There are several new and exciting developments in the Office of Technology Transfer & Business Development. Two new companies have been launched in the past two months based on research conducted at OHSU. One company will be developing a class of compounds for methamphetamine cessation, addressing a huge public health need. The second company will be developing a drug candidate that is entering clinical trials for the treatment of X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD).

Additionally Tim Stout, the Vice President of TTBD, has recently left OHSU and accepted a position at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. In his new position, he will be serving as the Chair of Ophthalmology. Stout said it was a tough decision and “a tough time to leave OHSU.” Though he will be missed at TTBD, we wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors. Read the full article on Tim Stout’s departure in the Portland Business Journal here.

ReelDX advances medical education bringing video learning to health professionals

ReelDX, a recent OHSU startup company, launched a series of video cases covering over 250 topics to help educate current and future medical professionals. These videos offer a concentrated experience, helping professionals hone their diagnostic and patient care abilities. Read the Business Wire article here and the KATU News article here.

Business Development Research Consortia

As part of its efforts to catalyze interaction among researchers working on biomedical problems and identify emerging research and clinical areas, the Business Development group worked in partnership with OHSU faculty to develop four interdisciplinary research consortia. These groups are focused on the areas of Diabetes & Obesity (Diabetes Research Consortium), Aging (Healthy Aging Alliance), Pain (Pain Awareness and Investigation Network) and Rare Diseases (Rare Disorders Research Consortium). The broader goals of the consortia are to bring together basic and clinical researchers to share expertise, promote awareness of current challenges, bridge gaps between basic and clinical research and capitalize on the shared expertise to increase federal and industry partnerships and receive funding.

Second Annual Startup Symposium

TTBD held its Second Annual OHSU Startup Symposium “Building Bridges: Biotech Investing and the Investment Community” on October 10th, 2013 in the Auditorium and Vey Conference Center. It was an incredible success with over 100 attendees that included OHSU entrepreneurs, faculty and students, a broad range of organizations and community business experts. Panel discussion sessions were led by business professionals exploring ways to build, fund and find company partners for startups. Featured keynote speakers included David LaVance, Chairman of the Board of Hologic, Inc., and Craig Muir of Third Rock Ventures. OHSU innovators interested in starting their own company are encouraged to contact TTBD early to discuss developing and commercializing intellectual property through a startup company.

News Release: OHSU, Portland State University, and Portland Development Commission partner on grants to startups

Six local startup companies have received grants of up to $30,000 through a pilot program to promote technology commercialization. The grants are sponsored by the Portland Development Commission in partnership with OHSU and PSU. Read the full press release here.
NEW STAFF MEMBERS AND PROMOTIONS

**Daphne Emerson, MPA, Business Startup Coordinator**
Daphne received her Master’s of Public Administration in Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy from New York University. Over the last two years, Daphne worked as a senior program manager for the Office of Mayor Michael Bloomberg in New York City’s Department of Small Business Services. Daphne currently manages the day-to-day operations of company formation and related activities for OHSU startups.

**Yolanda Frost, MS, Finance Administrator**
Yolanda received her Master’s of Science degree in Multinational Commerce from Boston University and her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and French studies from Portland State University. She spent 5 years as a Financial advisor for the Student Accounting Services department at Boston University and was later promoted to Assistant Director. Yolanda was the Accounting Specialist in TTBD for over a year. She was recently promoted to Finance Administrator and oversees all finance and accounting for the department.

**Trina Voss, Technology Development Manager**
Trina received her Bachelor of Science degrees in Zoology and Biology, with minors in German Language and Computer Information systems from Humboldt State University. Prior to joining OHSU, Trina was at the USC Stevens Institute for Innovation at the University of Southern California as a licensing specialist. Trina has been an Agreements Officer in TTBD for the past 3 years. She was recently promoted to a Technology Development Manager.