

**APPENDIX**

Finnish Science Park Association TEKEL and Technopolis Plc

Background Information for IASP World Conference

International Association of Science Parks

IASP has 302 members in 63 countries. Their mission is to be the global network for Science & Technology Parks and innovated-based business incubators, and to drive growth, internationalization and effectiveness for its members. Addition to World-wide permanent and personal network IASP provides updated regular information, training, information brokerage and management, technology transfer brokerage, documentation and data bases.

Finnish Science Park Association TEKEL is a nationwide cooperation network connecting 23 science parks and technology centres in Finland's university cities. Established in 1988, TEKEL coordinates and implements cooperation among science parks, and acts as a mediator between policymakers and science parks.

Members of the TEKEL Group help hi-tech enterprises start up in business, grow and internationalize. The TEKEL science parks accommodate 1 700 enterprises and other organizations – bringing together 32 000 experts working on different technology fields such as ICT, healthcare and medical technology, biotechnology, environmental and food technology, materials research and digital media.

Technopolis Plc is one of the biggest technology center operators in Europe and the leading Finnish company specializing in the provision of operating environments for high tech companies, measured by the number of customer companies. Some 9,000 people employed by about 700 companies are currently working in the Technopolis technology centers. The Technopolis concept includes modern facilities, comprehensive business services, and a wide selection of corporate development services and programs, as well as consultation. Technopolis Plc is a member of the TEKEL Group.

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