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**BASTION – FROM BASIC TO
TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
IN ONCOLOGY**

**Report from participation of Jakub Golab in the Innovation Connection, the
2014 Science|Business Annual Summit held on October 7th, 2014 in Technical University Berlin
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The ACES are the only pan-European awards for spin-outs from universities and public research institutes. The nominations for ACES Award come from all sectors, disciplines and countries in Europe and are judged upon key quality criteria, e.g. novelty, fundraising, market potential, and impact on society by the Science|Business Innovation Board, a not-for-profit association created to improve the climate for innovation in Europe.

The ACES are celebrated annually on the occasion of the Science|Business annual conference. The winners of the ACES 2014 were celebrated in Berlin on 7 October 2014. The Awards are given in the following categories: Green Award, ICT Award, Life Sciences Award, and Global Innovation Award.

The Summit consisted of two discussion sessions and The ACES 2014 winners conference. The ACES awards programme was established in 2008 by Science|Business to recognize entrepreneurship at academic institutions.



Picture: Jakub Golab in front of and inside the Technische Universität Berlin, just few minutes before Science|Business Annual Summit

The morning session: ‘How Europe can lead the world in innovation’ started with an Opening welcome from Christian Thomsen, President, TU Berlin, and was followed by introductions by Richard L. Hudson, CEO & Editor, Science|Business and an interview with Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission. Then a discussion on the secrets to fostering global champions has taken place. Each speaker was asked to provide one secret way to achieve success in the innovation technology and had only 2 minutes to introduce it. This part was followed by a moderated debate and audience participation. The following participants were engaged in the discussion: Javier Gimeno, Professor of Strategy, INSEAD; Ramon A. Wyss, Vice President for International Affairs, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm; Frank Salzgeber, Head of Technology Transfer Programme Office, European Space Agency and Raymond Hegarty, Managing Director, Intellectual Ventures International Licensing

Another panel discussion was entitled: “Can European VC survive? What’s gone wrong and how to fix it”. A flash report from a Science|Business study underway at Aalto University was presented and a discussion on overcoming the funding crisis and new ways to finance innovation has taken place with the following speakers: Gunnar Muent, Director, Innovation and Competitiveness, European Investment Bank; Anne Glover, Chief Executive and Co-founder Amadeus Capital Partners; Candace Johnson, President, European Business Angels Network (EBAN) and Mmboneni Muofhe, Deputy Director General: Technology Innovation, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of South Africa.

Then, the Meet the finalists - Innovators' elevator-pitches took place followed by the session: Challenging the status quo - Germany's innovation machine takes on Silicon Valley. Detlef Dauke, Head of Innovation IT and Communications Innovation and Technology, German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy was the main speaker.



Picture: Maryline Fiaschi (Science|Business) and Jakub Golab during the ACES 2014 winners conference

Another session “Disruptive innovation - How can Europe spark more of it?” featured Frank Brown, Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer, General Atlantic; Hannu Kauppinen, Vice President, Head of Nokia Labs; Howard Fogt, Partner and Antitrust Lawyer, Foley & Lardner and Alexander von Gabain, Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Innovation and Corporate Alliances, Karolinska Institutet; Former Chairman of the EIT Governing Board

After the coffee break a Parallel Session took place: “Braingain as Innovation Strategy - Learning from the US” as well as “Inside the world’s most innovative companies – what makes them different?” with Thomas Rinn, Partner, Global Head Engineered Products / High Tech, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants; Maya Said, Vice President - Head of Strategy, Science Policy & External Innovation, Sanofi Global R&D; Laura Montagna, Director, SKF Engineering & Research Centre and Matthew W. Ganz, President, Boeing Germany and Northern Europe, Vice-President, European Technology Strategy.

Participation in the Innovation Connection, the 2014 Science|Business Annual Summit was a great opportunity to hear about problems and potential solutions associated with development of innovative technologies. It was also a good opportunity to talk with Science|Business about our BASTION future events such as Pharma Day and International Conference to be organized in 2015 at Medical University of Warsaw.



Picture: ACES 2014 winners conference venue