

Report from the chairs, May 2007

Chair funding

- The chair funding through UoMinnesota Foundation is in place. Total investment of NOK 10 million = USD 1.6 million will be completed in 2008.
- Bridge funding available since October 2006. USD 70 000 = NOK 420 000 per year for two years. Covers chair expenses and student mobility.

Overview of industrial and academic partners, projects, PhD, PostDoc and MSc students linked to the teams

Team	Industry	Other U&RI	Projects	PhD	PostDoc	MSc
1. LIDAR	-	Yale Univ. NASA	3	4		1
2. Bioenergy	Agder Energi Laurentian Energy Minnesota Power Little Falls Ethanol St.Paul Distr. Heat	-	1			
3. Liquefaction	Xwaste AS Xhab AS Borregaard Ligno Bixby Energy Zanker Road CalRecovery	Bioforsk NTNU	3	2	2	4
4. Enzymes	Borregaard Ligno EN Energi Cambi	-	1	1	3	
5. Cattle Health	BoviBank AS		3	1	2	2
6. Mycotoxin	Graminor AS	Bioforsk AgCanada	4	1	2	1
Sum	15 (5 contracts)	5	15	9	7	8

Student mobility

- Summer University launched at UMB, UMN-students especially invited
- UMB students actively recruited for UMN programs

Challenges

- Several projects on each side, but few projects dedicated for concrete UMN-UMB cooperation
- Moderate transatlantic industry activities. There are several contacts, but few contracts.
- So far limited student mobility