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**37th Conference of
Rectors and Presidents of
European Universities of Technology**

The University Role in Developing Innovation Ecosystems

September 14th-15th, 2018

Programme
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**2018 Conference Host:
Principal Sir Jim McDonald
University of Strathclyde, Scotland, UK**

**Conference Venue:
Technology and Innovation Centre,
99 George St, Glasgow
University of Strathclyde**

Invitation to the 2018 Conference at the University of Strathclyde

Dear colleague,

We cordially invite you to crp2018, the 37th Conference of Rectors and Presidents of European Universities of Technology.

Innovation is a key element for safeguarding and strengthening the competitiveness of regions and countries. Universities are following their “third mission” implementing the knowledge triangle of integrating education, research and innovation. They play a central role in their regional innovation eco-systems including government, companies and societal actors while, at the same time, nurturing local-global connections. The conference will provide both expert insights into the topic and practical examples from some of Europe’s leading universities of science and technology.

On the first day of the conference, keynote speakers will discuss the Conference topic from different perspectives. On the second day, university leaders will present the strategies and approaches their institutions are following towards taking a leading role in developing innovation eco-systems - implementing the third university mission and integrating education, research and innovation together with external partners in open innovation arrangements.

General background of the conference:

Following a joint initiative of the rectors of Vienna University of Technology and RWTH Aachen University, this conference started in 1980 with the aim of establishing a forum for top representatives of leading science and engineering universities in Europe for:

- discussing topics of major common concern, that are not discussed in other fora,
- identifying differences and commonalities of existing solutions to problems of common interest,
- developing new ideas and - if appropriate - preparing recommendations on specific topics, and
- forming a ‘think tank’ for the future development of the universities of technology in Europe.

As an informal grouping, the conference has no formal international or European organisational structure.

Discussions at the 2018 Conference will address issues such as:

The conference topic will give an opportunity to discuss different aspects of the role of universities in developing innovation eco-systems, such as:

- How can we provide leadership in an ecosystem context?
- How can governments best support us and our partners?
- How to best integrate university missions in education, research and innovation?
- How to be organised: University structures and processes supporting innovation
- How to combine basic and applied research towards innovation
- How do we build on international experience of innovation ecosystems?
- How do we get value by linking across innovation ecosystems?
- How do we develop a new generation of impactful *and* excellent researchers?

We are looking forward meeting you at the University of Strathclyde in September 2018.

Principal Prof Sir Jim McDonald
2018 Conference Host

Prof. Manfred Horvat
Conference Coordinator

Programme, Day 1

14th September 2018

- 09:30 – 10:00 **Bus Pick-up from Hotels for Campus Visit**
- 10:00 - 12:30 **Campus Tour**
- 12:30 - 13:30 **Buffet Lunch and Registration**
Accompanying persons' departure for afternoon programme
- 13:30 – 14:15 **Welcome by the Host, Official Opening and Introduction**
Sir Jim McDonald, Principal, University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom
- 13:30 – 13:45 **Official Opening**
Derek Mackay MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work, Scottish Government
- 13:45 – 13:55 **Introducing the Conference**
Manfred Horvat, Technische Universitaet Wien, Conference Coordinator
- 13:55 – 14:15 **Innovation at the University of Strathclyde**
Sir Jim McDonald, Principal, University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom
- 14:15 - 15:30 **Keynote Speeches**
Chair: Manfred Horvat, Conference Coordinator, Technische Universitaet Wien, Austria
- 14:15-14:40 **Open Innovation and the Future of European RTI**
Wolfgang Burtscher, Deputy Director-General for Open Innovation, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- 14:40-15:05 **The role of difference partner types - including universities - in innovation ecosystems**
Wim Vanhaverbeke, Professor for Innovation Management and Strategy, Hasselt University, The Netherlands
- 15:05-15:30 **Science and Innovation in Practice**
Iain Gray, Chair of the Royal Society of Edinburgh Business Innovation Forum, United Kingdom; member of the Pascal Lamy High Level Group on FP9
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Break** (coffee, tea, refreshments, biscuits)

Keynote speeches continued next page

Programme, Day 1 (continued)

14th September 2018

- 16:00 – 18:00 **Keynote Speeches** (continued)
- 16:00-16:20 **University Leadership in Innovation Ecosystems – Outcomes of the CESAER Task Force Innovation**
Tim Bedford, Associate Principal Research and Innovation, University of Strathclyde, UK and Chair, CESAER Task Force Innovation
- 16:20-16:40 **Industrial Innovation in Transition – What does that mean for Universities?**
Erkki Ormala, Professor of Practice, Innovation Management, Aalto University, Finland
- 16:40-17:00 **Experiences of French Engineering Schools Stimulating Innovation**
Marc Renner, Director INSA Strasbourg; President, Conference des Directeurs des Écoles Françaises d'Ingénieurs – CDEFI
- 17:00-17:20 **Innovation Design – The Central Role of Values in Innovation**
P.H. (Elke) den Ouden, Fellow, Innovation, Technology Entrepreneurship & Marketing, Technische Universiteit Eindhoven, The Netherlands
- 17:20-17:40 **University–Industry Interaction – the industry perspective**
Hamid Mughal OBE, Director of Global Manufacturing, Rolls-Royce, United Kingdom
- 17:40-18:00 **Final discussion and Round up**
- Evening **Civic Reception and Conference Dinner**

Programme, Day 2

15th September 2018

Universities' Roles in Innovation Ecosystems: Examples and Experiences 1

Pick-up at Hotels (information about time to be provided at registration)

- 09:00-09:45 **Session 1:**
- Chair: János Józsa, Rector, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary**
- 09:00 - 09:15 **Lord Kumar Battacharya, Regius Professor of Manufacturing, Chairman of the Warwick Manufacturing Group, University of Warwick, United Kingdom**
- 09:15 - 09:30 **Juan J. Perez, Vice-Rector, International Policy, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain**
- 09:30 - 09:45 **Discussion**
- 09:45 - 10:00 **Stanislav Kmet', Rector, Technical University of Kosice, Slovakia**
- 10:00 - 10:15 **Marja Makarow, Member of the EIT Executive Committee and of the Governing Board, EIT European Institute of Innovation and Technology; Vice President for Research of the Academy of Finland**
- 10:15 - 10:30 **Discussion**
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Break** (coffee, tea, refreshments, biscuits)

Sessions 2 and Closing Session: see next page

Programme, Day 2 (continued)

15th September 2018

Universities' Roles in Innovation Ecosystems: Examples and Experiences 2

- 11:00 – 11:45 **Session 2**
- Chair: Harald Kainz, Rector, Graz University of Technology, Austria**
- 11:00 - 11:15 **Mari Walls, President of the new Tampere University to be launched on 1 January 2019, Finland**
- 11:15 - 11:30 **Elisabeth Crepon, Director ENSTA ParisTech, Acting President, Executive Committee, ParisTech, France**
- 11:30 - 11:45 **Discussion**
- 11:45 - 12:00 **Wayne Kaplan, Executive Vice-President for Research, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology**
- 12:00 - 12:15 **Sigbritt Karlsson, President, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden**
- 12:15 - 12:45 **Discussion**
- 12:45 – 13:30 **Closing Session**
- Chair: Manfred Horvat, Conference Coordinator, Technische Universitaet Wien, Austria**
- 12:45 - 13:00 **Conference conclusions**
 Sir Jim McDonald, Principal, University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom
- 13:00 - 13:15 **Outlook to the 38th Conference in 2019**
 János Józsa, Rector, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Hungary
- 13:15 - 13:30 **Conference closing**
 Manfred Horvat, Conference Coordinator, Technische Universitaet Wien, Austria
- 13:30 -14:30 **Light buffet lunch**
- Bus Pick-up to social programme: Excursion and informal farewell dinner (details see below)**



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**Locations of the Conference Sessions:
September 14th and 15th, 2018**

Executive Suite, Level 9
Technology and Innovation Centre
99 George Street
Glasgow, G1 1RD

Social Programme on September 14th-15th, 2018

September 14th, 2018

Morning Programme:

9:30 Bus Pick-up from Hotel
10:00 - 12:30: Campus tour, University of Strathclyde,
Technology Innovation Centre etc.

Accompanying persons' afternoon programme:

14:00: Departure by bus from the Conference site
Guided tour of Glasgow and the Kelvingrove Museum

Civic reception

Glasgow City Chambers

Conference dinner and Ceilidh

For Conference participants and accompanying persons
Barony Hall, University of Strathclyde

September 15th, 2018

**Post-Conference Excursion for
Conference participants and accompanying persons:**

14:30: Departure from Conference site
Whisky tasting and visit to Glengoyne distillery
<https://www.glengoyne.com/>
Excursion to Loch Lomond and dinner at Ross Priory
<https://www.strath.ac.uk/rosspriory/>



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Registration

On-line registration via the conference website:

<http://www.crp-eut.org/>

Hotels in Glasgow

<https://peoplemakeglasgow.com/crp2018>

Participants are asked to reserve their rooms by themselves via that link.



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