

1. PREFACE

Vorwort

In 2006 the inauguration and incubation of our third „spin-off“ company PLASTIC ELECTRONIC GesmbH (www.plastic-electronic.com) was the focal point of the Institute's innovation transfer strategy . This latest spin off of LIOS will be engaged in development of applications based on organic electronic devices.

The field of organic electronics has been more and more getting into the research strategy of our Institute. The organic transistor research has been taking momentum during the last three years with many publications from our Institute, which find a vivid echo within the scientific community. Our Institute is also a founding member of the Organic Electronics Association (www.oe-a.de) within the VDMA, The German Machine Builders Association. In March 12-14, 2006 a European Consortium has been initiated in Linz in the research field of bio-interfacing of organic electronic devices. This consortium will be engaged in organic transistor development for bio-detection as well as bio-interfacing type of research.

Within all these developments dedicated for the organic electronic devices, there is a legitimate question if LIOS is exiting the research on organic solar cells. The answer is clearly no. In 2006 three new European initiatives started with LIOS' participation and initiation.

ORGANISOLAR is a European Science Foundation network project which will enable scientist to travel and make collaborative studies within many European countries (www.esf.org)

SolarNType is a research and training network within the 6th Framework programme dedicated to organic solar cells.

Last but not least ORGAPVNET is a coordination action programme within the 6th Framework of the EU Commission and will be dedicated to promote, organize and structure the European Research Area in the field of organic solar cells.

With all these broad activities in LIOS we shall expect an interesting cross breeding between the different parts of our research field.

Since the year 2006 also marked the ten years anniversary of Prof. Sariciftci's start in Linz (1996) was a good reason to celebrate. Today our Institute is standing with three spin off companies (www.konarka.com, www.nanoident.com, www.plastic-electronic.com) altogether with over hundred employees well visible and successful in the realization of the "PLASTIC-IT VALLEY" in Linz.

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