



# **PIN - SO WHAT'S NEW SINCE THE LAST MEETING?**

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# PIN FUNDING SECURED FOR 2002

- Sponsors supporting running costs with £20k
- Sponsors are: Alfa Laval, BHR Group, BP, Dow Chemical Company, Future Energy Solutions, GSK, HSE, Norsk Hydro, Process Kinetics, Protensive
- Sponsors benefit from:
  - Free meeting registration
  - Steering Committee membership
  - Special web access for promotion, recruitment etc.
  - 'Sponsors' column' in PIN News
  - Preferential access to PI training courses

# **POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM EPSRC ASSESSMENT OF OUR ACTIVITY**

- **Research planning & potential scientific impact - "Tending to internationally leading" - i.e. 80% mark**
- **Communication of outputs; potential benefits to society; cost effectiveness - "Tending to outstanding" - also 80%**
- **One gave us 95% for cost-effectiveness!**



# ***PIN NEWS***

- ❁ **Six issues published to date - each 12+ pages and on web site**
- ❁ **Seventh issue planned July 2002**
- ❁ **Contributions of articles welcome, in fact positively encouraged!! - by early July, please**
- ❁ **No charge**
- ❁ **Distribution outside PIN members**



# PIN MEMBERSHIP

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- Expanded to 309
- >60% from industry
- 85 overseas members - Europe, USA, Japan

# PIN WEB SITE - WWW

- [Http://www.ncl.ac.uk/pin/](http://www.ncl.ac.uk/pin/)
- Where size really does matter!!
- New format given by Ming Tham
- Meeting news, contacts, newsletter, links, articles, report on the pre-LINK programme survey of PI, Powerpoint PIN talks, etc.

# PIN - NEW OPPORTUNITIES

- Discussing with new SUSTECH programme manager (in CEFIC) to initiate a PI cluster based upon PIN
- PIN intends to participate in the EC EoI on PI being initiated by BHRG (presentation by Andrew Green later)
- Major EPSRC PP on micro H&MT - discussed later
- Associated with INSIGHT Faraday PP on High Throughput Technologies - in second round



# **PIN - Next Deliverables**

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- **Meeting minutes - 06/02**
- **PIN News - 07/02 - articles, please!**
- **8th PIN Meeting, BHR Group, Cranfield, November 2002**



# FINALLY - FOR YOUR DIARY

- September 9-13, Edinburgh - United Engineering Foundation PI<sup>2</sup> Conference, Heriot-Watt Univ.
- 8th PIN MEETING - BHR Group, 14 November (Provisional date)
- August 18-21, 2003, Newcastle - 1st Int. Symp. on Process Intensification & Miniaturisation