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The field of biomedical photonics is often not well defined because it has emerged from research conducted at the interface of the physical and biological sciences and engineering.

The field of biomedical photonics did not emerge as a well-defined, single research discipline like chemistry, physics, or biology. Its development and growth have been shaped by the convergence of three scientific and technological revolutions of the 20th century:

- The quantum theory revolution (1900–1950s)
- The technology revolution (1940s–1950s)
- The genomics revolution (1950s–2000)









Linear Model of science

Dr. Vannevar Bush, *Director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development*, 1945

Pasteur's Quadrant



Vannevar Bush - Donald Strokes, 1997

Social Contract for Science

- Mode 1 knowledge production is executed within universities and is dominated by an academic agenda with little interest in application, while
- Mode 2 knowledge production (Gibbons et al., 1994) is done in intensive interaction with application and is driven by a broad range of interests.

"...to become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion."

(strategic goal for 2010 set for Europe at the Lisbon European Council - March 2000)

"Competitive Advantages of Nations"



Michael Porter

Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School, Boston

Structure of the Innovation Process



PROBLEM !

- Academic institutions high investigative, low innovative potential
- SME high innovative, low investigative potential (40% of innovations / 5% expenses; 10-20% outlive) "American Research and Development, Boston, 2005"

"FROM RESEARCH TO ENTERPRISE"

OPTICAL SPECTROSCOPY





LIF Spectra of normal human skin and basal cell carcinoma

Algorithms for tumor diagnosis

Experimental Results



OPTICAL BIOPSY



"Monte-Carlo" modeling of interactions of laser radiation with human skin



Opportunity of development of computer-planned personal laser procedures

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Scientific and technological transfer Spin-off Nº1



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Surgical laser system "MEDIRAY 100/40" – introduced in State University Hospital "Aleksandrovska" with Permission of the Ministry of Health for introduction in the health service system.

"MEDIRAY" in the operating room







Laser medical system with applications in urology and urological oncology "Mediray U" - introduced in the National Centre of Oncology with Permission of the Ministry of Health for introduction in the health service system.



For the first time in Bulgaria new method "Laser no contact transurethral coagulation of the prostate adenoma" was developed and introduced in clinical practice





Ophthalmologic laser system for therapy and biostimulation "Mediray04" introduced in State University Hospital "Aleksandrovska" with Permission of the Ministry of Health

Photodynamic Medicine



- 1. Patient is injected intravenously with a light-sensitive drug.
- 2. The drug is retained by malignant tissue, remaining inactive until exposed to a specific wavelength of laser light.
- 3. Laser energy is directed to the tumour through flexible fibreoptic device
- 4. When activated by the laser's light, the drug creates a toxic form of oxygen that destroys the cancerous cells with minimal damage to surrounding healthy cells.

Dermatological photodiagnosis



Photodynamic Therapy





"MediRay PDT" – introduced in M Center "St. Tomah" and M Center "Integrative Medicine"

Base cellular carcinoma before PDT





Fluorescence Endo Spectroscopy



Optical system for fluorescence spectroscopy of the gastrointestinal tract

Fluorescence Endo Spectroscopy

Fluorescence of normal mucosa, tumor and necrosis of esophagus









Endo Spectroscopy 2-D visualization – Colon Tumor



"DESCARTES PRIZE 2004"

Project "APLOMB"

Project coordinator: Prof Peter TOWNSEND

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- Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain
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- Photek Ltd, UK
- Laser Zentrum Hannover, Germany
- Institute of Metal and Technology, Slovenia
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"Advanced Photocathodes for Luminescence Optimization in Medicine and Biology"

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Scientific and technological transfer Spin-off 2



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