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How to commercialise your research. A case study with Intelesens

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INNOVATION 2016



- Innovation is the process and outcome of creating something new, which is also of value.
- Innovation involves the whole process from opportunity identification, ideation or invention to development, prototyping, production marketing and sales, while entrepreneurship only needs to involve commercialization (Schumpeter).





What is innovation?

- Today it is said to involve the capacity to quickly adapt by adopting new innovations (products, processes, strategies, organisation, etc)
- Also, traditionally the focus has been on new products or processes, but recently new business models have come into focus, i.e. the way a firm delivers value and secures profits.





Dimensions of innovation

There are several types of innovation

Process, product/service, strategy,

which can vary in degree of newness:

Incremental to radical,

and impact: continuous to discontinuous



Drivers for innovation

- Financial pressures to reduce costs, increase efficiency, do more with less, etc
- Increased competition
- Shorter product life cycles
- Value migration
- Stricter regulation
- Industry and community needs for sustainable development
- Increased demend for accountability
- Demographic, social and maket changes
- Rising customer expectations regarding service and quality
- Changing economy
- Greater availability of potentially useful technologies coupled with a need to exceed the competition in these technologies





Technology and Science to a business

Idea / concept

- Plan
- Sketch
- Proto-type
- Team
- Facilities

- Funding
- Proto-type
- Proof of Concept
- Business Plan
- Partners
- Company with Funding



A Company set up

- Mission
- Objectives
- Market Competition (Citations)
- Market Drivers
- Market Mix
- Additionality
- Partners

- Identified Problems with Market Place
- IP
- Time-line
- Costs
- Management
- Board
- Route to market
- Exit Strategy







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Technology Transfer Process

- Generate ideas / technology disclosures
- Screen/assess/evaluate

identify those with greatest potential

Prove concept – technical/market

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Commercialise

Licence Spin out Assign





Engineering Research Institute





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- A Centre of Excellence and celebrating 20 years
- The Pipeline for Innovation....basic research underpinning the new ideas and capability.



History:

NIBEC founded in 1985 by Professor John Anderson

Traced back to Professor Partridges idea of mobile coronary care

New building in 1994 and 2004













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Nanotechnology and Integrated Bioengineering Centre (NIBEC)

£45 million funding since 2001







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The 1970's NIBEC Vision







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Impact and Technology Transfer





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Spin-Outs from NIBEC



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Patents

35 patents : Wide range in the area of Medical Devices and Technologies

IPR

Heartsine, Heartscape, Intelesens, Laboratories Fournier, Maersk Medical, Tyco, Axis Composites, Lenis Aer

Spin Outs

Heartsine, Heartscape, Intelesens, Surf-Spec

Spin-in

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Cardiac Mapping







PRIME ECG Mapping

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Cardiac Mapping –led by Professor Jennifer Adgey and Professor John Anderson

- Electrodes JMcL and EMcA
- Numerous MD programmes
- Led to large volume of high quality published / patented output
- Commercialised as PRIME-Meridian-Heartscape – Verathon and now Roper.

-6.72+03 -6.72+03 -6.58+03 -6.44+03 -6.44+03 -6.16+03 -5.16+03 -5.75+03 -5.61+03



80-Lead Vest: Să anterior leadă 12 lateral leadă 10 posterior leadă

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Medical

Research





Take over by Physio Control in Nov 2015 Physio Control buy out by Stryker in Feb 2016 NIBEC

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The first HeartSine defibrillator was the AED – The Automated External Defibrillator- Launched in 2008



HeartSine samaritan® PAD



- FDA cleared AED's in 44 countries
- Key algorithms to assist CPR – using ICG





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The Defibrillator in every building is still the vision.





body-worn The wireless patch based ecg, respiration rate, temperature and activity with on board smart algorithms designed for the hospital and home (Zensor)







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Management and board

Board of Directors

Chairman - Clif Alferness - Seattle Medical device innovator and entrepreneur Medtronic, Physio Control

CEO - Michael Caulfield - Belfast Corporate Leader - Seagate, Marconi

CTO – Professor Jim McLaughlin – Belfast Founder and Director of NIBEC @ UU

Non-Exec Director - Akel Akel - Chicago

Non-Exec Director – Aidan Langan – Enterprise Equity Belfast

Non-Exec Director – Mark Ennis Chairman Invest Northern Ireland

Caroline McGoran - IUL







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in-hospital, real time, wireless, vital signs monitoring with Aingeal



Phase 1







Patenting Decisions

- Decide whether to file, and if so when
- Take into account any deadlines
 Publication (e.g. talk, web presentation)
 Grant application
- Patent strategy
 - Claims
 - Countries
- Inventorship
- Applicant(s)





















Phase 3 - Venture or Licence?

Case by case

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- Opportunity beyond POC
- Timeframe? months / years
- Trials/Phases? long term/expensive
- Can value be identified in timeline?
- UUTech role? investor/facilitator/both
- Partnership/leverage investment
- "Investable" CEO/Mgt Team
- Exit strategy?
- Licence/Incubate/Reject?









Spin out - Commercial Considerations

- Is there a Market Who are customers, Which countries, ID competitors, Features and Benefits of the new technology
- Experienced Management
- Is There a Business?
- Secure IP?
- New Product(s)/Platform Technology
- Who is likely to be able to best exploit the technology
- Cost of entry ie Product Development, Marketing budgets etc
- Business Plan
- Funding to exploit technology: government grants, proof of concept funds, seed capital, UCFNI, venture capital, Invest NI











Technology Transfer Process







A new Company

- My Experience
- The Team
- The first Steps
- Fun...but it is real
- Regulations
- Insurance

- Rental
- Skilled People
- H&S
- Staff Welfare
- Marketing
- Cash Flow



Wireless Vital Signs Platform



- ST+D has developed its platform as the basis of OEM products
- Short range or cellular telemetry
- Range of vital signs possible
 - Respiration
 - Blood oxygen (late 2007)
 - Temperature
 - Motion, activity and falls
 - Cardiac output
 - ECG
- Compact, light, easy to wear









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ECG Pattern Recognition

- Bradyarrhythmia
- Ventricular Tachycardia
- Supra Ventricular Tachycardia
- Self-terminating Ventricular Fibrillatic
- Asystole
- Atrial Flutter
- Atrial Fibrillation
- 1st Degree Heart Block
- 2nd Degree Heart Block
- 3rd Degree Heart Block

Clinical Study complete with Ulster Hospital: Dr Roy Harper







Congenital heart defects
Congestive heart failure
Heart muscle disease
Heart valve disorders
Other diseases, such as lung conditions
External forces such as electric shock or severe chest injury



ECG, temp and motion monitoring on a patch











Outside Players

- Clients
- Clinical or user teams
- Investors
- Government (e.g. NHS)
- Regulatory Bodies

- Economic Assessment
- Sub-contractors
- Out side specialist
- Financial / Business
- Global Strategy





Vitalsens March 2010

Bluetooth



The key aims of the evaluation of the Vitalsens system were to assess;

- The **reliability** of the device
- The **accuracy** of the physiological measurements
- The feasibility of streaming observational data at pre-definable intervals to a electronic care record
 - The **robustness** of this type of approach to gathering patient vital signs / observations compared to the paper-based bed-end chart approach
- The **acceptability** to nursing staff and patients
- The effectiveness of the technology and the usefulness to medical staff
- The **potential impact** this technology could have on improving patient care and outcomes.

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Design

- Modelling
- Simulation
- Make use of the best of IT
- Rapid Proto-typing
- MatCad; Solid Works, Multisim, Labview
- Embedded Software
- Validation
- Test
- Beta Trails



Test in the Real World

- Mock Trials
- Feedback
- Economic Assessment
- User
- Benefits Robustness of design

- Market Segmentation based on feedback
- New IP
- User friendliness
- Ethnography



Intelesens Today

- 33% owned by GE Healthcare
- 12 Major Hospital Trials focused on False Positives and alarms – ROC curves
- 2 FDA Approved Products
- 40 staff employed -

algorithm development; electrodes; embedded systems; clinical engineering; quality; manufacture.







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Ulster University Introducing Intelesens surveillance monitoring solutions





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SiSaf Ltd.

SiSaf Ltd is an innovative drug delivery company focussed on the design and formulation **of solid nanoparticles** and their application in **topical, sub lingual, and other dermal forms of drug delivery**.

SiSaf's proprietary technology is based on a novel synergistic drug delivery formula that uses nanoparticles to **allow active compounds to penetrate deeper into the dermal layer**, to target the cell membrane, and to be released in a controlled manner.

SiSaf's technology has the potential to considerably **enhance the safety and efficacy of proteins and peptides** and labile or insoluble molecules.

Patents on method of producing functionised Si; SiSafe, for increasing the stability of biological compounds; Use of SiSafe for delivery of biological compounds including proteins for anti-ageing applications.













Founder and Managing Director: Dr. Suzanne Roghieh Saffie-Siebert

Professor Jim McLaughlin Director and CSO

John Hartnett and Tim Brundle (Investors and Directors)

Scientists: Drs. Nessim Troabi-Pour; Mukhtar Ahmed; Jeremy Hamill









SiSaf scooped a major prize – for development of an innovative drug-delivery system at the Irish Technology Leadership Group's (ITLG) annual awards ceremony in Silicon Valley, California.



From Hatchery to success

- the proposed academic model
- to work alongside UU Research Strategy
- Required to accelerate innovation process



The NIBEC Hatchery offers staff/students support and office/bench space to work on their business concept while continuing their studies/work. Possibly a one year process, it will allow the innovator to freely explore their concept/s and find time, confidence and ability to present a sound and robust market-led *commercialization plan* rather than an academic concept which is a typical process found in Universities today.

The innovators will receive mentoring resources via various OOI/IUL workshops. They will also receive access to facilities at NIBEC, especially the new rapid design laboratory.



Cost Model – NIBEC Hatchery

- Bench Space typically 9sq m will be £6k.
- Access to Equipment depending on the nature of activities between £2k and 4 k.
- Expected number of hatchery type ventures in first year 3 with a follow on three for the next three years.
- No buy out of teaching or research as the innovator will find their own time. They will look for permission from UU to set-up, help when required and the ability to seek grant aid funding that is available for such ventures.
- IP could be discussed certainly foreground declared as Ulster/IUL owned but may make sense to put into the company and build up early valuation.
- University stake could be reviewed on a one-by-one basis, based on risk, type, time to market and costs. Everyone wants a winner so flexibility, passion, smart set-up and strong empowered leadership are required. The company needs its USP, freedom to operate and a personality of its own. Therefore eventual high quality entrepreneur-led mentoring will be required.







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Lean Start Up Model – S. Blank

| The Business | Model Canvas | Keylin | ne Help Desk | On: 2/18/2012 Iteration # 1 |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| Problem top 3 problems Support cases get lost or forgotten about. | Solution top 3 features All cases saved in one place, with current status and history. Add/remove | Unique value proposition single, clean, compelling message that states why you are different and worth buying Web-based Help Desk software. Help your customers in | Unfair advantage can't be easily copied or bought Become an authority on support niche. Blog? | Customer Segments target customers Small Businesses (REALLY Need a vertical!) |
| Support cases are hard to share and delegate. | agents to case via web interface Eliminate extra fields. Keyboard shortcuts. Optimize speed. Key metrics key addivities you measure | record time. Help desk software that's easier than email. Happy agents make happy customers. | Channels path to customers | Alternatives: - Shared inbox - Autotask, Zendesk, Assistly, Support Bee, Help Scout, etc etc etc - Open source ticketing systems |
| Help desk software is complicated and slow. Are these really top customer problems? Doubt it. Need to test big time. | Tickets created per day Tickets updated per day | These UVPs are bad. Need to get a better handle on what really matters to customers. | SEO (competitive) + Sales Website Create Customer Service Blog for THIS vertical Add-on for existing product? | Primary User: Help Desk Agent Secondary User: Customer's customer |
| Cost Structure Hosting + Billing Gateway Costs: \$304/month | People Costs: \$0 Break E Usability Testing: \$800 Cust (\$40 x 20 people) | Even: 45 omers 30-day F @ \$24.9 per co | Streams Tree Trial 5/month mpany | Early Adopters: Some vertical that has specific needs not addressed by most help desk software |

Ash Maurya's lean canvas adaptation of the original google draw template by scrumology.net based on the work of Alexander Ostenwalder . lucas Rodriguez Cervera

Validable





Another Company... Will we get there faster?

Good Luck to you all!