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Thank you for your attendance at the third annual Technology and Innovation Expo! We have assembled many of the premiere innovators of Southern Illinois University, together with top entrepreneurs from outside the University for this event.

An important aim of the Technology and Innovation Expo is to stimulate attraction of the capital and management expertise for University inventions in order to build successful businesses, create jobs and generate new income in southern Illinois. Entrepreneurs, investors and business executives can learn about business start-up opportunities stemming from University research and also gain insight into related early-stage investment issues.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale fosters technology-based innovation and business development through the efforts of the Technology Transfer Program and the Southern Illinois Research Park. In the past year alone, this partnership assisted in the creation of three new SIU research-based businesses securing several million dollars in funding.

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Chancellor Rita Hartung Cheng



Rita Hartung Cheng became chancellor of Southern Illinois University Carbondale on June 1, 2010 after serving as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the past five years. In her role as chief executive and academic officer of the Carbondale and School of Medicine campuses, she has oversight of an operating budget of \$592M and 7,500 faculty and staff providing over 200 undergraduate and graduate degree programs to approximately 20,000 students.

Chancellor Cheng also holds the academic rank of Professor of Accounting at SIU and is internationally recognized for her research in governmental and nonprofit accounting. A certified public accountant and certified government financial manager, she earned her doctorate in management from Temple University and her MBA from the University of Rhode Island.

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He continued to serve on the Board of Directors of Ingram Micro Inc., Santa Ana, California until his retirement in 2001. He now serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Essex Technology Group, Nashville, Tennessee; serves on the Board of Directors of PureWorks, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee; Optoro, Inc., Washington, D.C. and Casual Furniture Repair and Sales, St. Petersburg, Florida, and serves on the boards of several not-for-profit organizations.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Chemistry in 1965 and his Master of Arts in Economics in 1966 from Southern Illinois University. Phil completed postgraduate studies in Economics at Vanderbilt University from 1966 –1968 as a National Science Foundation Fellow, and holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Southern Illinois University, 1997.

Phil is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed Captain in the United States Merchant Marine. Phil and his wife Pam have been married for 39 years and they have three grown sons.





Kathleen C. M. Campbell, PhD

D-methionine (D-met) as a Protective Agent



Biography

Dr. Campbell is currently Professor & Director of Audiology Research in the Division of Otolaryngology, Department of Surgery and is cross appointed in the Department of Pharmacology at SIU School of Medicine. She is also a member of the SIU Cancer Center. She obtained her PhD at the University of Iowa and did her doctoral fellowship with the Department of Veterans Affairs. She worked as a clinician for over two decades but now conducts full-time research. She has published two textbooks and over 200 abstracts, manuscripts, and book chapters. She consults with Pharmaceutical Companies and the FDA on ototoxicity issues. Her current funding is from

the US Department of Defense and NIH exceeds \$6 million. Contact: (217) 545-7310, kcampbell@siumed.edu.

Abstract:

D-met protects against radiation-induced oral mucositis, cisplatin-induced ototoxicity and other cisplatin side effects, aminoglycoside-induced hearing loss, and noise-induced hearing loss. Successful small scale Phase II clinical trials for radiation-induced oral mucositis and cisplatin-induced hearing loss have been completed, which have shown significant protection with oral D-met administration. D-met also provides partial protection from aminoglycoside-induced hearing loss with no antimicrobial interference in animal studies. D-met protects against noise-induced hearing loss if given before, during or even when first started up to seven hours after noise-cessation. The U.S. Department of Defense has funded Phase II clinical trials to test oral D-met to prevent permanent noise-induced hearing loss in soldiers during weapons training. Internal Review Board (IRB) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) documents are currently being filed. The research program is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Defense.

Intellectual Property Status:

Five U.S. patents issued, some with foreign coverage; available for license.

David Lightfoot, PhD and Khalid Meksem, PhD

Agricultural Biotechnology



Biographies

Dr. Lightfoot is a Professor of Genetics, Biotechnology and Genomics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He has conducted Research for 26 years and has received three grants from the NSF, two grants from the USDA, six grants from the United Soybean Board, one grant from the Frasch Foundation, 10 grants from the Illinois Soybean Board, four grants from the Illinois Corn Board and four grants from the Council for Agricultural Research. He has written 103 peer reviewed articles and patented nine inventions. He is editor for the Journals "Theoretical and Applied Genetics" BMC Genomics and "Journal of Biotechnology and Biomedicine". He began work on SDS in 1991. The first critical breakthroughs were made from 1991-1996.

In 1996 he filed for patents to cover the genetics of SDS resistance and its selection by greenhouse assay. He invented the first SDS test system ever to replicate field performance of lines. This has been critical to selecting new cultivars and understanding the interactions among pathogens such as SDS. Later he showed that Roundup Ready beans were not more susceptible to SDS than non RR beans. Contact: (618) 453-1797, ga4082@siu.edu.



Dr. Khalid Meksem is Professor of Genome Biotechnology at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He graduated from the University of Casablanca, Morocco, and joined the Plant Molecular and Cellular biology program at the University of Paris XI (Orsay). Khalid Meksem gained his doctorate in Botany, Biochemistry and Genetics at the University of Cologne in collaboration with the Max-Planck-Institute, Germany. His research interest covers both structural and functional genomics. His long-time area of interest is the molecular dissection of plant disease resistance mechanisms to nematodes and fungi, which has earned him several patents and publications in the field. Khalid Meksem is serving as Associate Editor of the International Journal of Plant Genomics, and as reviewer for a number of international scientific journals as

well as for several granting agencies. Contact: (618) 453-3103, meksemk@siu.edu.

Abstract:

The past year has seen several breakthroughs in genetic technologies to two major soybean diseases: Soybean Cyst Nematode (SCN) and Soybean Sudden Death Syndrome. There are three issued patents and three patents pending based on gene marked loci, cloned genes and proprietary assays for selections. Transgenes are becoming available for some of the genes that were tested, a major break-through has been showing one gene provides a large amount of resistance to SDS but only a small part of resistance to SCN. The gene works better in new locations as a transgene than it does by breeding. It can save growers over \$1 billion a year in crop losses. This year, an additional patent describing the discovery of new loci for resistance to SDS has been disclosed, and three new patents have identified and protected the new loci necessary to give full resistance to SCN.

Intellectual Property Status:

Three U.S. patents issued, three U.S. patents pending; technology available for license.





Y. Paul Chugh, PhD

An Innovative Spray System for Control of Dust Around a Continuous Miner



Biography

Dr. Chugh has BS, MS, and PhD degrees in Mining Engineering, the latter two from Pennsylvania State University. He is currently a Professor in the Department of Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He is active in Dust Control and Roof Control research, with several patents to his credit. Team members include Dr. Chugh, Harrold Gurley, Vijay Kollipara, John Pulliam, Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering, SIU Carbondale. Contact: (618) 536-6637, ypchugh1@yahoo.com.

Abstract:

During late 2010, the authors developed an innovative water spray system for continuous miner (CM) that is scientifically founded (Patent Pending) and has shown promise to reduce respirable dust exposure of mine workers by about 30%. It includes scientifically designed sprays around the cutting drum, outer bitring sprays, chassis sprays and side sprays. About 10–15 feet behind these sprays are additional sprays that cover the area between the CM chassis and the mine roof and sides. Based on a successful demonstration of the spray system concepts to industry on a scaled CM model, Knight Hawk Coal, LLC decided to implement the concepts on a CM in rebuild stage in cooperation with Joy. The Office of Coal Development, through Illinois Clean Coal Institute, provided funds to support this field demonstration. The rebuilt miner returned to a Knight Hawk Coal mine in June 2011.

The project team has recently completed field evaluation of the dust control performance of the rebuilt CM using gravimetric sampling and real-time monitoring using Personal Dust Monitor (PDM). The results show that the spray system is very effective in controlling respirable dust all around the mining face area. The Coal Company has already committed to install the developed spray system on all their continuous miners.

Intellectual Property Status:

U.S. patent pending; technology available for license.

Andrei Kolmakov, PhD

Development of Techniques for Encapsulation and Electron Microscopy/Spectroscopy of Fully-Hydrated Micro-Samples



Biography

Andrei Kolmakov is currently an Associate Professor at the Department of Physics, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He graduated from Moscow Institute of Physics & Technology (MIPT). Combining his postgraduate studies at MIPT and work as a staff member at Kurchatov Institute (Moscow) he received his PhD in solid state physics in 1996. During his postdoctoral work at European synchrotron radiation centers he was studying the surface, interfacial and kinetics processes on supported nano-(meso) particles and free clusters using photoelectron spectroscopy, XANES and imaging PEEM / SPEM techniques. In 1999 he joined the group of Prof. Wayne Goodman at Texas A&M University to conduct in situ STM studies on supported metal

clusters under reaction conditions. In 2001 he was invited to UCSB to launch scanning tunneling microscopy part of AFOSR funded program on catalysis by nanostructures. He joined the faculty of the Department of Physics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 2005. Prof. Andrei Kolmakov is mainly known for his work on gas sensing and catalysis by metal oxide nanowires. In addition to active materials research and studies of nanoscopic sensors and analytical devices, Kolmakov's group is actively working on development of the methodology and hardware for in situ / in vivo spectromicroscopy of the nanostructures under real world conditions, fully hydrated objects and nanodevices under operating conditions. These activities were supported via NSF, DOE, PRF, Caterpillar Inc. and internal grants. Andrei Kolmakov published over 80 papers, five reviewed articles and two book chapters with total citation index over 2000. Andrei is actively servicing the scientific community as editorial /advisory board member for *Journal of Nanotechnology*, *Science of Advanced Materials*, the *Open Nanomedicine Journal*, via organizing symposia, as a reviewer and participating in conference committees. Contact: (618) 453-5212, akolmakov@physics.siu.edu.

Abstract:

Many of the samples (i. e., forensic) are wet or toxic and require their collection and preservation for extended periods for later studies. Electron microscopy and spectroscopy are the key imaging and analytical tools which, however, are capable of working with dried samples under vacuum conditions. Based on recent progress in fabrication of new electron transparent membranes, development of new techniques for encapsulation and electron microscopy / photoelectron spectroscopy of fully-hydrated microscopic samples relevant to sensing, catalysis, energy, and forensic applications are reported.

Intellectual Property Status:

U.S. patent pending; technology available for license.





Colleen Scott, PhD

Spiro-Silaanthracene (Carbondale Reds) as Red and Near Infrared Sensors and Probes



Biography

Colleen Scott received her BS in Chemistry from Auburn University in 1998, and her PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005. She joined the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Southern Illinois University as an instructor for General and Organic Chemistry, as well as a research scientist in the laboratory of Lori Vermeulen. She received a Post-doctoral assistantship (2007 – 2010) from the Provost and College of Science to pursue her research interest under

the guidance of Dr. Daniel Dyer. Her research focused on designing and synthesizing artificial scaffolds for nerve growth and differentiation. In 2010, Dr. Scott joined the faculty of Southern Illinois University in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry where she currently holds a position as an Assistant Professor. Her research focuses on biomaterial design and synthesis, as well as synthesis of silicon containing compounds for biological applications. Contact: (618) 453-6409, cscott@chem.siu.edu.

Abstract:

The authors have developed highly fluorescent compounds with long emission wavelength for use in molecular sensing/probing of biological systems, and as fluorescent tags. Fluorescent probes that absorb and emit red or near infrared (NIR) radiation have certain advantages over their UV or visible counterparts. Specifically, red or NIR probes have better performance in biological media because there is little excitation of biological molecules in this region. Furthermore, there is less light scattering and deeper penetration in tissue with long wavelength radiation. The invention has three main advantages over the current technology. (1), a key synthetic intermediate that allows effective synthesis of a number of different biological sensors/ probes, making the invention very versatile; (2), the presence of the silicon atom will render the compounds non-toxic, thus biologically compatible; and (3) the long emission wavelength of the compounds allow probing of cellular activities without the problems of cellular auto-fluorescence and light scattering, which usually result in low imaging resolution.

Intellectual Property Status:

U.S. patent pending; technology available for license.

Bill Rowe, Incubation Factory, Moderator

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Dr. Ken Anderson, Thermaquatica

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Dr. Hurley Myers, D_XR Development Group

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DxR Development Group, established in 1990, became a client in the SIU Small Business Incubator several years later. The three individuals who formed this company developed Diagnostic Reasoning, a software package designed to provide students with the ability to practice the patient encounter and to give faculty a record of how each student reasoned through the patient problem. Interest in this software from other medical schools increased and their software was commercialized. At present, there are three core areas within DxR Group's business model: 1) patient simulation; 2) contract tutorial (also known as courseware; and 3) on-line performance based testing. In 2008 they entered into a partnership with the National League for Nursing which now has a presence in Southern Illinois Research Park.

Dr. Bakul Dave, Enki, Nanoaqueonics

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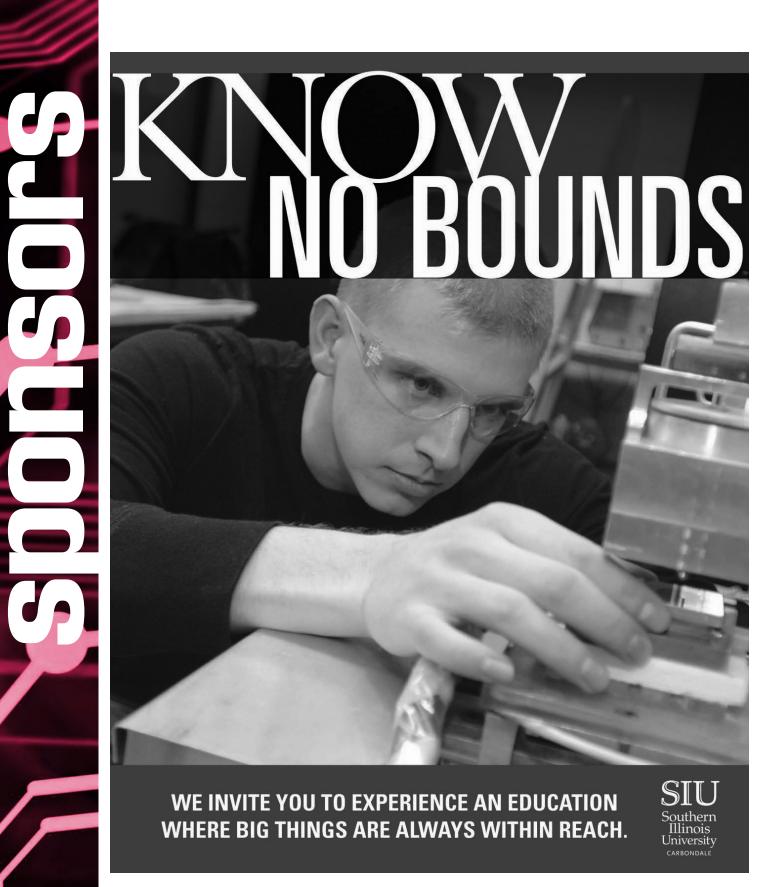
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