



The research commercialisation office of the University of Oxford, previously called **Isis Innovation**, has been renamed **Oxford University Innovation**

All documents and other materials will be updated accordingly. In the meantime the remaining content of this Isis Innovation document is still valid.

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# A tradition of innovation

The Oxford Innovation Society is a leading forum for open innovation, bringing together researchers and inventors from the University of Oxford, Oxford spin-outs, technology transfer professionals, local companies, venture capital groups and some of the world's most innovative multinationals.

Established by Isis Innovation – the University's technology transfer company – in 1990, the Society allows companies to have a 'window' on Oxford science and fosters links between the business and the academic communities. One hundred and seventy five organisations have benefited from membership of the Oxford Innovation Society during this time. The Society held its first meeting and dinner at Trinity College on 7 June 1990, and has held over seventy events to date.

Oxford is one of Europe's most innovative and entrepreneurial universities, boasting 47 Nobel Laureates and 3 Fields medallists. Drawing on an 800-year tradition of discovery and invention, modern Oxford leads the way in creating jobs, wealth, and skills for the 21st Century.

Over the past two decades, Isis has become a focal point for commercial activity at Oxford. Isis has played an essential role in the formation of over 60 University spin-out companies, and has negotiated over 800 commercial agreements, including more than 350 technology licences and options.

The Oxford Innovation Society is Oxford's network for open innovation and is run by Isis for the benefit of its members.



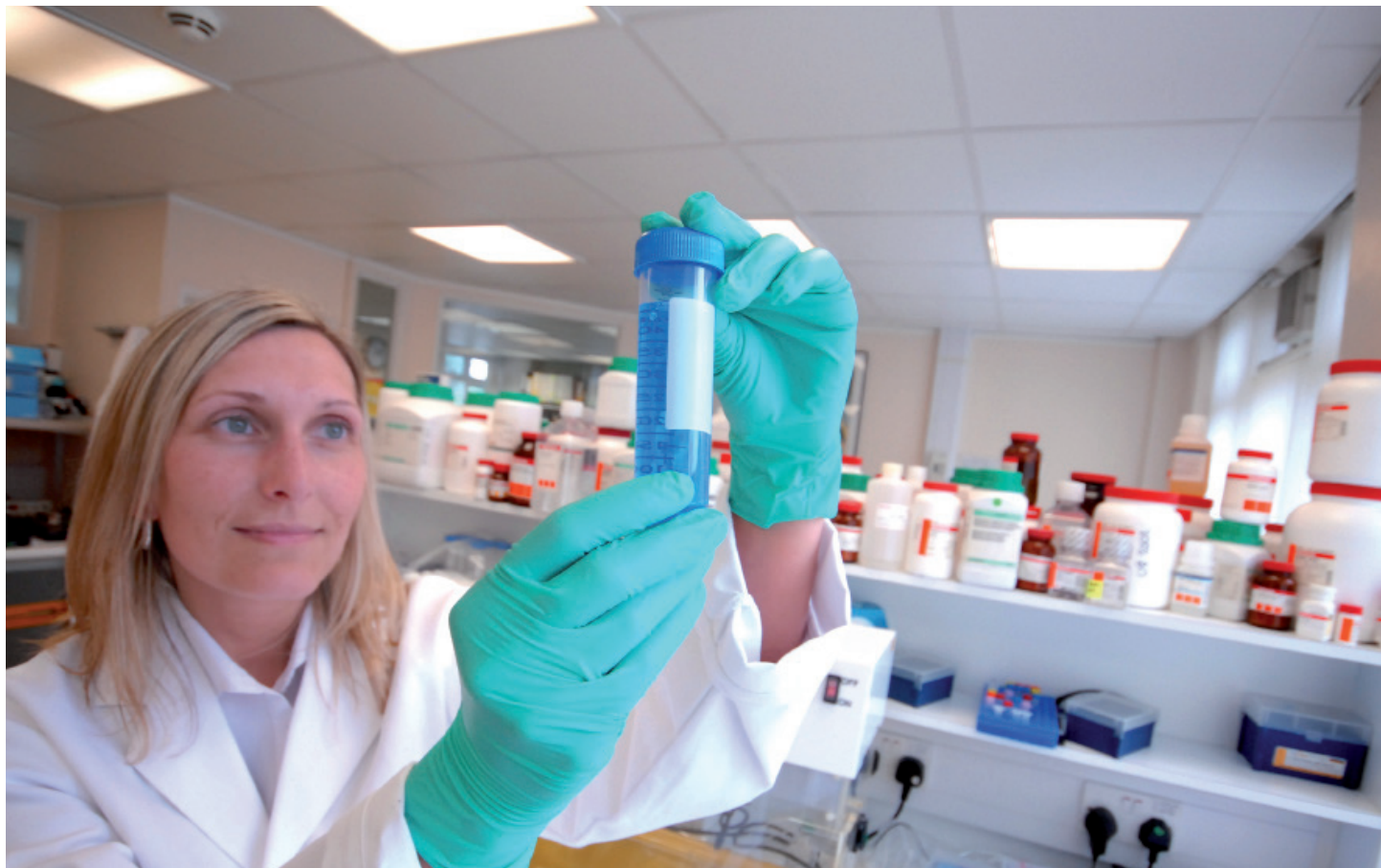


# A window of opportunity

Industry is increasingly realising the value of open innovation, actively seeking technologies and innovations from outside their own organisations to create competitive advantage for their businesses.

The most progressive players continually extend their networks, track external research and development, and actively fund, license and acquire new technologies from universities. The Oxford Innovation Society provides an excellent platform for these activities.

Isis works with members of the Society to provide tailored programmes or seminar days and to make introductions to the right people to help them to do business efficiently. These events can take a variety of forms, including technology showcases, planning strategy days, or programmes devised to address a particular technical or business challenge.







# Best & brightest

The University of Oxford is justifiably renowned for spinning out highly successful technology companies. One of these companies, Oxford Instruments, was a founding member of the Society and has remained a member throughout. Others provide examples of the extraordinary success and richness of Oxford's innovation ecosystem; the Society is at the heart of this ecosystem.

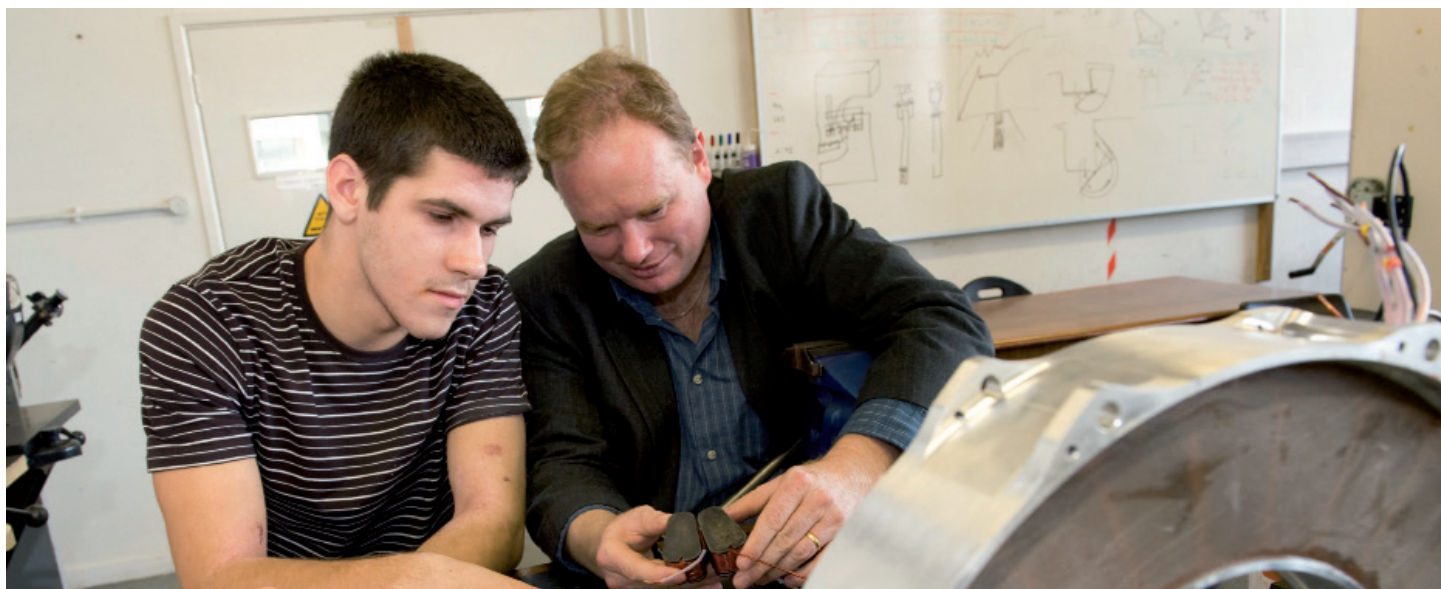
In 1959, Oxford Instruments was spun out by Sir Martin and Audrey Wood to design and manufacture superconducting magnets. Oxford Instruments is still based in Oxford and provides high technology tools and systems for industrial and research markets.

Oxford Assymetry was set up to commercialise the chemistry expertise of Professor Steve Davies. It floated on the London Stock Exchange in 1998 and was acquired by Evotec in 2001 for £316m.

Powderject, spun out to develop needle free injector technology from the Department of Engineering was sold to Chiron Corp (now part of Novartis) for £550m in 2003. It was founded by Professor Brian Bellhouse, Elspeth Bellhouse and Paul Drayson.

Oxford Catalysts was spun out by Isis in 2005, and listed on the AIM stock exchange four months later with a market capitalisation of £65m. The company designs and develops speciality catalysts for the generation of clean fuels from both conventional fossil fuels and renewable sources.

Oxford Yasa Motors was spun out in 2009 to take lightweight electric motors developed at the University of Oxford's Department of Engineering Science to market. The company aims to make a mass-market motor which will reduce fuel consumption and also help us move away from fossil-based fuels to alternative energies.



Above: Dr McCulloch explains the design of the Oxford Yasa Motor electric motor to a student. Right: Roy Lipski, CEO of Oxford Catalysts Group



# Benefits of membership

Oxford Innovation Society members receive the following membership benefits:

- Unparalleled networking opportunities at formal Oxford Innovation Society dinners. The dinners are held three times each year, and are hosted at one of Oxford's Colleges.
- 30 days' advance notification of all patent applications marketed by Isis.
- Customised research presentations and bespoke seminars for technology roadmapping and strategic planning.
- Opportunities to contribute articles to Isis newsletters and present at Isis and University seminars.
- Introductions to the researchers behind Isis' intellectual property portfolios.









# Networking

The Oxford Innovation Society offers its members a unique opportunity to be part of a very specialist network where they can cultivate strong working relationships with key people from both industry and Oxford and benefit from the support of essential service providers. The thrice annual OIS meetings and dinners are a great starting point for guests to renew old acquaintances and build new ones that can lead to long term business partnerships.

## Meeting

The event starts with a tea and coffee reception, which is ideal for initial introductions, followed by two lectures. The first is given by a leading Oxford scientist describing current research, designed to appeal to all those in the audience. The evening's sponsor gives the second talk on a business subject of their

choosing, and an open question and answer forum follows. Typically 140 people attend the meetings, including members of the OIS, guests and both Oxford University and Isis staff.

## Dinner

The evening continues at one of the Oxford Colleges for a champagne reception and a four-course dinner in Hall. Isis takes particular care in arranging the seating plan for the dinner, to ensure that OIS members, researchers, guests and Isis staff are all seated with people they will find interesting and useful contacts. The format lends itself well to encouraging networking, so that you can make the most of your OIS experience. For those that wish to continue discussions following the dinner, the College bar remains open later into the evening.



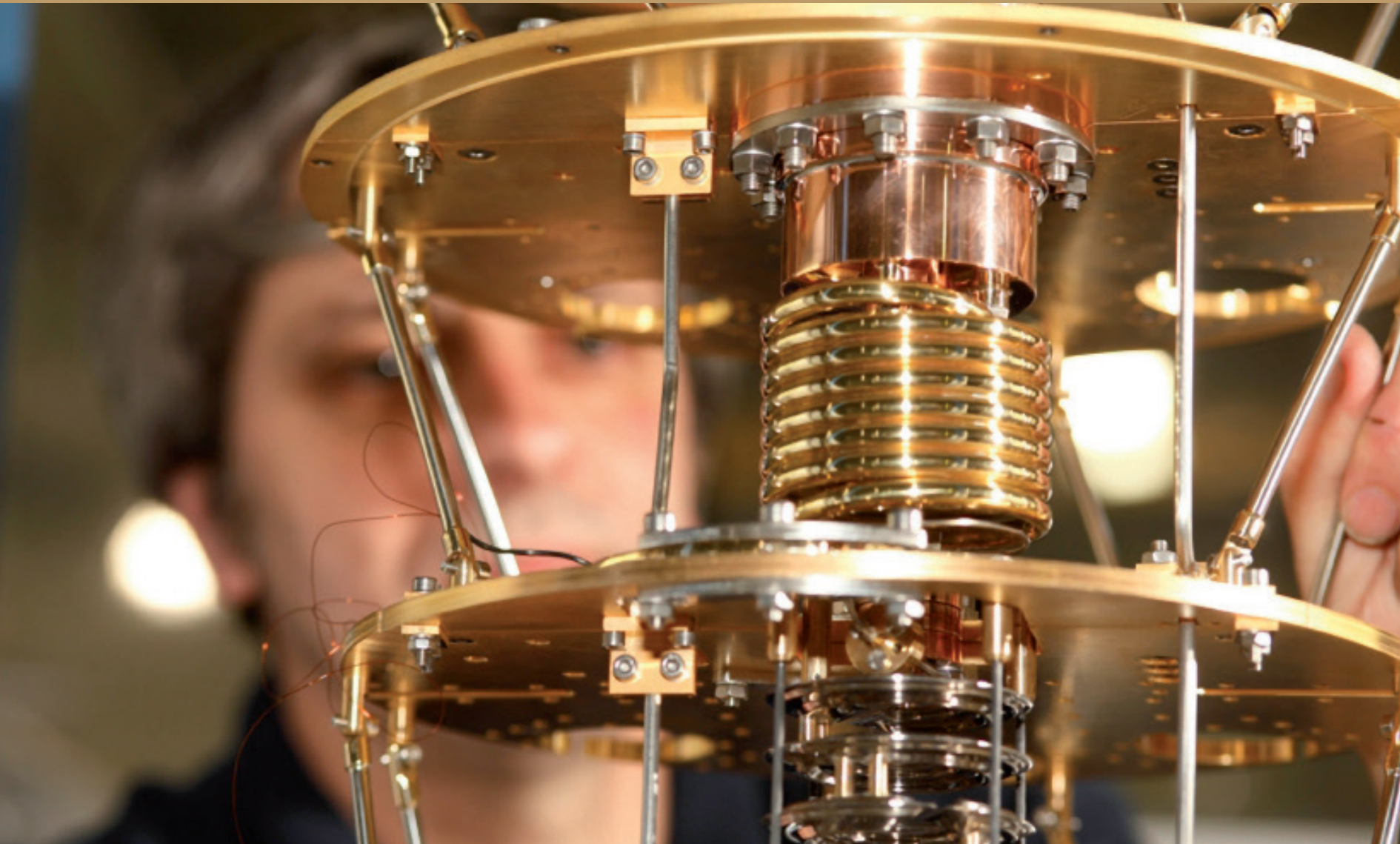
Oxford Innovation Society dinners are all about networking: meeting people through other people.



The best outcomes are when you meet people who will help your business, who are working on similar challenges, or who will open doors for you in the future. Planned introductions and serendipitous meetings can both take place over tea and coffee, dinner or a chat in the College bar.



# Making contacts



Oxford Instruments world renowned cryogenic systems are made in Oxfordshire. The image shows a section of a dilution refrigerator, used for fundamental physics research in applications such as quantum computing.

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# It's not just what you know...

Oxford Innovation Society members: past and present

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Consensus Business Group

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# Membership & sponsorship

Drawing upon a rich resource of great minds and expertise, the Oxford Innovation Society is a unique network. It encourages the formation of long-term partnerships and alliances with the common goal of helping to advance University research outputs for the health and wealth of society.

For further information about the Society, or to discuss membership or sponsoring an event, please contact [technology@isis.ox.ac.uk](mailto:technology@isis.ox.ac.uk) or call Isis on +44 (0)1865 280830.

Sponsoring an Oxford Innovation Society event is an ideal way to raise the profile of your organisation in the Oxford community, and amongst the many innovation-intensive companies who attend.

## Benefits for sponsors include:

- Exhibition space during tea/coffee reception.
- Distribution of corporate literature and/or gifts to guests, assisted by Isis staff.
- Corporate name and logos on all invitations, programmes and dinner menus.
- Exposure of your company to the OIS members, researchers and guests through a 30-minute talk at the meeting.
- Ten invitations for your guests to attend the meeting and dinner.
- Support from Isis staff to maximise your networking benefits
- An article profiling the company and its OIS talk in the following edition of Isis insights.



# Oxford Innovation Society membership form

Membership of the Society begins on the first of the month in which Isis Innovation receives a completed form. Membership will need to be renewed annually. An invoice will be sent shortly to the appropriate company representative for your first year membership fees.

Company name

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Invoice recipient and address

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Please give details of two people who will each receive:

- An invitation to every Oxford Innovation Society meeting (3 each year comprising of lecture and dinner). Invitations may be passed to colleagues as appropriate. Due to logistical reasons, we are usually unable to invite more than two representatives of a member company to any meeting. However, applications for additional tickets for guests will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Regular Isis Innovation publications, including quarterly issues of Isis insights.
- Any one-off correspondence, such as changes to the rules of membership, requests for replacement contacts and further information for our records.

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Signature

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Privacy: Isis will respect the privacy of the information provided on this form. It will be stored and used only by Isis for marketing and other reasonable purposes of the Oxford Innovation Society. You consent to such use for so long as you remain a member of the Oxford Innovation Society, by signing this form.

Confidentiality: Please keep confidential all information received by virtue of your membership. Failure to do so may financially or otherwise harm the University, its academics or Isis. This restriction does not apply to information that lawfully enters or exists in the public domain without your fault.

Please give details of up to four people who may receive:

- A summary of Isis technologies 30 days before details are released to non-members. Summaries fall into the following categories. Please indicate which you wish to receive:
  - Life science: Pharmaceuticals (LP), Diagnostics (LD), Medical Engineering/Surgery (LM), Agriculture (LA), Environment (LE)
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- The technology summaries by email
- Quarterly issues of Isis insights.

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