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Spring-Summer Report 2017

UK-Ireland CLC supports Care Weekly - A new Open-Access Journal

Care Weekly will enhance the translation and distribution of evidence-based literature, best practices, guidelines, and studies through the use of innovative web-based media. The aim is to increase audience engagement by developing an interactive community-driven platform, uniting all key stakeholders engaged in the process of improving the health and wellbeing on the elderly across the globe.

2017 DPhil/PhD Transition Fellowship Winners Announced

Eleven young and inspiring entrepreneurs were awarded with one of the coveted fellowships. The day saw shortlisted PhD/DPhil candidates from the University of Oxford and Imperial College London present their ground-breaking projects in front of a panel comprising representatives from EIT Health, Imperial Innovations, University of Coimbra's Technology Transfer Office and Oxford Sciences Innovation.

EIT Health CARE Campus hosts event on 'Reimagining Care in North West London'

As part of the EIT Health CARE Campus Project, this event at Charing Cross Hospital launched a new collaborative network, bringing together key stakeholders – from public, private, voluntary and university sectors – all working towards better care for the elderly.

Irish Partners turn out in big numbers at PMO visit in Dublin
A long discussion on partnerships and their roles in EIT Health was followed by a live demo of the Plaza tool. Partners met with the PMO team to learn the ins and outs of EIT Health.

RARE Cancer Project

By building on the EIT Health community, utilising technology and the power of medical and social communities, the **Rare Cancer Project** – led by EIT Health UK-Ireland core partner **University of Oxford** – creates platforms and services for patients with rare cancers, and connects them to specialist care for their disease around Europe and the globe. The project is highly beneficial for clinical and research centres managing rare cancer cases, but also directly benefits patients, families, medical professional communities and industries as tailor-made solutions are provided to fulfil current unmet needs.

2017 EIT Health UK-Ireland DPhil/PhD Transition Fellowship

In 2016, EIT Health partners Imperial College London and Oxford University piloted an exciting new competitive funding scheme focused on addressing barriers to innovation in the context of academic and research institutions. These barriers include the lack of transferable entrepreneurship training, lack of real world commercial experience for doctoral level candidates and, importantly, funding to enable transition of ideas and innovative discoveries into commercially linked programs and ultimately new products and services. Now in its second year, the programme will be extended to even more universities in the coming years.

UK-Ireland supports Landscape Analysis of the Rising Need for Elder Care in Europe

Prepared by the Global Coalition on Aging in collaboration with the Caregiving and Ageing Reimagined for Europe (CARE) initiative, this report underscores that the demand for elder caregiving far exceeds the supply of caregivers, and that this is a growing concern. The report compares care paradigms across Europe, and provides guidance on new initiatives.

Neuro-Wear Innovation Project announces production of wearable neural stimulators

Called AxonScan, the device is a highly versatile multi-purpose neural stimulation and recording device. The next steps in the Neuro-Wear project are to complete electrical safety testing of the AxonScan device and to begin patient testing on patients with movement disorder.

22 September
21 September

Partner meeting (Innovation Focus)



17 August



18-19 July



The UK-Ireland CLC becomes independent
January

October
CLC hires Innovation Manager



Two UK-Ireland based organisations upgraded to EIT Health Core Partner status for 2018

September

Gary Ford becomes the new Strategic Lead for Innovation

August

CLC hires Comms & Public Affairs Lead and Business Creation Project Manager

July

Graham Armitage takes over as Strategic Lead for Education - Helen Ward appointed Academic Supervisory Board representative

The CLC visits the University of Oxford
10 January



6 March

British Partners gather in Newcastle for second PMO visit to UK-Ireland region

10 March

15 March

Care Campus Meeting in Oxford. Visit from EIT Health Knowledge Integration Assessors - UK-I praised for exemplary KT



29 June Partner meeting (Education Focus)

13 July Five UK-Ireland start-ups selected for European Health Catapult Semi-Finals



UK-Ireland Health Innovation Day draws more than 100 delegates

On 19 July, over one hundred UK-Ireland partner representatives, entrepreneurs, investors, academics and members of the general public came together at Oxford University's Said Business School to take part in EIT Health UK-Ireland Health Innovation Day 2017.

Seven entrepreneurs win UK-Ireland Head Start /Proof-of-Concept Awards



ISAX joins as new associate partner

April

UK-Ireland partners included in more than a third of BP2018 proposals

June

Nathalie Virag joins UK-Ireland Board of Directors and is appointed as non-academic Supervisory Board representative



CARE Campus Project

CARE Campus, an EIT Health consortium of academic institutions and industry partners aiming at developing a new e-based training programme to provide quality education for carers, supporting the needs of elderly citizens across Europe. The project was set up in response to a dramatically ageing Europe and one clear consequence: the gap between the available supply of elderly caregiving support and the exploding need. With the current rates, by 2060, there will be one caregiver for 51 persons of 80 years old or more. Rising to the challenge, CARE Campus is building a community across Europe to equip care givers – family, friends and professionals – with knowledge and skill to provide the best possible care to meet the needs which matter most to older people.

Start-up Training

As a CLC, we offer a wide range of training tools and opportunities for entrepreneurs and SMEs involved in our programmes. This includes, but is not limited to, business and market fit training with venture capitalists, as well as bespoke pitching and public speaking training with professional coaches.

Get in touch with us to register your interest for one of the 2018 Accelerator Programmes.

