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The University of Manchester

Venture Further - Venture Further will start again in Semester 2

Venture Further is a business enterprise competition for individuals or teams which will run in the second semester. Entrants will be provided with support and workshops throughout the semester to help them with their entry and putting together the business plan. The initial judging panel will select the best plans and those entries will then be asked to give a short

presentation to the final judging panel. The top prize of **£25,000** (including cash and in-kind support) will then be announced at an awards event.

There is no restriction on team size but at least 50% of the team must be currently registered students at the University. It should be noted that the business plan is only a tool to be used in the competition. Prizes will be awarded to the business enterprise idea which is judged to have the most chance of success.

Students and staff will be invited to attend the evening workshops. Workshops will be used to provide entrants with the information they need to create their business plan entry. **All the business plans must be submitted electronically and in hard copy by Friday 23rd of March.**

::: Venture Further 2006 - The Winners :::

In LIFE Technologies

In Life technologies propose a new technological platform (Bio-Circuits), designed to force micro-organisms to work together in order to improve biotransformation processes. A Bio-Circuit is the structured combination of aggregates, with different species of genetically modified organisms immobilized on a matrix. The first application will be to optimise production of a novel antibiotic to treat Nosocomial Infections (MRSA).

The Team - Raul Munoz-Hernandez, Cesar Gonzalez-Ramirez, Caroline Farrelly

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2nd Prize - Student City

Lead Entrant - Sunit Patel, Zobair
Mehmood, Sajid Aziz, Neel Shah

3rd Prize - Origin Signed

Lead Entrant - Alex Ofosu-Adjei, Subash
Kalia, David Wassef, Edwin Broni-Mensah

**::: Venture Further 2006 - The
Finalists :::**

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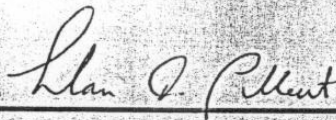
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In LIFE Technologies

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Venture Further
the business creation stage
of
the University of Manchester
Venture Competition
2006



Professor Alan Gilbert
President and Vice-Chancellor
The University of Manchester

finalist

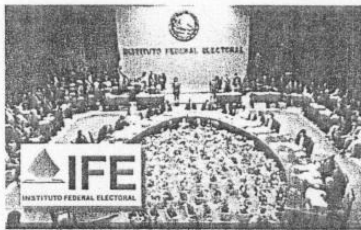
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The 2006 Mexican Election

The Presidency, both Chambers of Congress, three State Governorships plus Mexico City's Head of Government will be renewed on July the 2nd, 2006.

This year Mexico will experience the beginning of a new political phase, with an electoral process that will allow the democratic expression at the ballot box of more than 70 million registered voters inside the country, as well as the participation, for the first time, of Mexican nationals living abroad. The July election will renew the federal Executive Branch of government as well as the whole federal legislative Branch.

The Federal Executive Power is vested upon the President of the Republic, who is chosen by direct election and universal suffrage every six years. The last presidential election was held on July 2nd 2000, when President Vicente Fox was elected

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Mexico and the 4th Latin American, Caribbean and European Union Summit (LACUE)

During the 4th LACUE, held in Vienna from 11 to 13 May 2006, Mexico reaffirmed its determination to consolidate the strategic alliance and the political dialogue between Latin America, Caribbean and the European Union.

As co-president of the summit, Mexico played an important role in coordinating the works 'from Guadalajara to Vienna' and in leading the talks with the European Union on the negotiation of the Final Declaration.

President Vicente Fox co-chaired the summit and called for the acceleration of the integration of Latin America and the Caribbean in order to be more efficient and to aspire to prosperity. He stressed that the main global challenge of the region is to combat poverty, and underlined the importance of economic development with stability, such as the commitment to promoting a powerful social policy.

Within this context, he acknowledged that the construction of the European Union is a successful model of integration that should serve as an example to Latin America and the Caribbean.



President Vicente Fox and the Austrian Federal Chancellor Schüssel.

Mexico welcomed important outcomes of the summit such as the commitment of both regions to take forward their comprehensive dialogue on migration and to effectively protect the human rights of all migrants. Latin America and the European Union underlined too their compromise to eradicate poverty, inequality and social exclusion to consolidate democratic governance and achieve greater social justice. They reaffirmed their support to an effective multilateral system with the United Nations as its centre and the comprehensive reform and revitalization of the UN system.

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Distinguished Mexicans in the United Kingdom

Benito Mirón East England International Student 2006

The British Council's International Student Award is an opportunity to reward international students who are making the most of their time in the UK, taking on challenges and maximizing opportunities to enhance their lives and whole experience of their time as an international student. The award is in its fourth edition and more than 2000 students from 125 countries entered this year. Mexican postgraduate student, Benito Mirón from Essex University, was selected as the International Student 2006 in the East of England, having passed through three rounds of judging.

Mr Mirón was invited, last April 18, 2006, to a special reception with the Prime Minister, Tony Blair at No 10 Downing Street, London for the launching of the new UK Government international education strategy. Benito mentioned about his experience: "The Prime Minister was really approachable and he spent some time talking to us about our studies and future projects".

The award ceremony took place last April 27 at BAFTA's headquarters and



The Rt Hon PM Tony Blair and Benito Mirón, East England International Student 2006.

was presided over by Rt Hon Lord Kinnoek, Chair of the British Council and the prize-giving event, was conducted by Mishal Husain, of the BBC Breakfast News. In short, Mr. Mirón received the award of the International Student 2006 in the East of England due to his con-

tributions in building bridges between Mexico and the UK during his recent presidency in the UK Mexican Society. At that ceremony he was presented with a commemorative trophy, a certificate and 1000 pounds.

Mexican wins "Venture Further" prize in Manchester

A Mexican PhD student at the University of Manchester, Raúl Muñoz Hernández won the Venture Further 2006 with his business plan to set up "In Life Technologies". He won the top prize of £25,000 that will include cash for seed money for his business and in kind contributions.

His team included another Mexican student César González Ramirez and Caroline Farrelly, a British national.

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of a novel antibiotic to treat Nosocomial Infections (MRSA), known commonly as the "super bug".

Through this competition the University of Manchester promotes entrepreneurship among students, providing them with support and workshops to help them with their entry and putting together a business plan. Raúl Muñoz is alumni

of ITESM, a private Mexican university known for educating and promoting young Mexican entrepreneurs. In addition, he has a Master in Sciences (CIAD) and an MBA (The University of Sonora; Honors). He is currently studying in the Department of Chemical Engineering and Analytical Science (Prof. Mavituna group) thanks to a scholarship from CONACYT.

L-R: Julio Sacramento Rivero, In Life supporter Raúl Muñoz-Hernández; lead entrant of In Life Technologies; Alan Gilbert, President and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Manchester; Marco Castillo, In Life supporter.



Manchester secures £4m tech-boost for UK textiles

Tilak Dias

The University's William Lee Innovation Centre (WLIC) has secured £4m to launch a new project aimed at helping the UK textiles industry regain its competitive edge over foreign markets.

The Knowledge 4 Innovation (K4I) project will seek to address the structural and economic impact of high-volume production overseas through technology and innovation.

K4I will focus on equipping SMEs with the skills and knowledge needed to help them utilise new technologies. It will also seek to develop a host of niche textile technologies for use in the medical, automotive and sports industries.

Dr Tilak Dias, Head of the WLIC (pictured), said: "Textiles businesses now need to focus on functionality and innovation, rather than price in order to compete. This project will seek to instil the

knowledge and skills SMEs need to seize new opportunities in global markets through technology and innovation."

Work has already begun on a number of projects which include the development of electronic fabrics and a pioneering system for creating made to measure bandages to treat venous ulcers.

K4I will also develop training micro-modules and a digital web portal of multidisciplinary material which will act as a knowledge bank for the SME textiles companies. The project will also support textile SMEs by mentoring them through the technology innovation process.

Venture Further

In Life Technologies have won 'Venture Further, the business creation stage of the first University-wide Venture competition. In Life propose a new technological platform called a Bio-Circuit, designed to force micro-organisms to work together in order to improve biotransformation processes. The first application of this revolutionary new technology will be to optimise production of a novel antibiotic for infections such as MRSA. Second prize went to Origin-Signed and third prize went to Student-City.

The competition has given students across the whole University the chance to turn their ideas into reality and learn about the processes of new venture creation. It has been equally popular with undergraduates and postgraduates across all four faculties proving that enterprising students can come from any academic discipline. President and Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Professor Alan Gilbert said, "The University is committed to engaging in activities like the Venture Competition. Innovative ways for our students to develop entrepreneurial skills and interests enrich the educational experience available in Manchester, and have obvious potential benefits for the economic development of the North West."

