



# CiC Vol.5 Newsletter

The CiC Newsletter is for sharing hot topics and latest activities of CiC partner institutions.

CiC is Campus-in-Campus, a scheme of sharing campuses among partner institutions with the purpose of using their respective education and research resources without any national or institutional barriers. Through CiC, partner institutions are highly expected to enhance student, faculty and administrative staff mobility as well as joint research collaborations.

## UCI

## University of California Irvine

*United States*

UC Irvine alumni Paul and Jo Butterworth pledge \$35.5 million to Donald Bren School

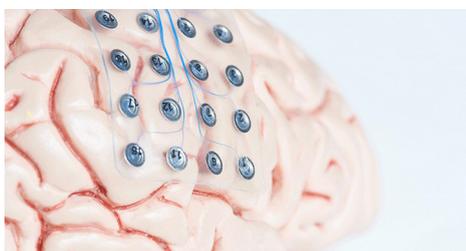
UCI alumnus Paul Butterworth, co-founder and chief technology officer of enterprise software developer Vantiq Inc., and his wife, Jo Butterworth, also a UCI graduate, have named UCI as a beneficiary of their estate. The gift, valued at approximately \$35.5 million, will support the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences. The largest gift to UCI from alumni, the donation will be allocated in a variety of ways, including awards, scholarships and fellowships for students and to finance new research initiatives and faculty chairs.



## Universite Grenoble Alpes

*France*

Several laboratories and industrialists in Grenoble will collaborate within a project funded by the French National Research Agency to study the potential of silicon carbide (SiC) nanowires to produce bio-sensors to improve the quality and speed of medical diagnoses. With this project, they will explore the possibilities to develop very flexible implants used to treat disorders such as Parkinson's disease. Partners involved are IMEP-LACH, LMGP, LTM, Inserm, SIMaP, ESIEE, Plasmatherm Europe and Soitec.



## Ohio State University

*United States*

Ohio State makes connections in India Anil Makhija, dean of the Fisher College of Business at Ohio State, visited India to expand and enhance partner relationships. His meetings with hospital representatives sparked interest in clinical operational excellence training programs for resident doctors. Makhija also reconnected with alumni in Delhi and Mumbai. Since 2015 and under Makhija's leadership, Fisher has broadened the reach of the college's research and expertise collaborating with IIT Bombay, Tata Management, Mahindra Institute of Quality and others.





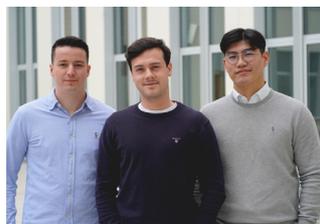
## Ruhr University Bochum

Germany

### New Investment Fund for university start-ups

VIA Ventures start-up-consulting supports business ideas from the university environment. "We are the first student-run investment fund in Germany and offer advice and financing," says RUB graduate and Managing Director Radu-Andrei Maldea. "Few invest in university start-ups that are still in their infancy. We see them, are close to them and talk to them at eye level." VIA Ventures has been advising start-ups since 2020 and cooperates with RUB's dem Worldfactory Start-up Center (WSC) since 2022.

Managing Team of VIA Ventures: Felix Hasenberg, Head of Consulting (left), Radu-Andrei Maldea, Managing Director (center), Jim Chan, Head of Investments (right).  
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## Al-Farabi Kazakh National University

Kazakhstan

### Exhibition of Scientific Projects at KazNU

At the Scientific and practical conference on "Development of research in universities as a necessary condition for the innovative development of Kazakhstan", KazNU scientists, along with research institutions and universities, presented their achievements at the Exhibition of scientific projects. Innovative projects on nanomaterials, small spacecraft creation, and automatic speech recognition system in Kazakh language were showcased by the Science Fund, universities, and research institutions. These projects have the potential to contribute significantly to Kazakhstan's innovation and development.



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## University of Tsukuba

Japan

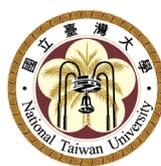
### University of Tsukuba to Establish Branch Campus in Malaysia

On March 14, 2023, Y.B. Dato'Seri Haji Mohamed Khaled bin Nordin, Minister of Higher Education of the Government of Malaysia and H.E. Ambassador TAKAHASHI Katsuhiko representing the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) regarding the establishment of a branch campus of the University of Tsukuba in Malaysia.



Prof. Dr. TSUJIMURA Maki, Director of Branch Campus Preparation Office, attended the signing ceremony as a witness.

If all goes well after the various procedures related to the establishment approval by both Japanese and Malaysian governments, the earliest possible timing of the opening of the branch campus will be September 2024.



## National Taiwan University

Taiwan

### Further Developing our Strategic Partnership with the University of Tsukuba

The University of Tsukuba delegation visited National Taiwan University on Feb 17th, where the NTU Center for Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Robotics (AIROBO), the UT Center for Artificial Intelligence Research, and the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) had their first-ever in-person meeting. The ceremony was attended by Pres. Nagata (UT) and Pres. Chen (NTU). Plans for future trilateral collaboration were shared by Prof. Li-Chen Fu, AIROBO's Director. Prof. Ichikawa Masao and Prof. Tang-Long Shen gave a brief overview of the program, paving the way for further collaborations between these prestigious institutions.





## University of Sao Paulo

Brazil

USP and partner universities renew alliance to promote the Ibero-American Space of Knowledge

The Ibero-American Union of Universities (UIU), founded in 2016, begins a new stage with the signing of a cooperation term in a public act that took place on Friday, February 17. The UIU's mission is to promote actions that contribute to the strengthening of the Ibero-American Space of Knowledge, as well as to promote actions for the transfer and dissemination of knowledge, articulation and cooperation with external institutions, and support the formation of networks, especially oriented towards the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda.



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## Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

Malaysia

MJIIT JAPAN DAY 2022 COMMEMORATES A DECADE ANNIVERSARY OF MJIIT

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The UTM-MJIIT hosted the MJIIT Japan Day 2022 event on Dec 27, 2022, at Residensi UTMKL. The event's tagline, "Connecting Industry through Innovation," aimed to bridge the gap between industry, academia, and the public by bringing key players to showcase services and products. The event, attended by over 400 visitors, featured various activities such as forums, forum, a series of industrial talks, the iKohza Open Exhibition, the MJIIT Industry Exhibition, the Japanese Language and Cultural Exhibition, the One-Man Rescue Demonstration and Rappelling by Keramat Fire and Rescue Station..



## University of Bordeaux

France

Agreement aimed at setting up a new international research platform in global health (PRISME)

A delegation from the University of Bordeaux, led by its President Dean Lewis, was in Abidjan in Côte d' Ivoire on 23rd - 24th January, in order to sign an agreement aimed at setting up a new international research platform in global health (PRISME) as well as a consortium agreement for IPORA - Interdisciplinary Policy Oriented Research in Africa, one of the university's major research programmes. This international and inter-institutional initiative will contribute to the definition of preparation and response strategies adapted to emerging and re-emerging epidemics.

