



EPFL and PSE – Inspiration for Romanian dignitaries

More than 30 Romanian dignitaries visited on April 1 two laboratories of the Swiss Federal Institute of Lausanne (EPFL) and the Scientific Park of Ecublens (PSE). The visit was organised by Ms. Irina Condrea, physicist at the Plasma Physics Research Centre (CRPP) at EPFL, founder of SEEED (Swiss–East European Entrepreneurship Development) and M. Florin Ciolacu, secretary of the Romanian Permanent Mission at UN. The aim of the visit was to initiate a Swiss-Romanian link in the entrepreneurship field and present the Swiss model for technology transfer and incubator of spin-offs created by the scientists and engineers from EPFL and University of Lausanne.



In the program, the visit of the signal processing laboratory offered by Prof. Daniel Mlynek and the robotics laboratory guided by Adriana Tapus and Samir Bouabdallah were proposed. A series of talks about the start-up support platform implemented on the site EPFL-PSE followed at PSE: technology transfer at EPFL (Dr. André Catana- SRI, EPFL), the Scientific Park (Dr. Jacques Laurent – PSE director), entrepreneurship courses (M. Rémi Walbaum- CEO of CREATE) and the federal program CTI (Dr. Vincent Moser - CTI-startup). Prof. Constantin Rănea, director of the Innovation and Technology Transfer Department, Ministry of Education and Research (MER) and Prof. Florentina Ionescu, counsellor of the National Agency of Small and Medium Enterprises (NASMEs) presented the situation of the education and research and a survey of the small and medium enterprises in Romania. Dr. Irina Condrea presented SEEED's projects.

The visit was very appreciated by the

Romanian delegation interested to implement similar programs in Romania. With the same purpose, SEEED aims to facilitate the know-how transfer between Switzerland and East Europe by offering entrepreneurship courses in East European countries with in part Swiss speakers, exchange workshops between Swiss and East European entrepreneurs, engineers and scientists, Forums on the market opportunities, technology transfer and investments in East Europe and a solid network between regions. Very appreciated by the Romanian delegation, SEEED's pilot project will start this year in Romania.

The participants to this visit were: M. Bogdan Dumitrache, general secretary, Ms. Anca Popescu, director, Acad. Alexandru Bogdan, counsellor of the minister and other representatives of NASMEs, Prof. Constantin Rănea, Ms. Camelia Marinescu, counsellor, and other representatives of MER, M. Gheorghe Naghiu, president and M. Daniel Mihailescu, vice-president of Romanian Employers Organisation, M. Florin Ciolacu, secretary of the Romanian Permanent Mission at UN, M. Cristian Angelescu, counsellor for economical affairs and Ms. Elena Angelescu, attaché of the Romanian Embassy in Bern, representatives of the Commercial Bank, the National Office of Inventions and Trademarks, several directors of technical institutes, entrepreneurs and inventors participating to the Inventions Exhibition in Geneva. Entrepreneurs and CEOs of start-ups came to exchange with the Romanian delegation: M. Daniel Mlynek - LS2, M. Enga Luye - Belair, Ms. Nathalie Cobut - TechPowder, M. Philippe Rathle - APR et M. Henri Aubry, coach - Career Group Management SA.

Dr. Irina Condrea, Founder of SEEED

