

KE Scotland 2008

Researchers and Knowledge Transfer

Knowledge Transfer gives **Researchers** the opportunity to see their work have an impact on Society by **stimulating economic development, informing public policy or facilitating cultural engagement**. But how can researchers - especially early stage researchers - get involved with KT, and how should we best be developing KT policy and practice in Scotland?

KT Scotland: Policy and Practice 2008 aimed to address these and other research-KT questions by bringing together early stage researchers, academic staff, university managers, research and enterprise experts, outreach specialists, funding bodies and policy makers for a one-day conference at the University of St Andrews on Friday 4 April 2008.

Programme - the programme included expert speakers from across the Arts-Science, innovation-outreach spectrum of KT and all of the key organisations involved with developing KT policies and strategies in Scotland (e.g. The Scottish Government, Scottish Funding Council, Scottish Enterprise and RCUK).

Organisation - the conference was organised by the University of St Andrews' GRADskills Programme on behalf of the "**Universities Scotland Research and Commercialisation Research Training Sub-Committee**"

Time	Event
09.00	Registration and Coffee
Plenary Session	
10.00	Welcomes, Aims and Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof Alan Miller, <i>FRSE Vice Principal Research, University of St Andrews</i>• Prof Alison McCleery, <i>Chair, Universities Scotland Research and Commercialisation Committee, Research Training Sub-Committee</i>• Quentin Cooper <i>BBC</i> (conference facilitator)
10.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roger McClure, <i>Chief Executive, Scottish Funding Council</i>• Prof David Gani, <i>Director of Research Policy and Strategy</i> ~ Scottish Funding Council (SFC)• Prof Ian Sanderson, <i>The Scottish Government; Director, Corporate Analytical Services Directorate</i> ~ Scottish Government aims and ambitions for KT
11.15	PARALLEL DISCUSSION SESSION A Group A1: Commercialising your research <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Prof Ian Underwood: Chief Scientific Adviser, MicroEmissive Displays</i>•

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr David Creed: Group Chief Executive, ITI Scotland Limited • Mr Clive Reeves: Programme Manager, Scottish Enterprise Enterprise Fellowships • Dr Wendy Hanson: Proof of Concept Programme, Scottish Enterprise Proof of Concept Programme <p>Chair: Dr Kevin Cullen, Director, Research and Enterprise, University of Glasgow</p> <p>Group A2: Research Informing Government Policy Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr David Guy: Head of Knowledge Transfer, ESRC: ESRC and the Public Sector • Dr Gill Clark: Knowledge Transfer Team, The Scottish Government <p>Chair: Prof Ian Sanderson, The Scottish Government, Director Corporate Analytical Services Directorate</p> <p>Group A3: Engaging the Public with research and researchers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Nigel Eady: Science in Society Officer, The BA Engaging researchers with the public • Ms Lara Crossland: Researchers in Residence Scheme, Edinburgh Researchers in Residence • Mr Kirk Ramsay: Chief Executive, Glasgow Science Centre Engaging the public with research and researchers • Prof Mary Bownes: Vice Principal, Research Training & Community Relations, University of Edinburgh Beacons of Public Engagement <p>Chair: Prof Peter Holmes, Pro-Vice Principal, University of Glasgow</p>
12.15	Lunch & Exhibition Stands
13.15	Plenary Address: Mr John Neilson, Director, Research Base, Dept for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) Knowledge Transfer Scotland
14.00	<p>PARALLEL DISCUSSION SESSION B</p> <p>Group B1: Innovation in Industry and Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Siobhan Jordan: Director, Interface: The knowledge connection for business Innovation in Industry and Business • Dr Debbie Buckley-Golder: UK Programme Director, Knowledge Transfer Programme Stimulating Innovation • Dr Simon Cutler: Innovation Programme Manager, BBSRC Delivering Excellence with Impact • Dr Rachel Brazil: Crucible Programme Director, CONNECT Team, NESTA <p>Chair: Prof David Boxer, Vice Principal, University of Dundee</p> <p>Group B2: Policy Development in Sustainability and Conservation</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Jan Bebbington: Director, St Andrews Sustainability Institute; Vice-Chair (Scotland) Sustainable Development Commission Policy development for sustainability • Prof Maggie Gill: Chief Scientific Adviser, Rural Affairs & Environment, The Scottish Government Research-based policy • : Public Sector Liaison and Science into Policy Team Leader, NERC <p>Chair: Ms Ann Millar, Assistant Director, Research Policy and Strategy, Scottish Funding Council</p> <p>Group B3: Stimulating Cultural Development in the Arts in Scotland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Celia Duffy: Director Academic Development, RSAMD (Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama) • Prof Robert Crawford: Professor of Scottish Literature, University of St Andrews • Dr Mark O'Neill: Head of Arts and Museums at Culture and Sport Glasgow KT and Glasgow Museums <p>Chair: Prof John Caughie, Dept of Theatre, Film and Television Studies, University of Glasgow; Chair of SFC Cultural Engagement Action Group</p>
15.00	Tea & Coffee
15.30	<p>PARALLEL DISCUSSION SESSION C</p> <p>Group C1: University Research Commercialisation - what can Scotland learn from the US?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Erich Ippen: Bell Labs, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Enabling Tech Transfer • Prof Eric van Stryland: Former President, Optical Society of the USA; CREOL, University of Central Florida University and Industry Partnerships • Prof David Miller: Head of Ginston Lab, Stanford University Technology Transfer at Stanford University • Ms Margaret McGarry: Former Senior Director, Knowledge Transfer, Scottish Enterprise The Edinburgh Stanford Link <p>Chair: Prof Allister Ferguson, Deputy Principal, University of Strathclyde</p> <p>Group C2: Policy Development in Health, Policing and Demography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Huw Davies: Director, Social Dimensions of Health Institute What do we know about research use? • Prof Nicholas Fyfe: Director, Scottish Institute for Policing Research Knowledge exchange • Prof Peter McKiernan: Head, School of Management, University of St Andrews Policy Development • Prof Sandra Nutley: University of Edinburgh, Chair of SFC Public Policy Action Group Promoting KT and Exchange <p>Chair: Diana Wilkinson, The Scottish Government Chief Researcher</p>

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	<p>Group C3: Reaching a Wider Audience through the Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr Rob Edwards: Sunday Herald, Environment Journalist Reaching a wider audience through the media</i> • <i>Mr Stuart Brown: PR & Communications Manager, The Royal Society of Edinburgh</i> • <i>Prof John Haldane: Director, Centre for Ethics, Philosophy & Public Affairs, University of St Andrews</i> <p>Chair: Mr Mervyn Jones, Chair of SFC Knowledge Transfer & Innovation Group</p>
16.30	<p>Reports from Discussion Groups and concluding statements (facilitated by Quentin Cooper)</p>
17.45	<p>Wine reception (<i>and musical accompaniment from the The Rusalka Quartet</i>) (until 19.00)</p>