

# TVIN Briefing Update

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## Thames Valley Investment Network - the bridge between investment and ideas

### Successful Networking Event backs Plans for Slough Investment Meeting

Over 60 investors, entrepreneurs and senior representatives of businesses gathered in Slough on 25 May for a lively business networking event on the theme of raising finance organised by Thames Valley Investment Network (TVIN), a business angel network that links investors to high growth potential companies seeking funding of up to £.5m+.

The 'Angels and Entrepreneurs' breakfast meeting was introduced by Sir Nigel Mobbs, Chairman of Slough Estates plc, and included presentations from David Moseley, a business angel member of the TVIN Network, and Dr Dan Daly, Managing Director of Lein Diagnostics, a company developing a revolutionary optical instrument to measure blood glucose levels in diabetics that has successfully raised finance through TVIN.

The Angels & Entrepreneurs Breakfast Meeting was sponsored by Lloyds Bank plc and organised in partnership with Slough Borough Council, Business Link Berkshire and Wiltshire and Slough Enterprise Hub.

Eileen Modral, Manager of Thames Valley Investment Network, said:

"The Breakfast Meeting highlighted the advantages of raising funding from business angel investors who can provide the small amounts of crucial capital that enable innovative technology companies to grow, as well as valuable management input."

Shaun Whittaker, Chief Executive of Thames Valley Economic Partnership, founders and sponsors of the TVIN Network, said:

"We are pleased that the breakfast meeting was such a success, attracting a range of businesses and investors from across the Slough community. Business angel networks can play a key role in helping early stage companies raise the finance they need to develop into established businesses who create employment and bring significant economic development benefits to a region. So we support the plans for a Slough Investment Meeting and we would encourage entrepreneurs and investors to take this opportunity to make contact."

### Current prospects

**Company A** is looking for £300k – they have developed a unique, next generation, luminescent additive. The markets for this product are estimated to be in excess of £1bn and the company is in talks with a number of major companies interested in implementing the technology.

#### Company B

Company B is looking for £500k – they are a mobile entertainment & dating service. Developed in association with Nokia, it uses the latest mobile device technology and multimedia capabilities to deliver a powerful new experience. The team has already signed partner agreements with Orange and iTouch and has attracted strong interest from the media community.

### Slough Investment Meeting 8 September 2005

Following on from the success of the Breakfast meeting, an Investment meeting will take place at Baylis House, Slough on 8 September starting at 4pm. Further details will be available shortly but put the date into your diary.

The Slough Investment Meeting will provide a forum for local high growth potential companies to present their investment opportunities to existing and new angel investors from the Slough area.

Potential companies looking for funding should contact Eileen Modral, initially with an executive summary of their business proposal. For those individuals who would like to know more about the investment opportunities or would like to talk to an Angel investor to find out more about angel investment contact Eileen Modral, details are below.

### Deals Done

Funding success for a Slough based company. After presenting at the April investment meeting held in Reading earlier this year, Medihome has raised £250k with the help of TVIN.

The company provides services to the NHS and the funding will help to take the company through its final development stage. Full details available shortly.

### New Consortium to boost Film and Media production in the South East

The launch of **London Plus**, a new consortium to boost production activity in the UK, Europe's film heartland was recently announced. The **London Plus** partnership of leading figures in UK production and includes Pinewood-Shepperton studios. London Plus is a new partnership of the major film studios, post-production companies, guilds and screen agencies based in London and the South and East of England, providing a one-stop-shop for all production needs. Full details <http://www.londonplus.org/>

### Next Meetings

Thu 8 Sep 2005 Baylis House **Slough**  
Thu 22 Sep 2005 Green Park **Reading**

Full details can be found on the website: [www.tvin.co.uk](http://www.tvin.co.uk)