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Entrepreneurial physicist to help steer SA's largest technology transfer company



Pat Kelly, an experienced inventor, researcher and lecturer from Galway, Ireland has been appointed Deputy Director of Adelaide Research & Innovation Pty Ltd, the commercial development company of the University of Adelaide.

Dr Kelly is a physicist with over 20 years of experience in research, development and commercialisation.

Pat graduated from the University of Dublin (Trinity College) with a B.A. (Mod.) in Experimental Physics and a Ph.D. in Surface Physics using Nonlinear Optical Techniques.

He has directed research in the area of photonics and authored more than 10 patents and 60 publications.

He was a co-founder of two spin-out companies, Optical Metrology Innovations Ltd. (OMI), and Nanocomms Ltd. (now Biosensia Ltd.).

During his time with OMI, Pat's skills were applied to the roles of Chief Technology Officer, Chief Scientist, sales and marketing executive and Director of the company.

He was responsible for the introduction of new technology from the universities, new product development and new applications development.

He is also experienced in the financial aspects of business planning and company formation for start ups, and has an in depth understanding of the management of technical relationships with multinational companies worldwide.

Pat has spent the last 4 years working with the NUI Galway Technology Transfer Office as a Commercialisation Executive specialising in Physical Sciences, Photonics, Electronic and Electrical Engineering, and some Mechanical Engineering projects.

Pat says he "has a passion for knowledge transfer and plans to use his experience both on and off 'the bench' to deliver successful commercial results in Adelaide".

Managing Director, Robert Chalmers is pleased to welcome him to the company. "Pat is joining the organisation at a time of great opportunity, where revenues have doubled since 2006 and industry engagement at the University is strong".

"His extensive commercialisation skills and commitment to nurturing an entrepreneurial culture will be a great fit for our team of commercial, legal, finance and marketing experts.

Dr Kelly and his family have recently relocated to Australia and he will formally commence his new role on the 12th of September 2011.

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