such assessments. The conference will be relevant for higher education and research institutions, university and research managers and academics. More than 15 speakers from higher learning and research institutions throughout Europe have already been confirmed to speak at the conference.

www.acadeuro.org

23 March, 2006 - 'Renewable Energies – continued', Graduate School of Education, Berkeley Square, Bristol. Following on from previous events which looked at the "Politics & Economics of Renewable Energy" and how we shall "Power the Future", the Research & Enterprise Development Office, University of Bristol, event is a showcase for four, early-stage renewable and alternative energy companies. Featuring contributions from wind, marine, hydrogen and sustainable transport companies.

www.bris.ac.uk/research

23 March, 2006 - Advice on Starting a New Business, University of East Anglia, Norwich.

www.uea.ac.uk/business - g.whattam@uea.ac.uk

23 March, 2006, & 28-30 March, 2006 – Two aquaculture conferences on aquaculture conference are being held (confusingly) in Scotland in late March. The UK's first ever conference on organic aquaculture is being organised by the Soil Association, and will be held in Stirling on March 23rd, and the conference will deal with all aspects relating to organic aquaculture and will encourage public debate on the various topics surrounding the subject.

The second, organised by Aquaculture Today magazine, is taking place on 28-30 March, at the Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh, Scotland.

First: www.soilassociation.org

Second: Aquaculture Today 2006, Special Publications, Craigcrook Castle, Craigcrook Road, Edinburgh EH4 3PE - 0131 312 4550

www.aquaculturetoday.co.uk

25-31 March, 2006 – 2nd SouthWest firms' trade mission to Hong Kong and Guangzhou. Jointly organised by UK Trade & Investment, Bristol China Partnership and the South West Regional Development Agency, SMEs will be given help with translators and general advice. The City of Bristol has a sister city agreement with Guangzhou. Contact: Janis Baker, UK Trade & Investment on 01823 287600. To discuss whether the visit is right for you, contact Tony Holt, UK Trade & Investment's International Trade Adviser on 07971 136579.

26-29 March, 2006 - TechEd 2006: 11th Annual Technology in Education International Conference & Exposition, Pasadena, California. TechEd is the world's leading Technology in Education Conference and Exposition with over 250 concurrent sessions joined with over 200 leading technology exhibitors all focusing on real-world solutions in a hands-on learning environment.

www.techedevents.org/2006

27-28 March, 2006 - Adam Smith Institute's 11th Annual Conference - The Future of Utilities, London Marriott Hotel Grosvenor Square. This conference has become the industry-leading event in the utilities sector, offering an excellent platform for the senior decision-makers to come together and examine the pertinent issues facing the industry. Confirmed speakers include:

- Paul Golby, Chief Executive, E.ON UK
- Ian Russell, Chief Executive, ScottishPower
- Jeremy Pelczer, Chief Executive Designate, RWE Thames Water
- Ian Marchant, Chief Executive, Scottish and Southern Energy
- Mark Clare, Managing Director, British Gas
- Alistair Buchanan, Chief Executive, Ofgem
- Philip Fletcher, Director General, Ofwat
- Bill Coley, Chief Executive, British Energy
- James Smith, Chairman, Shell UK
- Katharine Bryan, Chief Executive, Water Service Northern Ireland

www.marketforce.eu.com/utilities

27-28 March, 2006 – 4th International Workshop on water in food, Euro Food's Water 2006, Brussels, Belgium. Organised by the Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (IRMM) of the Joint Research Centre (JRC), the workshop will cover progress in the fields of water and food quality, water and food control, water and food stability as well as water and food authenticity; water determination, water sorption isotherms and water activity. The workshop programme will include invited lectures, short communications, a poster session and five minute poster presentations.

www.irmm.jrc.be/html/events/efw2006/

27-28 March, 2006 - Scottish Renewables Annual Conference – Delivering the New Generation Hilton Glasgow, Scotland. The Scottish Renewables annual conference will focus on Scotland's significant role in future UK energy policy through the successful deployment of renewable technologies for electricity, heat and transport needs. The conference is aimed at practitioners / decision makers (policy makers, suppliers, developers, owners, RE professionals etc) within the Renewable Energy industry in Scotland with themes. Sponsors are ScottishPower Renewables, Airtricity and Natural Power Consultants. Calum McCallum - Scottish Renewables, Central Chambers, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow G2 6LD 0141 222 7921 -

www.shfca.org.uk

27-29 March, 2006 - ManuPharma - 3rd Annual Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Summit, Montreux, Switzerland. www.manupharmaeurope.com - olas@marcusevansuk.com - 020 7647 2325

27-30 March, 2006 - Smart Labels USA 2006, Boston, MA, USA. The 'Visions of the Future' pavilion – from Wi-Fi to Sci-Fi will be showcasing RFID combined with other short range communications devices, printed electronics and smart packaging, throwing a light onto the not-too-distant future for RFID and its applications. Asia will also feature heavily at the event with a dedicated showcase and speakers at the "Spotlight on Asia" pavilion. What is happening in China? Korea? Japan? Find out at this event and meet the RFID drivers from those countries. Now in its fifth year, the Smart Labels USA conference and tradefair provides a knowledge-based forum for businesses adopting and implementing RFID-based solutions. The global conference will address the full range of issues in market sectors including retail, healthcare and pharmaceutical, automotive, transportation and logistics, supply chain, security, brand enhancements/product design and commerce.

www.smartlabelsusa.com

27-30 March, 2006 - 21st Century Communications World Forum, Business Design Centre, Islington, London. The 21st Century Communications World Forum analyses the business and technology requirements of making convergent, IP communications a reality in today's world on a carrier scale. Presented by the IEC, and host sponsored by BT, this conference and exhibition examines not only technical challenges, such as transitioning legacy infrastructure and interoperability issues, but also business and economic considerations in making the transition to IP.

www.iec.org/events/index.html

27 March, 2006 - 3rd Celebration of Biotechnology in Cambridge. Hosted by Cambridge Enterprise and MIT Entrepreneurship Center. Celebrating the success of the Cambridge Biotechnology Cluster and unveiling a newly updated map for 2006. By Invitation only.

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27 March, 2006 - Making a Difference (MAD) event, Oxford Brookes University, Fuller Building, Oxford. This is a SEEDA-sponsored ideas competition 'with real money at the end of it!'

jlaver@brookes.ac.uk

28-30 March, 2006 - Hazards XIX, Manchester University. 'Process Safety and Environmental Protection - What do we know? Where are we going?' is a three-day conference hosted at the University of Manchester. Experts gather to discuss latest safety and environmental issues. International process safety and environmental protection experts discuss the latest technical advances and new thinking in safety and environmental management topping the agenda. Organised by the North-West Branch of IChemE (The Institution of Chemical Engineers), with the backing of HSE and the Environment Agency, the event is sponsored by a range of national and international companies and will highlight the latest thinking by the regulators and industry on recent process safety and environmental regulations. Hazards was first staged in 1960 in the wake of the rapid expansion of the chemical industries.

www.icheme.org

28-30 March, 2006 - ACDC, Savoy Place, London. This is a long established and highly respected international conference on AC and DC power transmission. In the five years since the last ACDC there have been many developments in new technologies, which can bring benefits to asset managers and system operators. There have also been changes in the marketplace, with further de-regulation and the growth of merchant transmission schemes. The wider implementation of renewable technologies is having an increasing impact on network development. New challenges are arising from environmental, regulatory, political and social factors, which impact on the development of transmission networks. The conference will address these key issues.

www.conferences.iee.org/acdc

28 March, 2006 - Creative Minds Conference, National Science Learning Centre, York. The Creative Minds Conference is organised by the Yorkshire Museums Libraries & Archives Council and is a review of the many achievements accomplished by their Creative Minds project.

www.ymlac.org.uk

Tel. 0113 394 4854.

28 March, 2006 - Fisher Science World Event, Ramada Belfast, Northern Ireland. It will provide a hands-on opportunity to see a new and extensive range of products and services from Fisher Scientific and Davidson & Hardy.

www.fisher.co.uk

28 March, 2006 - 3rd Annual 'Bright Ideas in Health Awards', The Sage Gateshead. Open to all NHS staff in the North East of England and Cumbria, the 'Bright Ideas in Health Awards' aims to identify new product ideas and services that improve healthcare. The prize fund, worth £10,000, will be shared by a winner and two runners up, in each of the two categories; innovative technologies & devices and innovative service provision. Ideas can range from a diagnostic tool to a training idea or simply a new way of interacting with a patient. Last year's winner in the innovative device category was The Sunderland Air Pressure Meter, developed to help throat cancer patients speak again. The device went on to win the national award for consultant medical physicist, Bill Allan and his team at the Regional Medical Physics Department (RMPD) at Sunderland Royal Hospital. Backed by the research and development managers at the region's Trusts, businesses and manufacturers, this year's competition is sponsored by Urqhart, Dykes & Lord, CELS, One NorthEast, Lloyds TSB, RCID, Hargreaves Elsworth and Dickinson Dees.

www.nhsinnovationsnorth.org.uk - nhsinnovationsnorth@rtcnorth.co.uk - 0191 516 4400

28 March, 2006 - Aurora 'Interactives' Q1 2006 meeting, Corporate women's event at Bloomberg, City Gate House, 39-45 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1PQ. Theme: Reinvention. How can reinvention be used as a powerful business strategy? What are the parallels to women's own reinvention? How does this translate into the workplace and does reinvention enable women to successfully redefine and differentiate themselves in order to achieve? Speakers include Carolyn McCall, Chief Executive, Guardian Newspapers, Rita Clifton, Chairman, Interbrand, Helen Buckley, Head of Truck and Earthmover Marketing, Michelin, Fiona Sheridan, Partner (Business Risk Services - BRS), Ernst & Young.

Call Aurora on +44 (0) 845 260 7777 or email corporate@auroravoice.com

28 March, 2006 - KTP 30th Anniversary Awards, Savoy Hotel, London. KTP holds an Annual Awards event, which has been used as a celebration of the achievements of KTP and to present the winning partnerships and the Business Leaders of Tomorrow with their awards. The aim of the Awards event 2005 is to announce the award winners and to publicise Knowledge Transfer Partnerships, as well as celebrating a selection of notable achievements from the programme's 30-year history.

marketing@ktponline.org

29-30 March, 2006 - SportBusiness Campus '06, Cass Business School in London. It offers a comprehensive programme of seminars, workshops, keynote addresses and discussion groups. These include 'Harnessing The Power of Sports Tourism', which is being supported by the NWDA.

www.cass.city.ac.uk

29-30 March, 2006 - MicroManufacturing Conference & Exhibition, Los Angeles Convention Center

Los Angeles. A two-day industry conference for anyone interested in MicroManufacturing. Supported and guided by industry professionals, all speakers and presentations have been reviewed or recommended by a select group of industry advisors. Thank you to the following individuals for their contribution to the development of this conference as well as their dedication to SME. Speakers include Donna Bibber, Vice President, Miniature Tool & Die; Bruce Cerepak, CMfgE, Director of Manufacturing and Quality, Accellent Cardiology; Glen Crews, Regional Manager, Marubeni Citizen Cincom; Kornel Ehmann, Northwestern University; Rhett Mayor, PhD, Vice President, Powerix Technologies; Jun Ni, PhD, S.M.Wu Manufacturing Research Center, University of Michigan; Susan Sackman, Model Shop Group Leader, Guidant Corporation; John Shanahan, Product Manager, Makino; Darrel Untereker, Vice President Research & Technology, Medtronic.

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Tel. (800) 733-4763.

29-31 March, 2006 - The DMI 10th European International Conference on Design Management 'Meeting the Challenges of Design Leadership', Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Leading management practitioners including Stefano Marzano, CEO & Chief Creative Director, Philips Design, Christoph Boninger, President of Design Affairs Europe, and Tim Selders, Director & Co-Founder, PARK Advanced Design Management, will examine how successful organisations are leading with design in today's changing business climate and will present frameworks for creating effective design leadership. The conference also includes presentations on utilising design leadership for business success from Rachel D. Cooper, PhD, Professor of Design Management, Adelphi Research Institute for Creative Arts and Sciences, University of Salford, UK; Paal Smith-Meyer, Creative Director, Concept & Design, Lego, Denmark; Mario Trimarchi, Principal, Fragile, Italy; Dr. Jürgen Hüsler, PhD, CEO, Interbrand Zintzmeyer & Lux AG, Switzerland; Richard Henderson, Managing Partner, CBX Asia, Australia; Pat Kinsley, Director, Newworld Associates, Ireland; and Christine Hesse, Principal, Hesse Design, GmbH, Germany.

www.dmi.org

29-31 March, 2006 – GLOBE 2006, Vancouver, British Columbia. Business leaders, policy makers and solutions providers from around the world will come together at GLOBE 2006 to discuss the most recent developments in the business of the environment and find innovative solutions to global environmental challenges. More than 400 exhibitors from North America, Europe and Asia will be at GLOBE 2006, displaying a broad range of environmental technologies, services and solutions to 10,000 participants from around the world. The Trade Fair will highlight innovations in critical sectors of the environmental business industry, including two exciting showcases featuring the most recent advances in Transportation Technologies.

www.globe2006.com

29-31 March, 2006 - The World Health Care Congress will take place in Chantilly, France. The congress aims at providing a forum to share new ways of improving value for money in today's health care delivery systems. The event will feature keynote addresses, controversial debates, panel discussions, case studies, tutorials and informal roundtable discussions.

www.worldcongress.com/events/NW615/index.cfm

29-31 March, 2006 - Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship, SAID Business School, Oxford. The theme is "Leveraging social assets, growing capital markets: sustainable routes to wealth and well-being". (Event not open to the general public).

www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/entrepreneurship

29 March, 2006 - Patients, Politics and Practice: Towards the Future HFEA Annual Conference 2006

Central London. The UK's fertility sector is entering a period of change and challenge. The Government is considering options for the future regulation of the sector and patients are increasingly adopting a consumer mentality when selecting their choice of clinic and treatment. Clinics are focusing on improving areas of professional practice, such as tackling the issue of multiple births.
www.hfea.gov.uk/PublicEvents

29 March 2006 - Bristol University Faculty of Engineering's First Spring Research Reception, Bristol. Come to the university and engage with it on research themes, collaborative training and enterprise. Contact either Mustafa Rampuri, Project Manager, University of Bristol, Research & Enterprise Development, or Jenny.Pearcy@bristol.ac.uk for information. Tel: +44 (0)117 331 7000

29-30 March, 2006 – Esymbio network – two first forums, on 29th March at the MerseyBio Business Incubator, Liverpool, and secondly on the 30th at The Nowgen Centre, Manchester.
Helpdesk: 0870 0400 434 – info@esymbio.com Contact: Amy Wilkinson.

29 March, 2006 - The Micropower Annual Conference and Dinner 2006, the DTI Conference Centre, London. At around the time the Government is expected to launch its Microgeneration Strategy, Malcolm Wicks MP, the Energy Minister, will give the address at the conference, which will cover all forms of microgeneration. Nearly 150 senior representatives from industry, Government, future customers and other key players attended last year's seminar. Even more are expected this year. SBGI is once again working with the Micropower Council for the event.
www.micropower.co.uk - claire@sbgi.org.uk - Tel. 01926 462 916

30 March-1 April 2006 - The University of Hamburg will host the European University Association spring conference, Germany. The conference aims to widen the debate on funding launched at EUA's March 2005 Convention of European Higher Education Institutions in Glasgow and developed at the October 2005 conference 'Research in European universities: strategies and funding'. The conference will examine different types of funding available and their impact upon institutions. Discussions will address tuition fees and student support, the potential of private public funding partnerships and the effects of transparency. André Sapir, author of 'An Agenda for a Growing Europe', and former French Minister for Education and founder of Bologna process Claude Allègre, have been confirmed to speak.
www.eua.be/eua

30 March, 2006 - BCCCA Technology Conference 2006, Daventry, Bucks. 'On the road to wellbeing' is the theme of the Biscuit Cake Chocolate and Confectionary Association's (BCCCA's) annual Technology Conference. The two day conference will tackle many of the topical health issues facing food manufacturers today and will feature an exhibition showcasing some of the industry's latest product development initiatives, new technologies and ingredients. Rosemary Hignett, head of nutrition division at the Food Standards Agency, will take centre stage for the keynote speech on 30th March to outline a working blueprint for how industry and stakeholders can work in partnership to improve the nation's diet. She will be joined by a line up of 19 other high profile speakers.
Office@bccca.org.uk - Tel. 0207 420 7200

31 March, 2006 - The Shell LiveWIRE awards Closing Date. These are open to all young entrepreneurs aged 16-30, whose businesses have been trading for between three and 18 months on the 31 March 2006. Shell LiveWIRE wants to find the UK's most outstanding young entrepreneurs for 2006, with a top award of £10,000 awaiting the UK winner. Shell LiveWIRE, the UK's longest-running support service for young people considering starting, or already running a business, is encouraging the UK's young entrepreneurs to enter its prestigious Shell LiveWIRE "Young Entrepreneur of the Year" Awards 2006 now at www.shell-livewire.org/awards

31 March, 2006 – iNNov8 2006, Norfolk Network event. Eight hours of expertise, support, advice and inspiration from innovative business leaders, event partners and sponsors. Successful businesses of all kinds are characterised by high levels of innovation, in their products, processes, and cultures, no matter what market sector they are in. That means they are open to risk, open to experiment, open to creativity, open to opportunities. Innovation is all to do with choosing to work smarter, embracing technology, increasing knowledge, skills and customer value. If you're open to growing your business through innovation, join us at the iNNov8 event. There will be 30 workshops, seminars and small round table discussions continuing throughout the day.

www.norfolknetwork.com/innov8

31 March, 2006 – Informex '06, New Orleans Convention and Visitors Authority. This event has been cancelled due to recent events and a new venue is being found. Now in its 22nd year, INFORMEX® is the custom chemical industry's premier marketing event.

www.informex.com

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