

# **Turning Science into Business**

Panel - BUSINESS SECTOR INNOVATION: COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES FOR GROWTH AND PUBLIC POLICY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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#### Putt's Law

"Technology is dominated by two types of people: those who understand what they do not manage, and those who manage what they do not understand."



#### **Business Environment**

- Regional leader
- Diversified industry and service park
- Significant internal market
- Manufacturing hub for multinationals
- Qualified work force
- Robust stock market (increased VC activity)



# Laws and Regulation

- Innovation Law (2005) and additional pieces of law providing tax incentives
- Growing investments made by
   Government agencies to fund innovation
   projects at industry AND universities
- Patents and trademarks law follow international rules (more awareness)
- Biodiversity ruling still a difficult process



#### **Innovation Environment**

- Western-type culture
- R&D and innovation still centered at large companies
- Attraction of R&D centers
- Good science produced by Universities
- Creation of Tech Transfer Offices at Universities induced by Innovation Law
- Hubs of excellence in hot topics (eg, biofuels)



# Can universities play a major role?

- Set of major universities engaged in significant tech transfer activity to boost innovation
- Curricula adjustment and offer of services and training to specific demands
- Tech transfer passing from a "program management" to "process management"



# Case: Unicamp

- 17% of national research
- 10% of PhDs
- University with the highest number of top rated PhD and MSc programs
- Highest number of patent filling applications in recent years
- Always concerned about transferring the knowledge to the public



# **Inova Unicamp**



**One-Stop Shop** 



# **Inova Unicamp TLO**

- In 3 years:
  - 213 tech transfer agreements
  - 56 licensed technologies (53 patents and 3 know-how)
  - 237 patent applications
  - 28 trademarks
  - 28 software
  - 12 "graduated" start-ups
  - Contact with 10.000+ institutions



# Case 1: Aglycon Isoflavone

- Hormonal reposition
- Fitoestrogen therapy



#### **Advantages:**

- Quicker absorption
- Isoflavon advantages:
  - Acts against cancer
  - Prevents breast cancer
  - Reduces LDL cholesterol
  - Fungicide
  - Anti-inflammatory
  - Anti-oxidant



# Case 2: Pharmaceutical product against diabetes

#### **Description**

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 Synthetic product for Diabetes mellitus - type II (NON-INSULIN DEPENDENT) treatment

#### **Advantages:**

Drug that acts simultaneously

- Increasing the insulin production and
- Improving its action in tissues



#### IP: important asset in these agreements



**Telecom & IT Solutions** 















































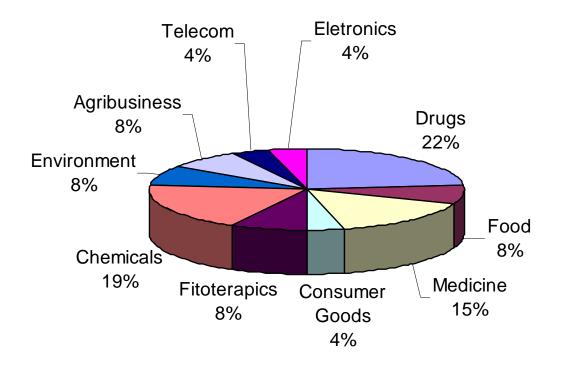






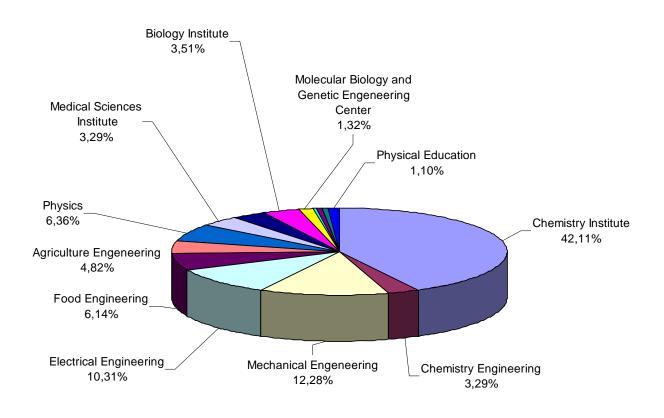
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#### **Licensing Agreements / Industry**





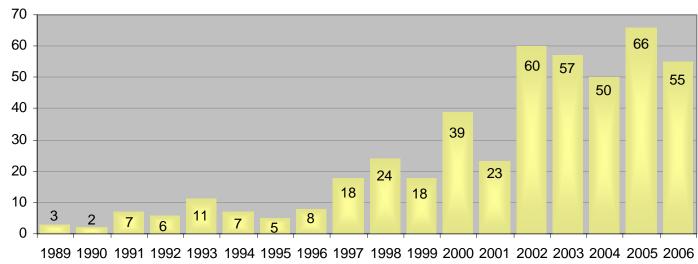
# Patent Application Distribution by Unicamp Research Units





#### **IP Portfolio**

#### **UNICAMP Patent Applications: 1989-2006**

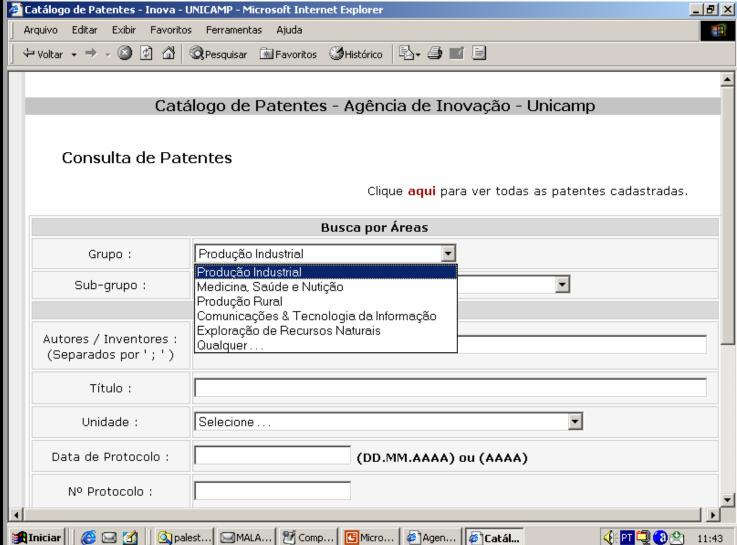


As of today Unicamp is keeping more the 500 patent deposits, which makes the University the most prolific in Latin America



#### **IP Portfolio:**

# www.inova.unicamp.br





#### How to transfer the knowledge

#### From research to licensing

Innovation chain: Investments 1:10:100

Academic Production

• Discovery

Invention

Prototype

Engineering

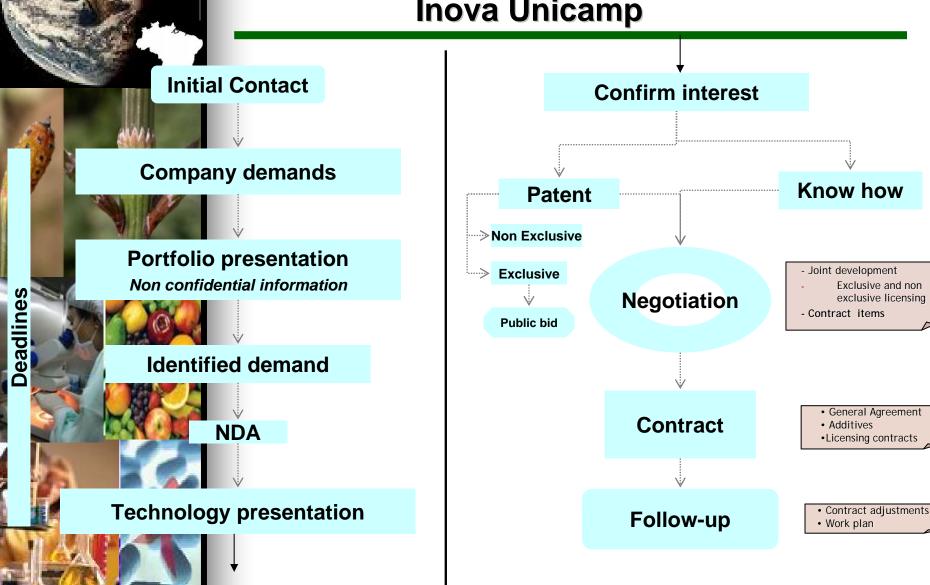
Production Sector Production

Marketing and Sales

Technical Assistance

**RISK** 

# How to form a partnership **Inova Unicamp**





#### What else?





#### **Innovation Laboratories**

 Places where private companies can develop their collaborative projects inside the university

- Examples:
  - Future <u>LIB Laboratory of Biofuels</u>;
  - InovaSoft.



### **Company Incubation**

Spin-offs of technologies (future products and services)

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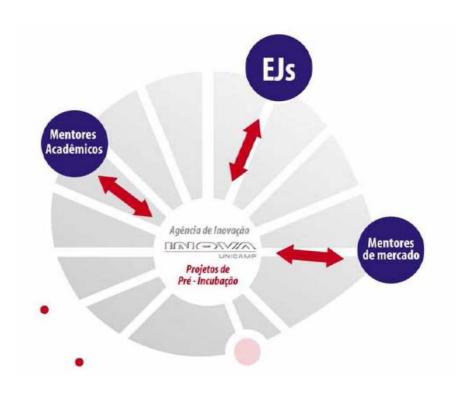








# **Pre-incubation of Projects**





#### **Inova in the Public Sector**

- Culture, education, IT, health, public management, environment, etc.
- Opportunity for sponsored projects aligned with companies' <u>social responsibility</u>
   <u>strategy</u>







#### **Unicamp Ventures**



























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### **Future Opportunities**

Innovation Park at Unicamp

- To stimulate more intense partnerships
  - Technology consortia (e.g., Auto industry – precompetitive research)



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#### **Challenges & Opportunities**

- Better and more spread use of incentives and government agencies
- Faster introduction of VC into the innovation chain of traditional business (corporate venturing) and universities
- All sort of opportunities are there and someone needs to catch them... by focusing on the "customer" needs



# Thank You!

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