



Art loves Science

The MIRIAD Project Launch Event, **Knowledge + Imagination = Understanding**, of September 20th 2006 proved to be a great success – documentation is available along with further information about MIRIAD at <http://www.miriad.mmu.ac.uk/>

The Oxford Road Corridor has been, and continues to be the home of many great scientists and artists, many of whom are leading the way in breaking the boundaries between the Arts and the Sciences.

Many innovative projects have already brought together creative thinking and clinical knowledge to explore new forms of understanding and the scope for future collaborations is increasing all the time.

Funded through the Higher Education Innovation Fund/NWDA and supported by Manchester Knowledge Capital, the project is run by the Manchester Metropolitan University through the Manchester Institute for Research and Innovation in Art and Design (MIRIAD), and is intended to launch discussions and identify possible future collaborative projects to bring the work of Scientists and Artists closer together.

In an increasingly democratised knowledge landscape, in part due to new connectivity and dissemination provided by the Internet, MIRIAD plays the perfect host for this project,

“MIRIAD has a philosophy of open-minded inquiry, recognising that it is possible that our hierarchies and our specialist languages can form barriers to the development of knowledge. The schism between art and science cannot but be such a barrier. I firmly believe that the next level of human development will be achieved by a love affair between science and art, equal but different: Knowledge plus Imagination equals Understanding”

(Professor John Hyatt, Director of MIRIAD).

The MIRIAD Project invites academics and practitioners working in a wide variety of cultural and scientific fields to engage in debate. The second event in the series, **Art loves Science**, will be held in Manchester at Manchester Metropolitan University on Wednesday February 14th and will be a series of presentations, debates and round-

table discussions running from 9:30 to 12.30 (with time after lunch for informal continuation for those that wish to carry on their discussions). If you missed the first event, don't worry; you can still attend the second. The focus for this second event will be the city and channels for debate and communication. Examples of successful collaborations will be presented and the debate will concentrate on practical and pragmatic suggestions for how to maximise the opportunities for collaborative trans-disciplinary investigation. It is hoped that these suggestions will form the agenda for the continuation of the MIRIAD Project.