



SBA Spring Venture Academy attracts International Jury, Coaches, and Entrepreneurs

Keynote Speeches from Senator Pierre Laffitte, Veronique Castelo, Nada Alawi, and Mehli Odemis

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Wednesday 05 May 2010/Sophia Antipolis: The Sophia Business Angels (SBA) held their Spring Venture Academy in cooperation with the SKEMA Business School this last Friday 30 April 2010. 8 entrepreneurs from Istanbul, Bilbao, Nice, Paris, and Copenhagen were selected from candidates around the world to present to Angel Investors, Coaches, and Judges from around the world.

The Sophia Business Angel network invited its partners, Galata Business Angels from Istanbul, Orkestra from Bilbao, and Tamkeen from Kingdom of Bahrain to not only join them in coaching and judging the entrepreneurs but also to bring young entrepreneurs

from their countries to participate in the strenuous but productive day of pitching, coaching, and competing.

Keynote speeches were held by the Honorary President of the SBA and founder of Sophia Antipolis Senator Pierre Laffitte, SBA Member and European Business Angel of the Year Veronique Castelo, Middle East Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Nada Alawi, (Bahrain) and Galata Business Angels founding member and Turkish Entrepreneur Mehli Odemis.

Michel Bernasconi, Skema Professor of Entrepreneurship and SBA Member wrapped up the day with insightful observations about the entrepreneurs presentations in general.

The winners were: Most Investable Company - MetroVision (DK), Best Presentation - WikTik (Fr), Most improved presentation - Visio Think (Tr)

Other companies participating were: Fine Technologies S.A (Tr-Ch), Seagull Security SAS (Fr), VENIU (Fr), Virtualware (Es) and Matching Numbers (Fr-Lu).

The SBA considers all participants winners because each entrepreneur has a chance to meet a coach and get investment even if they are not winners.

The SBA Venture Academy is known throughout the world. The next SBA Venture Academy will take place on 29th October 2010 at the SKEMA.

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- The winners :

- Most Investable Company: MetroVision

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- Best Presentation: WikTik

- Frederic Bourratière- CEO

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- Nice, France

- Most improved Presentation: VisioThink

- Selim Balcisoy, Founder and partner

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- Istanbul, Turkey