



## Press Release

Association of European Science & Technology Transfer Professionals (ASTP), Association of Technology Managers in Taiwan (ATMT), Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM), Knowledge Commercialisation Australasia (KCA) & UNICO announce that we have entered into an understanding to launch a global project on professional development in knowledge and technology transfer.

Representing professionals in academic technology transfer from around the world, the associations have watched with keen interest the development of proposals aimed at certifying academic technology transfer practitioners or providing accredited training for our profession.

Over the next nine months, we will be sharing perspectives and practices in constructing broadly workable frameworks for professional development in technology and knowledge transfer. The associations will examine the evolving needs of their members in professional development training and how global collaboration can enhance the technology and knowledge transfer. Given the rising interest in accreditations and certifications, we feel it is appropriate to explore the demand, scope and the desirability of these approaches within the career arcs, skills and training required by our members.

On behalf of our members, we will examine as well how the schemes being developed already meet our members' needs or could be enhanced to do so.

ASTP, ATMT, AUTM, KCA and UNICO will be seeking member input throughout the coming months and look forward to reporting out the results of this effort during 2009.