

Press release

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COBIS voted best new Science-Based Incubator in the World

Copenhagen Science Park (COBIS) has just been voted the "BEST NEW SCIENCE BASED Incubator 2011", at an international conference in Auckland, New Zealand.

Incubators from around the world participated in the competition for the prestigious award, which includes measurement of how many new businesses and jobs are being created compared to what is being invested in the incubator.



It is the 10th time the Prize is awarded and previous winners have included science parks and incubators from China, U.S. and England.

"This award represents the international arenas recognition of what we do work, and we are extremely proud of this. It also underlines that our concept works: We link innovative, flexible frames in the science park with unique research ideas from universities and industry and bring commercial knowledge, competence and venture capital to the table. The research potential of Medicon Valley is huge and it gives COBIS a unique opportunity to help transform research into new knowledge, new companies and sustainable growth," says COBIS' CEO Morten Mølgaard Jensen.

The analysis of the incubators is based on benchmarking of business and management performance of the science parks with no less than 22 quantitative indicators capturing different aspects of performance, good practice examples, and opinion of international jury. The analysis is performed by the Centre for Strategy and Evaluation Services from London (CSES), formed by former members of Ernst & Young Economics Group.

The results are evaluated by an international jury of high-profile scientists and experts including individuals such as Dinah Adkins (President Emerita of NBIA, the American incubator Association) and members from China, England, India and Sweden.

"The close interaction COBIS has developed over the last 2 years with universities, venture investors and business have paid off," says Morten Mølgaard Jensen.

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FACTS:

Copenhagen Bio Science Park (COBIS) is a private research park located on Tagensvej in Copenhagen.

A science park operates in the borderfield between business and universities. A place where projects and ideas grow and develop into viable businesses. Behind COBIS stands the Danish science parks Symbion and Scion DTU.

Businesses in COBIS are characterized by being research and knowledge intensive, innovative and on the cutting edge of new development in the life science field.

Virksomhederne i COBIS er karakteriseret af, at de er forskningsbaserede, videnstunge og innovative eller på forkant med udviklingen.

- COBIS driver i fællesskab med en række teknologioverførselsenheder i Danmark samt den tidlige venturekapital vækstprogrammet Accelerace Bio, som udvikler helt tidlige projekter. Programmet har kørt i 2 år og indtil nu er der rejst kapital til 8 selskaber og der er stiftet 7 nye bioteknologiske virksomheder.
- COBIS currently have 26 companies.
- COBIS opened in November 2009 and was full after 1 ½ years.
- More than 150 people have their daily work in COBIS companies.
- In December 2011 Beijing Genomics Institute opened its European headquarters, BGI Europe, in COBIS.
- Over the past 12 months COBIS tenants have attracted more than 300 million DKK for new development
- COBIS runs together with a number of technology transfer units in Denmark and the early venture capital a growth program called Accelerace Bio, which focuses on developing very early projects. The program has been operating for 2 years and has until now raised funding for 8 companies and formed 7 new biotechnology companies.