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Technology Transfer Seminar



Amy Wilkerson and Olga Trofimova attended the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) day-long event, "Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/ Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Collaboration Strategies for Universities & Small Tech Firms," held on May 3rd, 2011 at Old Dominion University's Virginia Modeling Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC) in Suffolk, Virginia. Among the speakers were William and Mary's Technology Transfer Office Director Jason McDevitt and William and Mary's recent Ph.D. graduate Erik Spahr, co-founder of Phenom Technologies, a recent STTR recipient. Dr. McDevitt discussed the position of the university in licensing deals and the challenges he has encountered. Dr. Spahr discussed his STTR project status and how he leveraged university research in his STTR. He also provided tips about the STTR process and the challenges he faced.

Baja Competition

Nick Moore safely returned from Kansas after traveling with the Old Dominion University (ODU) Baja Team to participate in the 2011 Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Baja design competition. The ODU team was fortunate that their hotel in Joplin, Missouri, about 30 miles from the competition site, was not damaged by the F5 tornado that hit a few days earlier. Nick and his fellow students were able to witness the tragic devastation first hand. Look for more details and pictures from Nick's trip in an upcoming newsletter.

New Work Space for the Hirox

Since our Hirox equipment has been recently updated, we determined that it would only be fitting to also update the corresponding work area. Actually, protecting the equipment from dust and potential water leaks was a major concern, so a metal and acrylic frame and cover was built around the Hirox workstation. The new area definitely provides more protection for the equipment and also looks very professional. Thanks to Brandt Robertson for taking the lead on this project.

