



Welcome to Face2Face

Welcome to our first Face2Face newsletter of 2011.

January might have felt like the longest month of the year but thank goodness it was!!! We needed every minute!

The hibernation period really is over and our company enquiries are coming in quick and fast. Word is obviously spreading far and wide and all sectors are becoming more and more aware of the number of different ways in which they can engage with academia.

In particular, Fiona in the team has been extremely busy over the past few months focusing on the food and drink sector and we are delighted to announce our involvement in the successful Campden BRI led consortium supporting food and health innovation across Scotland. This £4.4m, five-year Scottish Enterprise funded project will help Scottish food and drink companies tap into a growing market for food and health related products worth £20bn in the UK and over £300bn globally. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Still on the area of food and drink, the [Sustainable Food & Drink](#) programme, which is run out of Glasgow Caledonian University's Caledonian Environment Centre, has come up with a range of new online tools to help Scotland's food and drink sector reduce waste and save money!

Moving nicely onto our online activities.....following the success our first webinar in November 2010, the date has been set for a second Interface webcast event. [Design the Future](#) will take place on 16th March and will highlight the range of services and funding available within Scotland's HEIs to help businesses access the latest expertise in product design and development. Registration is totally free so hope to see you there (virtually or in person!).

Kind Regards

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[Design the Future Webinar](#)
16 March 2011
[TTOM Innovation Partnering Event](#)
18 March 2011

Funding Opportunities
[Scottish Funding Council Innovation Voucher Scheme](#)
- up to £5K feasibility funding
[Sporting Chance Initiative Funding](#)
- up to £5K funding
[Scottish Crucibles](#)

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2011 – call for applications

Spotlight on Toshiba Medical Visualization Systems Europe and Begg Scotland

Colour innovation and design expertise help weaving company

Begg Scotland weaves and finishes luxury accessories such as scarves, stoles and throws - made from the noblest fibres, cashmere, silk, angora and the finest wools.



Wanting to explore new innovations in colour and design they worked with Interface-The knowledge connection for business who facilitated introductions to The Scottish Academy of Fashion.

Through this project the company and academic group will develop from existing sample prototypes, a collection of 6 woven scarves and 6 print designs to paper/digital image stage, which are contemporary in design and quality, and targeted at the luxury fashion market. [Read more...](#)

Find out what the teams been up to with our weekly [blog updates](#)



Developing an image for success

Toshiba Medical Visualization Systems Europe, Ltd (TMVS) in Edinburgh is a key part of Toshiba Medical Systems Corporation's global R&D network and is responsible for design and development of cutting edge products and technology for use in medical imaging equipment.

Interface facilitated a collaboration with SINAPSE, the Scottish imaging network, and Toshiba to develop a successful Staff Exchange Programme between the University of Edinburgh and the University of Aberdeen. The programme involves employees from the company spending time in the clinical environment and SINAPSE researchers and students spending time embedded in an industrial environment. Click [here](#) to read our case study.

Recognising the benefits received from working with Scotland's world class academic network, the company has also recently announced its decision to launch a major new R&D programme in healthcare imaging informatics at its Edinburgh facility. Click [here](#) to read the recent press announcement.