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“I Champion RTTP... Those Who Have it Will Excel”

I’ve been in technology transfer for over twenty years. When I joined it wasn’t a profession, it was a bunch of pioneers who were making it up as they went along. There was no body of knowledge (in Europe anyway) and so very little to teach. As years passed and technology was ‘transferred’ we began to get better at it – learning from our many mistakes. Universities began to see technology transfer as a good thing that they wanted more of – which meant hiring more people.

We didn’t want these new recruits to make the same mistakes that we did when we started. So, those aging pioneers got together and started to think about what it was that made a successful technology transfer practitioner. What knowledge, experience, and attitudes were indispensable in our loosely-managed, praise-free, and ambiguous university environment? As a result of the insight that we came to, we developed a whole range of courses and experience development programs and began to see the impact that these had in terms of the competence and confidence of our own staff.

I’ve designed and directed numerous technology transfer courses and have thus come into contact with thousands of aspiring technology transfer professionals – technology transfer has become a profession. There is a quickly growing body of knowledge and few now question the role or legitimacy of technology transfer. People enter the profession expecting training and career progression in a way that I never imagined when I started. Technology transfer is now seen as a respectable pursuit and is attracting qualified people who are expected to deliver. Competition has increased both for entry level jobs and promotion. Professionals will move from one university to another seeking greater opportunity and responsibility and want their excellent performance to be recognized.

The best type of recognition is peer recognition. The best type of training is training delivered by those who have done what they’re teaching. The best kind of experience is the experience that has won the admiration of the groups that we serve - academics, industry, and our peers. Those who have demonstrated excellence and commitment want and deserve recognition by their peers, and have a right to expect that this recognition will count for something in terms of career progression.

That’s why I champion RTTP and gladly spent \$250 to become an RTTP myself. It’s also why I would look favorably on anyone who has attained the registered status. But, it isn’t easy (by no means are all accepted who apply). If you’ve accumulated 60 CE points then you’ve demonstrated commitment and that you’ve begun to develop a good network and have widened your experience across institutions. Your demonstration of experience report (part of the RTTP application) will show that you’ve been able to apply this learning to a real case – which can be shown to any prospective employer as evidence of accomplishment. I think that being an RTTP will rightly recognize competence and commitment in our profession and that those who have it will excel – not because of the designation itself but because of the level of professionalism and experience that is needed to acquire it.

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Record Conference Attendance Boosts ATTP Awareness



Phil Clare
PraxisUnico Chairman

A record-breaking number of delegates attended the recent PraxisUnico annual conference in early June. Prominent keynote speakers addressed different topics such as entrepreneurship in technology transfer, principles for a thriving technology transfer program at universities, and changes in the funding environment.

Delegates were encouraged to visit the prominently positioned ATTP stand and were offered an exclusive conference promotion – application fee reimbursement for the first three applicants.

Conference speakers, such as PraxisUnico Chair Dr. Phil Clare, wore their “Ask me about...RTTP” and “I want to be...RTTP” badges, intriguing delegates and sparking conversations about the significance and benefits of becoming an RTTP.

AUTM President Robin Rasor Earns RTTP Designation

The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) – an association for academic technology transfer professionals – announced that AUTM President Robin Rasor has earned the registered technology transfer professional (RTTP) designation.

The RTTP designation is specifically designed for technology transfer professionals practicing one of the many multi-faceted components of the profession and who have demonstrated a competence in their field.

The RTTP designation is administered by the Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals (ATTP), a global organization made up of several associations for technology transfer professionals. AUTM is a participating member.

"The RTTP designation provides international recognition for experts in the technology transfer profession. I'm proud of AUTM's involvement in ATTP, and pleased to have achieved the RTTP designation," says Rasor.



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