



Call for Papers

**May 11, 12 and 13, 2006 The Fourteenth Annual
High Technology Small Firms Conference 2006
+ May 10, 2006 Doctoral Workshop
University of Twente - Enschede - The Netherlands**

On behalf of the Dutch Institute for Knowledge Intensive Entrepreneurship (Nikos), at the University of Twente, and Manchester Business School (MBS), we have the pleasure of inviting you to this year's High Technology Small Firms (HTSF) conference in Enschede, The Netherlands. This international conference will provide a unique opportunity for academics, opinion formers, policy makers and practitioners to discuss the latest developments in the field of HTSF's. To give all groups the optimal platforms for discussion, we offer both academic research as well as practically orientated parallel sessions.

The 2006 conference is a special edition, to celebrate Nikos' fifth anniversary. The conference will start with a doctoral workshop for PhD students and close with a seminar on the future of knowledge intensive entrepreneurship research. Several scholars will present their view on our field, and we will discuss this also with policymakers and practitioners.

Best Paper Awards will be given for the best research, practitioner and PhD papers presented at the conference.

Topics

HTSF's play important roles in many innovative fields, e.g. IT related fields such as e-business, life sciences (bio technology), micro-systems technology and environmental technology. These firms often form part of a heterogeneous business network, co-operating with -large- firms, research institutions, more traditional SME's and other HTSF's. For this year's conference we are especially interested in the **commercialisation of knowledge and the roles of HTSF's in the process**. Subthemes we would like to focus on are related to interfaces of entrepreneurship with technology, strategy, marketing, networking and organisation. Moreover, this can be brought in relation to instantiations of roles of high tech small firms, such as academic, student, female, corporate or global entrepreneurship. Of course papers based on other HTSF-related topics (e.g. heterogeneous networks, business development and growth, funding, governmental policies) are welcome also.

Doctoral workshop

A doctoral workshop will held on May 10. The workshop will provide an opportunity for doctoral students who are interested in pursuing research in Entrepreneurship and Innovation to discuss their work with senior scholars and to meet like-minded doctoral students from a variety of universities. Potential candidates should submit a proposal according to the instructions below plus their CV.

Abstracts & Papers - Submission dates

- Initial abstracts (500 - 700 words) should be submitted by *Sunday January 8, 2006*.
- Communication of acceptance of abstracts by *Monday January 23, 2006*.
- Full papers are to be submitted by *Monday April 3, 2006*.
- All papers accepted should be presented at the conference. All papers presented will be considered for inclusion in a book series annually published by Elsevier publishers.

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