

## **MBE Dissertation Symposium held at Chesterford Research Park for fourth consecutive year**

### **University of Cambridge postgraduate Bioscience Enterprise students gather at The Nucleus to present research findings**

**28<sup>th</sup> June, 2011:** Students studying at the University of Cambridge for a postgraduate life sciences business degree completed their studies during a day of presentations held at The Nucleus, Chesterford Research Park earlier this month.

The Master's in Bioscience Enterprise (MBE) programme is a one year multi-disciplinary biotechnology and business degree course. It is designed for high-achieving individuals with enthusiasm for enterprise, who have the ambition to found technology businesses or take up leadership, executive or consultancy roles in the life sciences sector.

This annual Symposium brings together the students of the programme, the University Examiners and also business executives who over the past three months have hosted the students in their companies during a practical internship.

The students who have studied a wide range of topics in great depth are challenged with describing to the audience the research and recommendations drawn from their internship activities. Examples of projects include 'improving Access to Affordable Healthcare in India' for the Wellcome Trust and 'Stem Cell Transplantation in Diabetes' with Pfizer Regenerative Medicine.

Each year the RSA Award is presented to the student who produces the most excellent results, and this year Phillip Benedetti received the award for his work conducted at OI Pharma Partners on Open Innovation in Drug Discovery and Development.

The day was also one of celebration for Professor Chris Lowe, resident of Hempstead, who was awarded an OBE at Buckingham Palace the day before the Symposium and brought the medal along at the request of his students.

Dr Linda Allan, Director, Master's in Bioscience Enterprise Programme commented: "The community at Chesterford Research Park is an excellent example of high achievement in the biotechnology R&D arena and as such is an inspiration to our University of Cambridge postgraduate Bioscience Enterprise students. That combined with the excellent facilities and service provided by the Park team at The Nucleus is why we are holding our symposium here for the fourth consecutive year."

Chesterford Research Park is a thriving biotech and pharmaceutical business community, ideally situated within easy reach of the City of Cambridge, Stansted airport and the M11. The Park operates a taxi service and regular shuttle buses to and from the railway stations at Audley End and Great Chesterford, from which London is only approximately an hour away. From its position within the South Cambridgeshire Biotech Cluster, Chesterford Research Park is perfectly positioned to offer companies of all sizes attractively located, well designed, state-of-the-art facilities.

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**NOTE TO EDITOR**

**Chesterford Research Park** is being developed as a 250 acre low density scheme to provide high quality accommodation in an attractive environment for science and technology based companies of all sizes. To date, more than 240,000 sq ft of laboratory and R&D space has been let and occupied. Further phases of construction will extend the development to approximately 600,000 sq ft (56,500 sq m). The park is being developed as a joint venture between Aviva Investors and The Churchmanor Estates Company Plc. [www.chesterfordresearchpark.com](http://www.chesterfordresearchpark.com)