

KE Scotland 2009

Researchers and Knowledge Transfer

Stimulating economic development, enhancing quality of life, contributing to cultural enrichment - all are potential benefits of "Knowledge Transfer" (or Knowledge Exchange), the two-way flow of ideas, expertise and people between the research base and wider users in Society. For researchers - especially early stage researchers - KT should provide an opportunity for them to both develop new skills and collaborations, and to capitalise on their research knowledge and findings in different sectors beyond academia. But how can researchers get involved with KT and how should we best be developing KT policy and practice in Scotland?

KT Scotland

Policy & Practice 2009 was the second annual conference on KT designed specifically for Scotland's research community to address these and other research-KT related questions. It offered a forum to early stage researchers, research managers, KT practitioners, policy makers and research funders to come together to discuss the scope and potential of KT in Scotland, and be inspired about the skills researchers can develop and the impact they can have through the practice of KT. It took place at the University of St Andrews on **Friday 3 April 2009**.

Programme

In addition to a wide range of expert speakers from key organisations involved with developing KT in Scotland - including the Scottish Funding Council, the Scottish Government, the Technology Strategy Board and the UK Research Councils – the 2009 conference featured an expanded programme to include presentations by all of the Scottish 'Research Pools' on their KT activities, as well as more organisations offering funding and practical opportunities for researchers to engage in KT.

KT Scotland Conference Programme 2009

Time	Event
09.00	Registration and Coffee
Plenary Session	
10.00	Welcome: Prof Alan Miller, University of St Andrews Welcome to KT Scotland: Policy and Practice 2009 Aims and objectives: Quentin Cooper, BBC
10.10	Scotland and KT: progress through collaboration Prof David Gani - Scottish Funding Council - Pools Prof Anne Glover - Chief Scientific Adviser, Scottish Government - The Science Framework Prof Philip Esler - Chief Executive, Arts & Humanities Research Council
11.15	PARALLEL DISCUSSION SESSION 1 Health 1: KT improving Scotland's healthcare - Health Services & Public Health Chair: Prof Cherry Wainwright, Institute of Health & Welfare Research, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen Prof Tracey Howe - Director, HealthQWest

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	<p>Prof Catherine Niven - Director, Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions Research Unit Dr Craig Ramsay: Director of Health Care Assessment Programme, HERU</p> <p>Wealth 1: Creating Wealth through commercialisation - Tech Transfer from the Physical Sciences Research Pools <i>Chair: Prof Ian Halliday, Chief Executive, SUPA and ESF</i> Prof Colin Adams - Director of Commercialisation, SICSA Ms Gillian McFadzean - Director, Technology & Research Services, Heriot-Watt University Mr Sandy Dobbie - Chairman of Chemical Sciences Scotland</p> <p>Environment 1: Scottish Research Institutes - hubs of innovation and enterprise in plant and animal sciences <i>Chair: Prof George Marshall, Assistant Principal, Scottish Agricultural College, Edinburgh</i> Prof Julie Fitzpatrick - Director, Moredun Research Institute, Edinburgh Mr Chris Warkup: Chief Executive, Genesis-Faraday Partnerships, Edinburgh Dr Nigel Kerby - Managing Director, Mylnefield Research Services Ltd, Scottish Crop Research Institute</p> <p>Culture 1: Creativity and Innovation in the Arts & Humanities - the creative industries <i>Chair: Prof John Caughie, Dept of Theatre, Film and Television Studies, University of Glasgow</i> Ms Jackie MacKenzie - Head, Innovation Programme, NESTA Mr Juan Mateos-Garcia - Creative Industries Research Fellow, NESTA, London Mr Atholl Reid - Knowledge Transfer Partnerships, Scotland</p>
12.15	Lunch & Poster Session
13.15	<p>Plenary Address: Building an Innovation Nation - UK strategies and support for KT Mr Iain Gray: Chief Executive, Technology Strategy Board Prof Colin Whitehouse: Deputy Chief Executive, Science and Technology Facilities Council</p>
14.00	<p>PARALLEL DISCUSSION SESSION 2</p> <p>Health 2: KT in Life Sciences & Medicine - funding and opportunities <i>Chair: Prof Nigel Brown, Vice Principal, University of Edinburgh</i></p> <p>Mr Gerry Black - Knowledge Transfer Partnerships Dr Simon Cutler - Manager, Innovation Programme, BBSRC Dr Clive Reeves - Scottish Enterprise, Glasgow</p> <p>Wealth 2: Bridging the gap between academia and the innovation business <i>Chair: Prof Allister Ferguson, Deputy Principal, University of Strathclyde</i> Prof Peter Dobson - Director, Oxford University Begbroke Science Park Dr Graeme Malcolm: Chief Executive Officer, M Squared Lasers Ltd Prof David Lane: CEO, Seebyte Ltd</p> <p>Environment 2: Marine and Geosciences Research Pools - interdisciplinary and the science-policy interface <i>Chair: Prof Neville Richardson, Vice Principal Research, University of St Andrews</i> Prof Ian Boyd - Acting Director, MASTS Dr Andy Kerr - Deputy Director, SAGES Dr Stephen Loader - NERC KT</p> <p>Culture 2: Communicating Science & Society - ESRC and the Genomics Policy & Research Forum <i>Chair: Mr Douglas Greig, Deputy Director for Strategy and Analytical Service Coordination,</i></p>

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	<p>Strategic and Ministerial Support Directorate, The Scottish Government Dr Astrid Wissenburg - Director of CIC Directorate, ESRC Dr Steve Sturdy - Deputy Director, ESRC Genomics Forum</p>
15.00	Tea & Coffee
15.30	<p>PARALLEL DISCUSSION SESSION 3</p> <p>Health 3: Translational Research in Scotland - increasing impact through pooling & collaboration Chair: Prof Peter Downes, Interim Principal, University of Dundee Dr Alison Murray, Deputy Director, SINAPSE Dr Jennifer Bell: Executive Officer, SULSA Dr John Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer, TMRI Ltd</p> <p>Wealth 3: Routes to Exploiting Innovation - getting ideas from lab to market Chair: Mr Mervyn Jones, Former Chair, SFC Knowledge Transfer & Commercialisation Committee Ms Eleanor Taylor, Head, Proof of Concept Programme, Scottish Enterprise Dr Siobhan Jordan, Director, Interface - The Knowledge Connection for Business Dr Robin Westacott, Heriot-Watt / Caledonian Partnerships</p> <p>Environment 3: Knowledge Exchange for Environmental Sustainability Chair: Prof Martin Price, UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Mountain Development, Perth College Prof Alan Werritty UNESCO Centre for Water Law, Policy & Science, University of Dundee Dr Ruth Wolstenholme Managing Director, SNIFFER</p> <p>Culture 3: Scottish Cultural Identity - language, media and policy Chair: Prof Alison McCleery, Director of Research, Edinburgh Napier University Dr Robert Dunbar, Reader in Law and Celtic, University of Aberdeen Prof Philip Schlesinger: Director, Centre for Cultural Policy Research, University of Glasgow Dr Mike Cormack: Sabhal Mor Ostaig , UHI Millennium Institute</p>
16.30	<p>Ask the Panel - Q & A facilitated by Quentin Cooper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mark Batho, Chief Executive, Scottish Funding Council • Prof Philip Esler, Chief Executive, AHRC • Mr Adrian Gillespie, Director of Digital Market & Enabling Technologies, Scottish Enterprise • Prof David Gani, Director of Research Policy & Strategy, Scottish Funding Council • Mr Iain Gray, Chief Executive, Technology Strategy Board • Prof Ian Halliday, President, European Science Foundation; Chief Executive, SUPA • Prof Alan Miller, Research Awards Convener, Royal Society of Edinburgh • Mr John Neilson, Director, Research Base, Dept for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) • Prof Colin Whitehouse, Deputy Chief Executive, Science and Technology Facilities Council
17.15	Conference Close: Prof Alan Miller, University of St Andrews
17.17	Wine Reception (until 19.00)