

“The adventure of starting a spin-off company: Ultroxa polymers”

As research scientists, we are used to read -and write- in scientific publications about the variety of applications that can benefit from our particular developments. However, how often do we encounter cases where this research is effectively translated into a commercial product? How can we bridge the chasm from the lab to the so-called “real world”?

In this talk, I will try to shed some light onto the concept of translating academic research results into commercial applications and the journey towards the creation of a University spin-off company. I will also outline some of the challenges and lessons learned along the way while describing our activities at Avroxa bvba (Ultroxa polymers).