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European optical scientists get look at Tucson program

Software usage spreads into 35 countries

By David Wichner ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Optical scientists from across Europe are learning to use a software program designed by Tucson-based Breault



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Sciences in Darmstadt, Germany.

"We were holding one class in Europe a year, but we've bumped it up to two," said Jennifer Patton, marketing manager for Breault Research. "There is a definite increase in bio-optics. Also, Germany is catching up on telecom. That market is becoming bigger."

BRO, 6400 E. Grant Road, is an optics firm with more than a dozen optical engineers and ties to the Arizona Optics Industry Association and the University of Arizona's Optical Sciences Center.

ASAP software is used by engineers and physicists in 35 countries.

About 70 percent of the students are German, 15 percent are from the Netherlands and the remaining 15 percent are from Spain, Italy, Turkey, Austria and the United Kingdom.

Toronto-based Trojan Technologies Inc. won a \$1.1 million contract to provide equipment used to remove chemical pollutants from drinking water in Southern California.

The contract with the California Domestic Water Co. calls for Trojan's ultraviolet water-treatment system to be used to destroy N-nitrosodimethylamine in drinking water. The water system serves about 120,000 Orange County residents.

Trojan acquired Advanced UV Solutions of Tucson in March 2001 and

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established the company's former office here as a sales office, said Christian Williamson, managing director of Trojan's Tucson-based environmental contaminant treatment division and a co-founder of Advanced UV.

What is "Wi-Fi," anyway?

You'll find the answers to those and other questions at the Tucson Link Forum "Wireless - Breakthrough Technology for Voice and Data Communications," set for next Thursday.

Presented by Tucson's Community Information and Telecommunications Alliance, the luncheon will feature an expert panel discussing wireless voice and data technologies for home and office networking, broadband Internet access, community access networks, mobile computing and more.

The event runs from noon to 2 p.m. at the Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa, 3800 E. Sunrise Drive. For more information, visit www.tucsonlink.org/calendar.htm

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