

GRD | NETWORK

*The network to make Belgium a better
place for public and private R&D*

2018 WORKSHOPS PROGRAMME

Wednesday January 10th

Being an architect of the energy transition

Vincent Jamblin, Tractebel

- *Welcome and Introduction: Addressing the challenges of a fast moving energy landscape*, G. Huart, Chief Officer Energy Transition & Innovation
- *Innovative solutions in response to the needs of cities*, C. Chardonnet, Product Manager Energy Strategy for Cities & Territories & B. Vandenboom, Product Director Sustainable Cities & Transport
- *Energy communities potential within the energy transition*, V. Giordano, Product Manager Smart Energy Systems
- *Digital in every aspect of the energy transition*, F.-X. Bouchez, Product Manager Digital Energy Solutions
- *Innovation process to catalyse the emergence and development of next generation energy transition solutions*, V. Jamblin, Innovation Manager

Wednesday February 7th

The Biopark as a unique innovation ecosystem

Patrick Di Stefano, ULB

- *Welcome word*, P. Di Stefano, Industrial Relations Manager, ULB Technology Transfer Office
- *Biopark Charleroi Brussels South: the whole innovation chain in a unique ecosystem*, D. Demonté, Director Biopark
- *Make it happen: i-Tech Incubator*, F. Bosco, CEO i-Tech Incubator
- *Company testimonies*, T. Liénard, CEO Bone Therapeutics, H. Bultot, CEO UniverCells and CEO MaSTherCell

Wednesday March 14th*Managing people, funding and organisation for innovation***Olivier Carlens, CMI**

- *An overview of Innovation at CMI*, J. Jouet, Group CTO
- *CMI Intrapreneurship and Entrepreneurship Program*, O. Carlens, Deputy Group CTO
- *Managing Technical Expertise and Technical Talents*, K. Wanaka, Talent Development
- *Collaborative R&D with the Walloon and European Ecosystem*, B. Germy, Group External Funding Manager

Wednesday April 18th*Turning sustainability into a competitive edge***Sybolt Brouwer, Umicore**

- *Capturing innovation opportunities for Umicore*
- *Putting open innovation to work*
- *A concrete business example*

This GRD meeting will be followed by a BIR&D workshop

Wednesday May 9th*R&D beyond glass***Marc Foguette, AGC**

- *AGC, current activities and next challenges*, M. Foguette, Chief Technology Officer
- *Coating on demand: customization within a mass production industry*, B. Lecomte, Head of Department
- *Ion implantation technology: building a cross functional network, to take the best profit of a technology step*, L. Ventelon, R&D Manager

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Wednesday June 13th*Innovation at Alstom : towards digital and green railways***Michel Rousseau, Alstom**

- *Brief overview of Alstom activities in Belgium and its main R&D related aspects:* J-M. Nizet, Site MD Charleroi & Europe Signaling VP/ Marcel Miller, MD Alstom Benelux
- *The 2020 Vision: From Railway Transportation...to Digital Mobility:* P. Meunier, Signaling Development Center Director/ Pierre Bruynseels , Traction Operations Director
- *Collaborative development and Rail eco-system deployment:* M. Rousseau, Collaborative Innovation Manager
- *Train Operation automation in the context of interoperability:* B. Bienfait, ATO Program Manager
- *Energy efficiency Improvement in power converters for all Railway applications:* J. Bou-saada, Innovation Manager & Master Expert Traction

Wednesday September 12th*From creative ideation to effective industrialization***Nicolas Bronchart, IBA**

- *Research & Development: the DNA of IBA,* N. Bronchart, Exec VP R&D
- *Innovation @IBA: the Innovation Lab,* L. Collignon, Innovation lab Project Manager
- *OpenPATH: a Different Way to Accelerate Research,* D. Prieels, R&D Director, Advanced Technology Group
- *From ImagiX to AdaptInsight: History of a Successful Research Partnership ,* J. Orban, R&D Manager, AdaptInsight
- *Define & Deliver: the Product Management Framework,* A. Debatty, Proteus Program Manager

Wednesday October 10th*How to become innovative in a slow moving industry?***Johan Deburchgrave, Etex**

- *Introduction to Etex Group and its history,* J. Deburchgrave, Head of R&D, Innovation and IP
- *Etex moving towards business oriented R&D,* M. Schmitt, R&D Project Management Officer
- *Innovation within the building industry: how to set up the idea generation engine?,* J. Goossens, Creative Marketing Manager Etex Façade and L. Plancke, R&D Market Development Project Manager
- *Sustainability & circular economy: challenges for the building industry,* L. Van der Heyden, Head of Binders & Fillers Development

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Wednesday November 14th
Getting ready for the future of aeronautics
Vincent Duprez, Safran Aero Boosters

- *The future of aeronautics*, M. Monfort, head of programs
- *Innovation at Safran Aero Boosters*, V. Duprez, innovation director
- *On our way towards the factory of the future*, J-M. Delaunoy, responsible for industrial strategies

Wednesday December 12th
Promoting innovation in construction
Patrik Peynsaert, BESIX Group

- *Introduction BESIX Group*
- *The challenges of implementing an innovation program in a construction company*, T. Vandenberg, Chairman of the Innovation Board
- *Presentation of an innovation project*, P. Peynsaert, Innovation Coordinator
- *Collaboration and synergy as the key to disruptive progress*, P. Bertels, Senior Manager Creativity and Digital Enabling

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