

## Updates on Some of the Past Global Student Entrepreneurship Challenge Finalists

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### **\$25,000 Grand Prize Winner in 2015**

**Visionear**, King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Bangkok, Thailand  
Nuntipat Narkthong, Budsapanee Pongsiriyaporn, Natthaphat Laoharawee, Gaywalee Laimloha

Two of the team members, Nuntipat and Budsapanee, are continuing to work on Visionear, smart glasses for those who are visually impaired. Currently, Visionear is in the process of redesigning and preparing for mass production. The team expects product launch by fourth quarter of 2016. After the VTKW Global Partnership Week, Visionear received many awards and publicity in Thailand, Taiwan, and Singapore, and has fundraised \$75,000 for product development and commercialization. They continue to expand their network with organizations for the visually impaired, as well as potential investors.

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### **\$15,000 VT KnowledgeWorks Information Technology Award in 2015**

**Animus**, Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia  
Alfonso Quijano Jesurum, Jose Gómez Castro

Animus Ingeniería is a technology-based company with expertise in video analytics and telemetry that combines face recognition, automatic vehicle location, and inventory control technology that helps companies in Latin America affected by highway banditry or merchandise theft in vehicles transporting goods over land. Animus recently joined forces with a company, DCT (Digital Com Tech), utilizing some of their hardware and software services, while tapping into their clientele network to grow. They are in the process of seeking outside funding, and they have hired two new engineers to assist with their continued growth.

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### **\$5,000 People's Choice Winner in 2015**

**EntoLog**, ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Zurich, Switzerland  
Philippe Geiger, Stefan Klettenhammer, Meinrad Koch

EntoLog continues to work on their business, producing nutritious protein-rich foods using an innovative technology that enables the extraction of proteins and other valuable nutritional products from insects. In early September 2015, they presented their business case on a national TV talk show of Switzerland. They were nominated for the leading technology prize in Switzerland called the Swiss Technology Award, and as a result of their nomination, they produced this short video clip (in German): [www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYdnmifntcg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYdnmifntcg). They were also mentioned in a national economic magazine featuring ten outstanding startups from Switzerland. In collaboration with a process company and the University of Applied Sciences, Wädenswil, they are in the process of setting up a CTI project (Commission for Technology and Innovation) to upscale the extraction process and to check its industrial validity. They have joined the RUNWAY Startup Incubator at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Winterthur where they receive collaborative open work space and a personal coach to accelerate their growth.

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### **\$25,000 Grand Prize Winner in 2014**

**feelSpace**, University of Trento, Trento, Italy  
Leonardo Stenico, Galena Kostoska, Alberto Parrella, Julia Wache

In November 2015, the team formally founded feelSpace. To learn more about the company, you can visit their website at [www.feelspace.de/navibelt](http://www.feelspace.de/navibelt). Julia Wache completed her Ph.D. in April 2016 and moved to Osnabrück, Germany, to work full-time for feelSpace. They have a new prototype and are in the final stages of production before it goes to market and is available for sale by the end of summer 2016. In May, they launched a crowdfunding campaign through Indiegogo.

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### **\$5,000 People's Choice Winner in 2014**

**DD-MOff**, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile

Andrea Carolina Mohr Beckdorf, Trinidad Schlotterbeck Suárez, Alison Kareen Scheuch González

DD-MOff is a natural product designed to be applied on any object that is in contact with the algae Didymo to reduce the chance of dissemination to new environments, while not affecting other ecosystems. The team is currently validating their results with a recognized external lab in Chile, which is dedicated to the detection of the algae Didymo. The lab was hired in March and DD-MOff is looking forward to receiving formal results in July. Based on that technical information, they will define and decide strategically how they move forward with DD-MOff.



### **\$25,000 Grand Prize Winner in 2013**

**Auticiel**, Télécom Ecole de Management, Evry, France

Sarah Cherruault, François Dupayrat

Auticiel is dedicated to helping people with cognitive impairments be better included within society thanks to the use of well adapted digital solutions. Auticiel solutions are co-developed with a scientific committee of both medical and educational experts, as well as leading institutions and associations. The project has evolved from Autimo, a single-app meant to recognize emotions, to a company producing a whole suite of applications (AMIKEO Apps), which 80,000+ users have downloaded to date. Since 2015, Auticiel is transitioning from an app vendor to become a SaaS vendor, already providing to a hundred specialized institutions and families a subscription-based solution packaged with a strong and secured tablet, AMIKEO, with access to all applications and many companion services. Auticiel is also experimenting its solutions on new segments, such as elderly people with cognitive deficiencies (like Alzheimer's disease) in retirement homes. The Auticiel team has obtained many awards and press mention in Europe since 2014, and has been funded by Business Angels, grants, and loans up to €500k. Auticiel is currently involved in a Series A round of €650k (2016 revenue over €300k). To learn more contact [pr-invest@auticiel.com](mailto:pr-invest@auticiel.com).



### **\$5,000 Second Place Winner in 2013**

**Roka**, University of Technology, Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Conchita De Souza, Janek Gonsalkorale, Paridhi Jain, Natalia Krslovic

The founder of Roka, Kimberley Abbott, handed Roka back to the 40K Group, a leader in social entrepreneurship space, in order to progress the business further. Roka was formed while Kim was taking part in 40K Globe; offering Australian university students, including students from the University of Technology, Sydney, an opportunity to get practical experience in an unfamiliar environment and culture, and help address problems present in rural Indian communities. Roka is a social microenterprise project that is currently being established to improve the status of women and to increase education and economic empowerment for the women of Maranahali Bande quarry in Bangalore, India. Roka employs women to make jewelry (pendants and cuff links) from the waste granite dust of the quarry. Twenty-eight cuff links and 18 pendants have been sold thus far. In terms of production, 20 pendants were made in September, 25 cuff links were produced in November for a commercial order, and 50 cuff links were produced in March for retail purposes.



### **\$5,000 People's Choice Winner in 2013**

**GraphInsight**, University of Trento, Trento, Italy

Michele Dallachiesa, Gintare Simkute, Alice Porrà

While Team GraphInsight is currently suspended, former team member, Michele Dallachiesa, has launched a new business. Michele's new business, Skysense Inc., markets charging stations for Unmanned Aerial Systems, enabling the deployment of remote-managed flights and fully autonomous missions. After spending six months at Start-Up Chile, Skysense joined the first class of the Qualcomm Robotics Accelerator, powered by Techstars.



### **\$5,000 Runner-up Team in 2011**

**OOHLALA Mobile**, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

Peter Cen, James Dang

OOHLALA is a mobile platform running on over 150 colleges in five countries serving over one million students, enabling students to interface with every aspect of their campus. OOHLALA is located in Montreal with a team of 25 people and was selected for Top 30 Under 30 in Education for Forbes Magazine in 2015.



### **\$25,000 Grand Prize Winner in 2010**

**Ecosy**, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland  
Colm Connolly, Vincent Murray

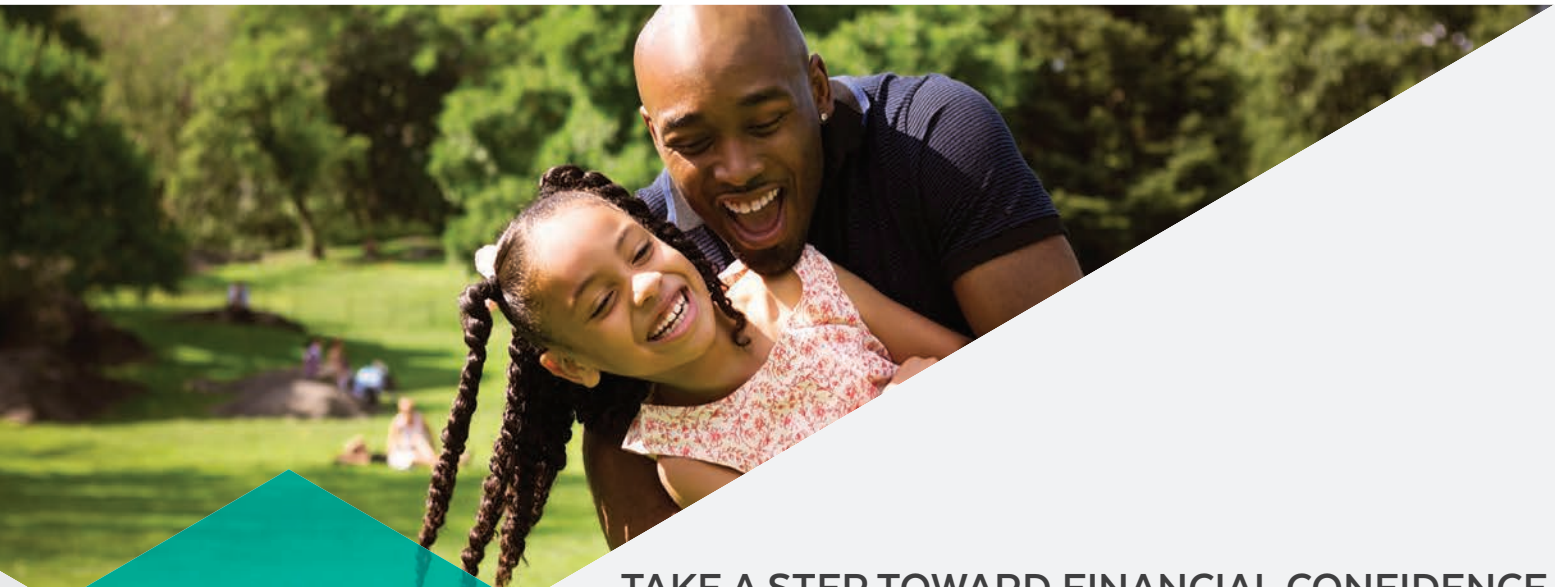
Although Team Ecosy's original concept, a renewable energy heating system, is not being pursued, Colm Connolly is in the process of launching a new business. In 2015, Colm and his fiancé combined their talents and background in beef farming and sport, and food science respectively, to create a healthy and tasty beef snack. For five generations, the Connolly family has been farming in rural Ireland and Colm plans on diversifying their current farm operation, while producing a new, innovative dried meat snack. Their five values of quality, innovation, community, commercial and natural, reflect what they are, how they do things, and where they are going. In September 2015, they applied to Monaghan's Best Young Entrepreneur and won "Best Idea" and the overall grand prize, including a 10,000 euro grant which has been used to develop their brand, website, and secure IP (which is ongoing). They are in the process of re-branding their company, designing their website, and are in the final stages of completing their product packaging. They expect to launch in 2016, after IP is secured for their brand name. First to market will be their cracked black pepper beef bites, followed by their honey BBQ beef jerky. For additional information, please contact [colmconnolly@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colmconnolly@hotmail.co.uk).



### **\$5,000 Runner-up Team in 2010**

**EasyCheck**, Ruppin Academic Center, Emek Hefer, Israel  
Shahar Peled, Hadas Geva, Inbal Gutman

Although EasyCheck is no longer being pursued as a business, one of the team members, Shahar Peled, started his own company called ArTack Medical. ArTack Medical is developing the "eTack," which is a novel, motorized, articulated hernia mesh fixation device. It is designed for laparoscopic repair, as well as open surgery, and can be used with any currently available mesh. ArTack Medical is a privately held, medical device company, and is currently pursuing strategic partners in the USA and China.



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