

Agenda

SIX COUNTRIES PROGRAMME CONFERENCE
**TURNING NEW IDEAS INTO WEALTH:
SMEs IN THE ERA OF DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES**
June 5-6, 2003
Vancouver, Canada

June 5

- 07:30 Continental Breakfast, Cypress Suite - Pan Pacific Hotel
- 08:30 Buses leave Pan Pacific Hotel for the University of British Columbia (UBC)
- 09:00 Arrive the Liu Centre - UBC Campus (see tab 8) Multipurpose room
- 09:15 Welcome and Introduction
Bruce Drake, Executive Director, Industry Canada
- 09:20 What makes Disruptive Technologies "disruptive", and why are they important to government policy makers, academics and business leaders?

Moderator: Rick Thomas, Industry Canada
Speaker:
» Yves Doz, The Timken Chaired Professor of Global Technology and Innovation at INSEAD (France).
- 10:00 Questions and Discussion
- 10:30 Networking Break
- 11:00 Identifying the Science and Business Issues: The Case of Nanotechnology
» How do firms and governments make sure they "catch the next wave"?
» How should we manage emerging technologies, and match skills, applications and markets?
» What are the business opportunities, and how can government support them?

Moderator: Richard Hawkins, TNO- Institute of Strategy Technology and Policy (Netherlands)
Speakers:
» Dan Wayner, Director General, National Institute for Nanotechnology. (Canada)
» Geordie Rose, D Wave Systems. (Canada)
- 12:00 Questions and Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch, Liu Centre (UBC) Courtyard

- 14:00 SMEs and Disruptive Technologies
» Why are SMEs critical to the development of disruptive technologies?
» How could government support SMEs that are creating or adopting disruptive technologies? (How should that support differ from the support they give other SMEs?)

Moderator: Tony Pendrotti, Department of Trade and Industry (United Kingdom)
Speakers:
» Lois A. Stevenson, Wilford White Fellow, International Council for Small Business (Canada)
» Alan Hughes, Judge Institute of Management and the Centre for Business Research, University of Cambridge (England)
- 15:00 Questions and Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:45 Making our Support Real: The Role of Government Research Institutes
» What role should government research institutes play in the identification and commercialization of disruptive technologies?
» How should these institutes partner with universities, businesses and other government agencies to commercialize their disruptive technologies?
» How do differences in national, regional and local systems of innovation change the role and activities of public research organizations in commercializing disruptive technologies?

Moderator: Dr. Micheal Kelly, University of Ottawa (Canada)
Speakers:
» Otto C.C. Lin, Vice President for Research and Development, HKUST (China)
» Richard J.F. Normandin, Vice-President Research, Physical Sciences and Engineering at the National Research Council of Canada
- 16:45 Questions and Discussion
- 17:15 Wrap up by the Facilitator
- 17:30 Buses back to the Pan Pacific Hotel
- 18:00 Arrive at the Pan Pacific Hotel
- 19:00 Buses depart the Pan Pacific Hotel for Reception and Dinner
- 19:30 Arrive at the Bayshore West Marina (see tab 9)
- 19:30 Dinner and cruise on the Sunset Bay II Cruise ship**
- 22:00 Buses return to the Pan Pacific Hotel

June 6

- 08:15 Continental Breakfast at the Pan Pacific Hotel, Cypress Suite
- 09:10 Governor General Suite C&D - Pan Pacific
Introduction - Dr. Don Rix, Science Council of British Columbia (Canada)
- Speaker:
Martha C. Piper, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of British Columbia.
Canada: An Innovative Society
- 09:45 Government-SME Partnerships in the Development of New Technologies
» How do we improve government-SME partnerships to commercialize disruptive technologies? The case of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Advanced Technology Program (ATP)
- Moderator: Dr. Jim Reichert, Science Council of British Columbia (Canada)
Speaker:
» Charles W. Wessner, Director, Technology and Innovation, The Academies -
Study Director for the Government Industry Partnership for Development of
New Technologies (United States of America)
- 10:30 Questions and Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee and Networking Break, Governor General Suite Foyer, Pan Pacific Hotel
- 11:30 Summation and Challenge
Rapporteur
Governor General Suite C and D, Pan Pacific Hotel
- 12:00 Closing Remarks
Chair, Six Countries Program
- 12:30 Luncheon buffet
Governor General Suite Foyer, Pan Pacific Hotel