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## Overview

- ✓ What is CEBE (structure, research fields, new project activities, mission)
- ✓ Cooperation
- ✓ Short overview about 6 cooperation projects
- ✓ IAB suggestions from April 30, 2009 and CEBE response
- ✓ Formal results (PhD thesis, patents, publications, dissemination, external cooperation)

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## What is CEBE?

- ✓ CEBE is composed of three research groups financed by three target-financed themes
  - **Design of Reliable Embedded Systems Dept. of Computer Engineering (DCE)**
  - **Electronic Components and Subsystems for Mission Critical Embedded Systems Dept. of Electronics (DE)**
  - **Interpretation of Biosignals in Biomedical Engineering Technomedicum (TM)**
- ✓ CEBE
  - 35 researchers and
  - 54 PhD students (CEBE started with 40)

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## Department of Computer Engineering

DESIGN

TEST

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## Department of Electronics

- ✓ **Electronic components and subsystems of mission critical embedded systems**
  - Methods for signal and data acquisition
  - Signal processing methods and means
  - Architectures of reconfigurable processors
  - Impedance spectroscopy
- ✓ **Semiconductor research**
  - Technologies for semiconductor metallisation
  - Theory of hetero-polytype interfaces
  - Compatibility of nanotech interfaces

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## Technomedicum

- ✓ **Interpretation of Biosignals in Biomedical Engineering**
  - Brain research
  - Diagnostics of cardiovascular diseases
  - Prediction of sudden cardiac death
  - Bio-optical monitoring

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## CEBE New International Projects

**2008**

- Intelligent Battery Management with National Semiconductor Corporation, USA (2008-2010)
- European Network **ETN TRICE**
- European Network Enhancing Lifelong Learning for the Electrical and Information Engineering Community – **ELIEEC**
- Experimental research for adaptive failure diagnosis based on structural multi-core emulation test - **ERADOS**. Partners: TU Ilmenau, Goepel Electronic (Germany).
- FP7: Smart Museum: Cultural Heritage Knowledge Exchange Platform - **SMARTMUSEUM** (2008-2010)

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## CEBE New International Projects

**2009**

- FP7 REGPOT:** Centre of Research Excellence in Dependable Embedded Systems - **CREDES** (2009-2011)
- EU **TEMPUS** project : Curricula Reformation and Harmonisation in Biomedical Engineering (2009-2012)

**2010**

- FP7 STREP: DIAMOND** - Diagnosis, Error Modelling and Correction for Reliable Systems Design, Coordinator: TU Tallinn (2010-2012)
- EUREKA-EUROSTAR** project: **COMBOARD** - FPGA-Based Test Acceleration Methodology for Complex Electronic Boards.
- Project with Helsinki-Turku-Tampere sleep research centre

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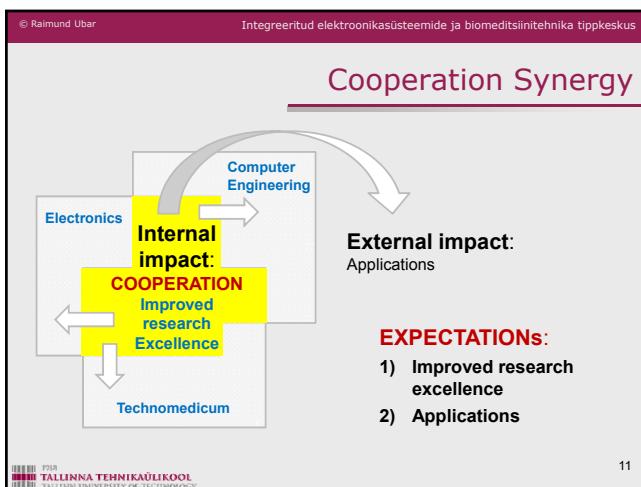
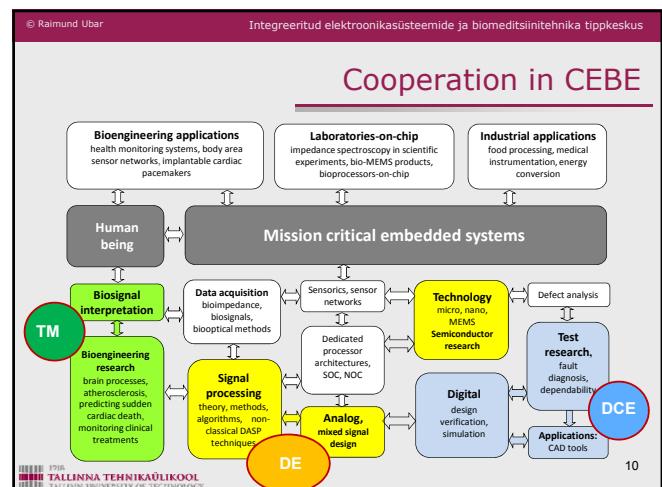
## CEBE

**Mission:**

- To carry out interdisciplinary **R&D** in the fields of
  - electronics design,**
  - digital design and**
  - biomedical engineering**
- by a collaborating consortium
- with **applications** in **medicine, semiconductor and information technologies**

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- ## CEBE Research Teams
- Tehnomedicum (TM)**
    - Cardiology Team**
    - Brain Research Team**
    - Biofluids Optics Team**
  - Department of Electronics (DE)**
    - Signal Processing Team (SP)**
    - Semiconductor Devices Team (SD)**
  - Department of Computer Engineering (DCE)**
    - Design Team (D)**
    - Verification and DFT Team (V)**
    - Board Testing Team**
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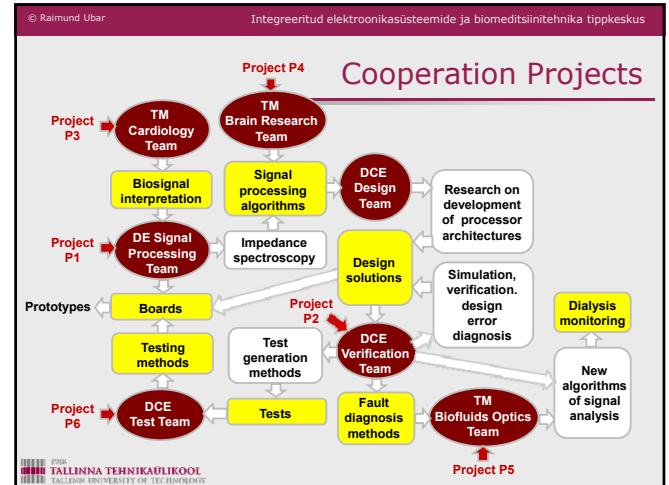
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## Cooperation Projects

- ✓ P1. Application Specific Processors for Signal Processing in Biomedicine (**DE/DCE**)
- ✓ P2. Verification, debug, DFT (**DCE: D/V**)
- ✓ P3. Total Peripheral Resistance (**DE/TM**)
- ✓ P4. Evaluation of mental disorders using EEG analyser (**DCE/TM**)
- ✓ P5. Reliable and disturbance free monitoring of dialysis (**DCE/TM**)
- ✓ P6. Testing of complex electronic systems (**DE/DCE**)
- ✓ P7. Semiconductor devices (**DE: SP/SD**)

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## Project P1

- ✓ **Application Specific Processors for Signal Processing in Biomedicine** (Prof. P.Ellervee)

**Goals for DE:**

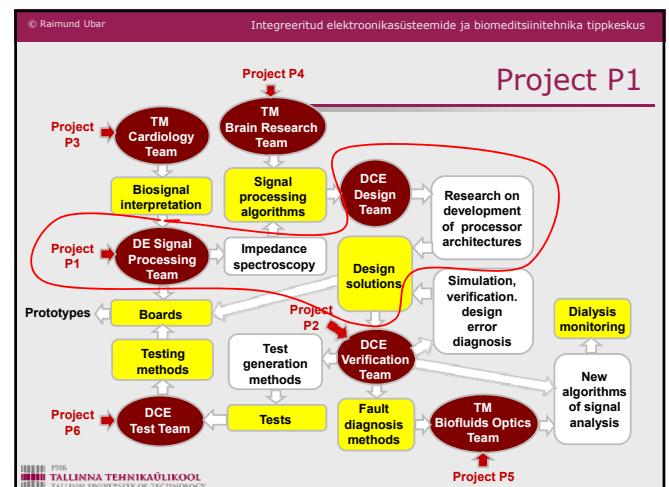
- Finding of appropriate excitation waveforms for the fast and wideband impedance spectroscopy;
- Developing of signal processing methods and devices for processing of the response signals in impedance spectroscopy.

**Goals for DCE:**

- To develop architectures and methods to design application specific processors for signal processing used in biomedical applications.

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## Project P1

- ✓ **Results**

**Patents:**

- US Patent US7706872B2. Method and device for measurement of electrical bioimpedance
- European Patent EP1786322B1. Simultaneous discrete-time analysis of features of substances

**PhD thesis**

- Paul Annus. Multichannel Bioimpedance Spectroscopy: Instrumentation Methods and Design Principles .

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## Project P2

- ✓ **Verification, test generation and fault diagnosis** (Dr. J. Raik)

**Goals for DCE Design Team:**

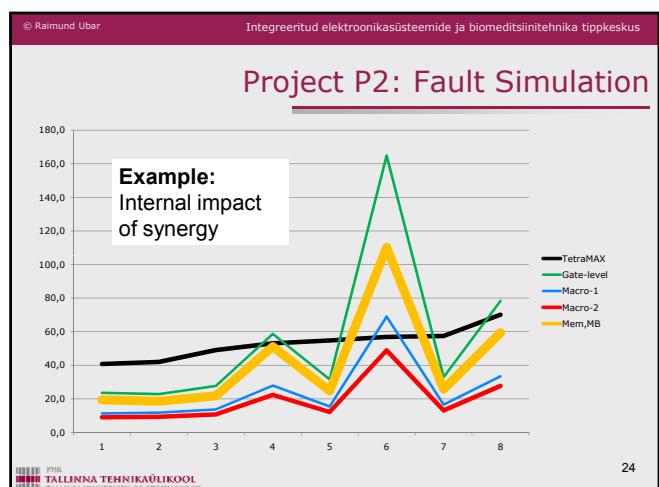
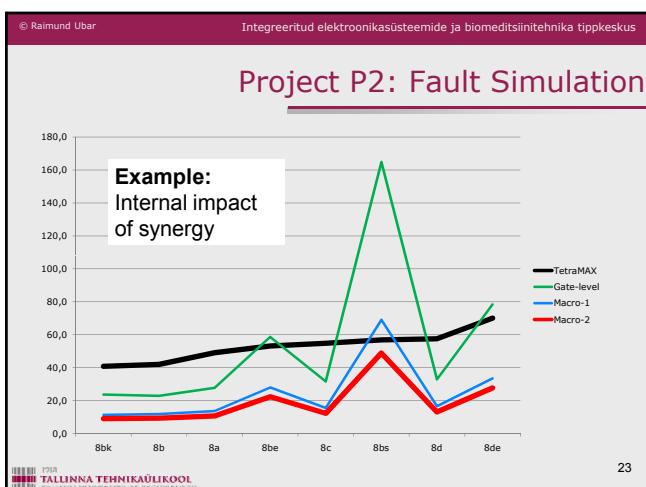
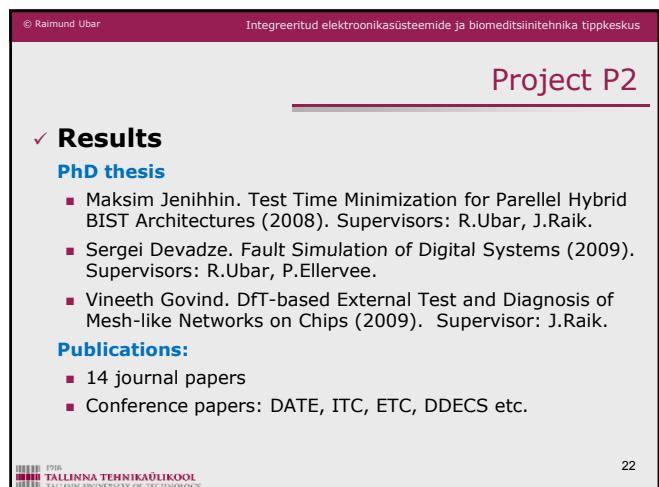
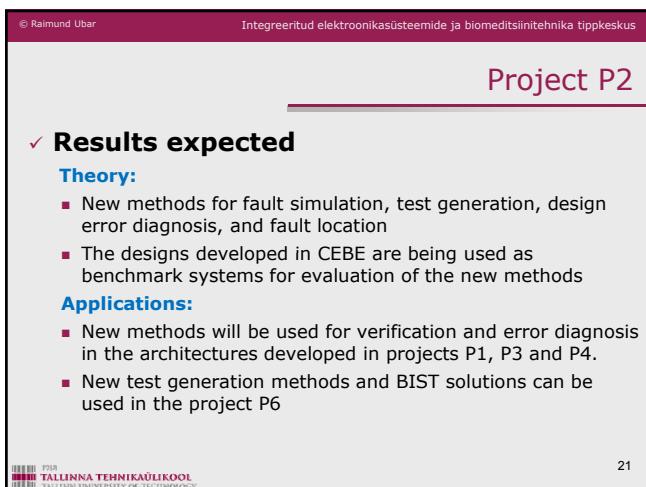
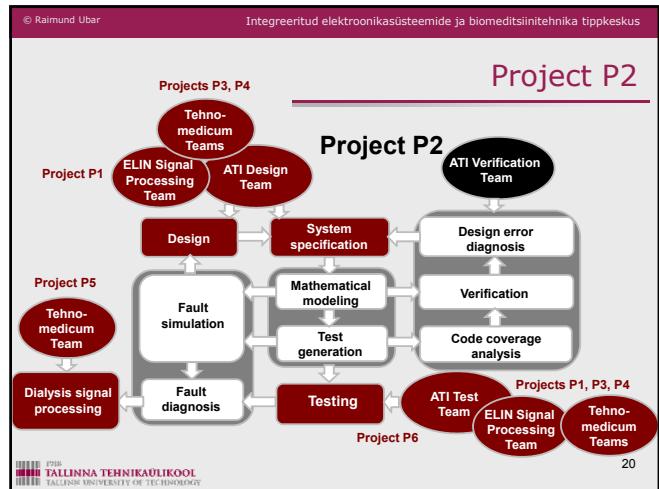
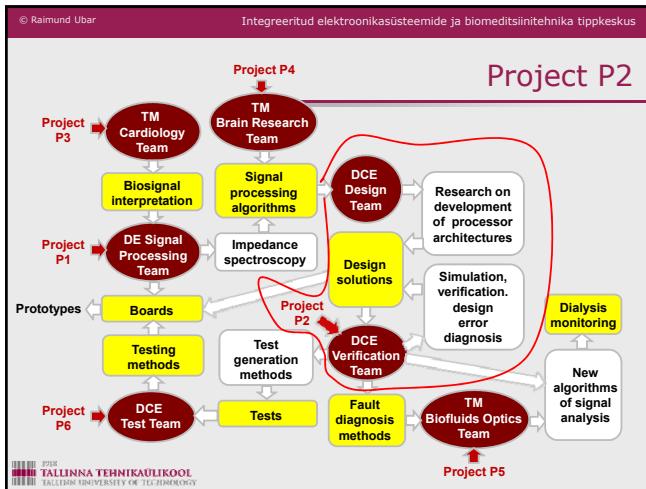
- To develop architectures and methods to design application specific processors for signal processing used in biomedical applications

**Goals for DCE Verification Team:**

- To develop efficient methods for verification, self-testing, fault diagnosis and debugging of digital systems with special attention to design of dependable application specific signal processors
- Redesign of given structures for testability and self-test

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## Project P3

**✓ Total Peripheral Resistance (Prof. K.Meigas)**

**Partners:**

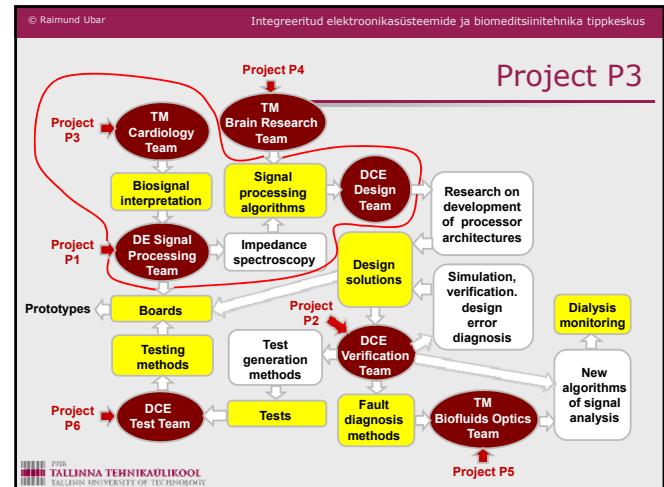
- TM Cardiology Group
- DE Signal Processing Group
- Clinic of Cardiology of North Estonian Regional Hospital
- DCE Design and Verification Teams

**Goals for DCE:**

- **TM:** Method and prototype of device to monitor the total resistance of peripheral arteries noninvasively and continuously using optical and electrical methods in parallel.
- **DE:** Methods for processing of composite impedance signals for adaptive separating of the cardiac component from noise, artifacts, and respiratory component

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## Project P3

**✓ Results**

**Expected application:**

- The monitoring device of the total resistance of peripheral arteries is aimed to be applied in medicine for non-invasive diagnostics of heart-vascular diseases. It is also aimed to be used in research in the related area by TM.

**PhD thesis**

- Andrei Krivoshei. Model Based Method for Adaptive Decomposition of the Thoracic Bio-impedance Variations into Cardiac and Respiratory Components

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## Project P4

**✓ Evaluation of mental disorders using EEG analyser (Prof. H.Hinrikus, Dr. M.Jenihhin)**

**Partners:**

- TM Brain Research Team
- DCE Design and Verification Teams

**Goals:**

- Elaboration and modification of EEG algorithms for detection of mental disorders;
- Electronic implementation of the algorithms as a specific signal processor;
- Development of portable device based on EEG analysis targeted at evaluation of mental disorders.

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## Project P4

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## Project P4

**✓ Results**

**Patent application:**

- US 2009/0054801 Method and device for determining depressive disorders by measuring bioelectromagnetic signals of the brain. Authors: Hiie Hinrikus Maie Bachmann, Jaanus Lass, Anna Suhhova, Viiu Tuulik, Kaire Aadamsoo, Ülle Võhma. Published Feb. 26, 2009.

**PhD thesis**

- Maie Bachman. Effect of Modulated Microwave Radiation on Human Resting Electroencephalographic Signal (2008). Supervisor: H.Hinrikus.

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## Project P5

**✓ Reliable and disturbance free monitoring of dialysis (Prof. I.Fridolin)**

**Partners:**

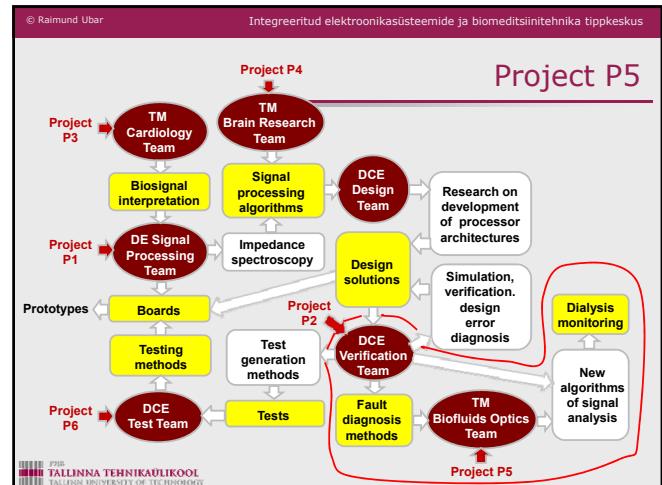
- TM Biofluids Optics Group
- DCE Verification and Diagnosis Team

**Goals:**

- To develop an optical method for on-line monitoring of solutes in the spent dialysate utilizing the UV-absorbance, enabling one to follow a single haemodialysis session continuously
- To develop signal processing algorithms for highly reliable and disturbance free dialysis dose estimation during the dialysis therapy

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## Project P5

**✓ Results**

**Patent applications:**

- Ivo Fridolin, Jana Jerotskaja, Kai Lauri ja Merike Luman. „Optical method and device for measuring concentrations of substances in biological fluids”, PCT/EE2008000026, 2008
- Ivo Fridolin, Jana Jerotskaja, Kai Lauri ja Merike Luman. „Optical method and device for quantitative concentration measurements of compounds in the biological fluids”, EE201000049, 2010
- Fridolin, I., Uhlin F., Jerotskaja, J., Tanner, R., Arund, J. P201000056, 28.06.2010

**PhD thesis**

- M. Luman (supervisor Prof. I. Fridolin) "Dialysis Dose and Nutrition Assessment by an Optical Method",

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## Project P6

**✓ Testing of complex electronic systems (Dr. A.Jutman)**

**Partners:**

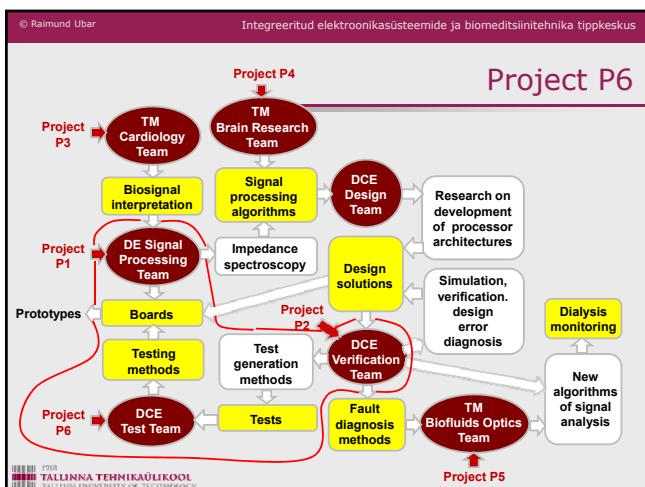
- DCE Test and Verification Teams
- DE Signal Processing Team

**Goals:**

- Current project is aimed at facilitating testing, diagnostic, and maintenance tasks in complex electronic systems through automation of test access solutions

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## Project P7

**✓ Semiconductor devices (Prof. T.Rang)**

**Partners:**

- DE Signal Processing and Semiconductor Teams
- Power Converters group from the Department of Electrical Drives and Power Electronics

**Goals:**

- Developing of the practical solution for application of DLTS method for GaAs and SiC based power pin- and Schottky structures for deep energy level detection in sub-contact epilayers.
- Finding an appropriate specification for realization of SiC polytypic heterojunction using diffusion welding (cold joining) technology

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## IAB: Suggestions

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### **Suggestions for synergy creation**

- Cross disciplinary group projects
- At least two initial research groups should participate
- Six cross disciplinary group projects were launched
- Involvement of the potential users
- Projects should be led by young promising researchers P2 – J.Raik, P4 – M.Jenihhin, P6 – A.Jutman
- Including research groups led by Medical Doctors P3 – Clinic of Cardiology of North Estonian Regional Hospital
- Dissemination

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## IAB: Measures of Success

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### **Suggestions of IAB**

- More demonstrated interactions between members of the Centre would be advantageous.
- An immediate solution could be e.g. a joint International Master of Science program with the participation of the cooperating departments.

### **Jointly developed new Master of Science programs**

- Computer & System Engineering
- Electronics and Bionics
- Communicative Electronics
- Biomedical Engineering (modified through collaboration with University of Tartu)

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## IAB: Measures of Success

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### **Suggestions of IAB**

- Definition of some project demonstrators would make the evaluation of the progress easier and would provide good marketing opportunities for the Centre itself.

### **Going towards demonstrators**

- Project P1: Signal processor designs
- Project P4: Electronic implementation of the algorithms for detection of mental disorders as a specific signal processor

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## IAB: Measures of Success

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### **Suggestions of IAB**

- Cooperation with the industry should be better demonstrated
- Public awareness of the operation should be more directly targeted. This latter two could be combined e.g. with the organization of a student Competition, supported by the industry.

### **Student competition**

- International conf. MEMOCODE'08 (USA), Student competition on SW/HW Codesign – The student team of DCE won 4. place

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## IAB: Measures of Success

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### **Suggestions of IAB**

- CEBE should have the target of the research clearly written in one overall sentence.

### **Mission:**

- To carry out interdisciplinary **R&D** in the fields of
  - electronics design,
  - digital design and
  - biomedical engineering
- by a collaborating consortium
- with **applications** in **medicine, semiconductor and information technologies**

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## IAB: Measures of Success

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### **Suggestions of IAB**

- All subprojects should more clearly join together to support each other for maximum synergy
- New spin-off companies need to be created

### **CEBE:**

- Impact on applications: P1, P3, P4
- Impact on research quality: P2, P5
- Spin-off company Testonica (Partner of FP7 Strep Diamond, EUREKA-EUROSTAR project COMBOARD, joint project with Goepel, Germany)

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## PhD (2008-2010)

- 1. M.Jenihhin. Test Time Minimization for Parallel Hybrid BIST
- 2. S. Devadze. Fault Simulation of Digital Systems
- 3. A. Pokatilov. Development of National Standard for Voltage Unit Based on Solid State References
- 4. V.Govind. DFT-based External Test and Diagnosis of Mesh-like Networks on Chips
- 5. A.Krivoshei. Model Based Method for Adaptive Decomp of the Thoracic Bio-Impedance Variations into Cardiac and Respiratory Components
- 6. P.Annus. Multichannel Bioimpedance Spectroscopy: Instrumentation Methods and Design Principles
- 7. M.Bachman. Effect of Modulated Microwave Radiation on Human Resting Electroencephalographic Signal
- 8. M. Luman. Dialysis dose and nutrition assessment by an optical method

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## Patents Granted (2009-2010)

- 1. European Patent EP1786322B1. Simultaneous discrete-time analysis of features of substances. Inventors: Min Mart, Land Raul, Parve Toomas, Märtens Olev, Ronk Ants. Owner: Tallinn University of Technology. Granted 28.10.2009.
- 2. US Patent US7706872B2. Method and device for measurement of electrical bioimpedance. Inventors: Min Mart, Kink Andres, Land Raul, Parve Toomas. Owner: Tallinn University of Technology. Granted 27.04.2010.
- 3. European Patent EP157542A1. Method and device for measurement of electrical bioimpedance. Inventors: Min Mart, Kink Andres, Land Raul, Parve Toomas. Owner: Tallinn University of Technology. Decision to grant the patent by European Patent Office 28.05.2010.
- 4. Estonian patent EE05166B1. Method and device for synchronizing of decoder of a RFID receiver. Authors: Olev Märtens, Alar Kuusik, Aivar Liimets. Granted: 15.04.2009.

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## Patents , Publications, Dissemination

- Patent applications – 11
- Publications
  - Journal papers – 74 (ISI WoS – 47, Other – 27)
  - Conference papers – 130
  - Monographies – 6
- Dissemination

Year	Radio	TV	Articles	Seminars/WS	Presentations/Lectures
2008	1		5	2	2
2009	7	3	9	2	8
2010	8	1	4	1	1

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## External Cooperation

- The partners of CEBE in Estonian industry (12)
  - ELIKO TAK OÜ, Artec Group, Smartimplant OÜ, Cybernetica AS, Elcoteq Tallinn, National Semiconductor Eesti, Ericson Eesti AS, Clifton Ltd, LDIAMON AS, Testonica Lab OÜ, East-Tallinn Central Hospital, North-Estonian Medical Centre, OÜ Quattromed HTI
- International cooperation (15 countries/36 institutions)
  - Germany (7), Sweden (6), Poland (3), Russia (3), UK (3), USA (3), France (2), Portugal (2), Austria (1), Belgium (1), Finland (1), Hungary (1), Israel (1), Italy (1), Japan (1)

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