

CONSIDERING THE OPTIONS FOR POSTDOCS: PUBLISHING & GETTING GRANTS VS. STARTING COMPANIES

BEING ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS, WE USUALLY RUSH TO PUBLISH OUR DISCOVERIES, AND MARKET OUR IDEAS IN GRANTS. BUT WHAT IF WE COULD TURN THEM INTO SUCCESSFUL COMPANIES AS WELL? AT THIS EVENT, WE WILL EXPLORE WHETHER STARTING A COMPANY COULD BE A SENSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO STAYING IN ACADEMIA. WE WILL CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING A FULL-TIME ENTREPRENEUR AND COMPARE THIS WITH THE OPTION OF COMBINING ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITH A TYPICAL ACADEMIC ROLE. CAREER IMPLICATIONS FOR BOTH PATHS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

When: Wednesday 21st January at 6 pm

*Where: Office of Post-Doctoral Affairs (also known as Postdoc Centre),
Eastwood Room, 16 Mill Lane, Cambridge, CB2 1SB*

Refreshments and light bites will be served

Organised by the *Entrepreneurial Postdocs of Cambridge (EPOC)*

Seats are limited. Please register to guarantee your seat:

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Invited Speakers:

Stuart Evans – Experienced entrepreneur, having been co-founding CEO/Chairman at three spin-outs: *Reduse* (Cambridge - 2014); *Novacem* (Imperial - 2008); and *Plastic Logic* (Cambridge - 2000).

Victor Christou – Senior Investment Director at *Cambridge Innovation Capital* and previously at pan-European venture capital *Investors Wellington Partners* where he was a Venture Partner in the Tech Team. Prior to being in venture capital, he was a Royal Society University Research Fellow in the Chemistry Department at the University of Oxford and he spun a business out from the University based on his research.

Tuomas Knowles – Founder and Chief Scientific Officer of *Fluidic Analytics*. He has held positions in engineering in Cambridge and Harvard University and is currently a Reader at Cambridge, where he leads a research group in Biophysics & Biophysical Chemistry.

Andrew Lynn – Founder of *Orthomimetics* and CEO until the Company's acquisition by *Tigenix*; served as CEO at the University of Cambridge's spin-out *CamGaN* until its acquisition by Plessey; and currently CEO of new University of Cambridge spin-out *Fluidic Analytics*.