



## UH Institute for NanoEnergy Media Release:



INE meets with investors at 'University Startups Conference 2009' in Washington, DC

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Professor Seamus Curran, Director, and James Glennie, Business Development Director, of INE were present earlier this week at the 'University Startups Conference 2009' which took place in Washington DC.

The Conference is organized annually by the National Council of Entrepreneurial Tech Transfer ([NCET2.org](http://NCET2.org)). This year's University co-hosts were the University of Texas System and the University of Maryland. The Government Co-Hosts were the National Science Foundation (Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnership) and National Institutes of Health (Office of Tech Transfer). The British Embassy was the embassy host.

The University Startups Conference is a unique conference series dedicated exclusively to creating and funding globally-competitive, venture-backable university startups. This event brings together universities creating startups with VCs, angel investors and Fortune 500 technology scouts funding them. The conference also includes NSF, NIH, NIST and other government agencies working on improving the Innovation Economy by increasing the quality and quantity of startups coming out of universities.

Professor Curran noted;

*"There was an excellent opportunity at this conference to meet with many different technology specialists from a range of universities both in this country and from overseas. I have formed some invaluable contacts and also learned an enormous amount about R&D developments in some of the areas in which INE is most active."*

Commenting on the business development opportunities present James added;

*"This occasion also presented us with a wonderful opportunity to see how best INE can ensure that we remain focused on the best ways to move our technology from the lab to the commercial arena. Over the last couple of days we have met with and discussed this issue, with numerous VCs, corporate entrepreneurs and government officials. "*

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*The Institute for NanoEnergy was established at the University of Houston in 2009 in order to develop breakthrough technologies in energy storage and generation (solar and wind) by developing organic based nano-phonic, nano-phononic and nanomechanical composites that are manufactured by means of sophisticated material control mechanisms.*

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