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“Entrepreneurship, knowledge, learning and the evolution of industrial/territorial clusters and regions”

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Thursday, November 30, 2006

9:00 Registration

9:20 Opening of the Conference: Yannis Caloghirou, Asc. Professor, NTUA

9:30-10:30: Introductory Key Note speech, Chair: Prof. F. Kolisis, NHRF and NTUA

Dr. Ioannis Economidis, EC, DG for Research, Directorate for Biotechnology, Agriculture and Food: “Knowledge-based Bioeconomy”.

10:30-11:30 (1st session): Regional innovation systems, spin-offs and knowledge-based entrepreneurship. Chair: Prof. Mc Kelvey, Chalmers University of Technology


11:10-11:30 Discussion

11:30-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:00 (2nd session): Entrepreneurship and Education Chair: Prof. E. Koukios, NTUA

11:45-12:05 S. Ollila, K. Williams: “Shadow-dancing: Utilizing the Strength of Paradoxes in Entrepreneuring Education”.


12:45-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:15 Buffet Lunch
14:15-15:15 (3rd session): Knowledge-based entrepreneurial growth. Chair:


14.35-14.55 K. Bishop: “Experiences of Knowledge Based Entrepreneurship in Czech Republic and Hungary: Results from Biotechnology and IT Case Studies”.

14:55-15:10 Discussion


15:50-16:10 F. Rychen, J-B Zimmermann: “Clusters in the global knowledge based economy: knowledge gatekeepers and temporary proximity”.

16:10-16:30 Discussion

16:30-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-19:30 First Round-table discussion Chair: Prof. Y. Caloghirou

“Knowledge-based entrepreneurship in the context of the Lisbon strategy: The policy dimension”

Prof. T. Giannitsis, UoA, former Minister for Employment and former Foreign Minister.
Prof. H. Louri, AEUB, Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister.
Prof. F. Malerba, CESPRI, Bocconi University
Dr. A. Mitsos, former Director General, DG Research at the European Commission.
Prof. L. Papagiannakis, LIEE/NTUA, former vice rector of NTUA

21:00 Dinner
Friday, December 1, 2006

**9:00-10:00 Keynote speech**  Chair: Prof. St. Ioannides, Panteion University

*Prof. Ulrich Witt, Department of Economics, Director Evolutionary Economics Group, Max Planck Institute, “Changing patterns of technological knowledge production and the organizational adaptations inside the firms”*

**10:00-11:15 (1st session): Cluster development and transformation.**  Chair: Prof A. Lyberaki, Panteion University

- 10:20-10:40 P. Cohendet, E. Pawlak: “Entrepreneurship and clustering in nanotechnologies”.
- 10:40-11:00 Guido Buenstorf, Christina Guenther: “What’s the cost of losing one’s home? Location choice and firm survival following the forced relocation of German machine tool firms after World War 2”.
- 11:00-11:20 L. Labrianidis: “The transformation of a quasi cluster in Northern Greece to a cluster that embraces Southern Balkans”.
- 11:20-11:40 Discussion

**11:40-12:00 Coffee break**

**12:00-13:00 (2nd session): Prior knowledge and inter-firm knowledge flows: the role of the entrepreneur.**  Chair: Prof. I. Minoglou, AUEB

- 12:00-12:20 U. Cantner, M. Goethner, A. Meder. “Prior knowledge and entrepreneurial innovative success”,
- 12:40-13:00 Discussion

**13:00-14:00 Buffet Lunch**
14:00-15:45 (3rd session): The impact of internal factors and regional context on firm performance. Chair: Eric Soderquist, Ass. Professor, AUEB

14:00-14:20 A. Weterings, R. Ponds: “Regional Knowledge Networks in the Dutch ICT and Life-sciences sector”.


14:40-15:00 O.A.L.C. Atzema, E. J. Visser: “Connecting “stand-alone”, “local buzz” and “global pipeline” firms; a plea for a non-clustered regional innovation policy”.

15:00-15:20 O. Raspe, F. van Oort: “Firm performance in knowledge intensive spatial contexts – a multilevel analysis”.

15:20-15:45 Discussion

15:45-17:45 Second Round table discussion Chair: Prof. S. Lioukas AUEB

Entrepreneurship, knowledge and the regional dimension: Where do we stand on theory and empirical evidence?

Prof. F. Malerba, Bocconi University
Prof. M. Mc Kelvey, Chalmers University of Technology
Prof. B. Dalum, Aalborg University
Prof. S. Ioannides, Panteion University

17:45-18:00 Closing of the conference