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Conference location

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Travelling

The city of Enschede is situated in the eastern part of the Netherlands, at a 2 hrs drive (A1, A35) from Amsterdam. There are excellent train connections (approx. 2.15 hrs) between Schiphol Airport and Enschede, and Amsterdam and Enschede.

For rail information see: www.ns.nl

For airport information see: www.schiphol.nl

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special edition
2006
HTSF
conference

May 11, 12 and 13, 2006

the fourteenth annual
high technology small firms conference

+ May 10, 2006 doctoral workshop

University of Twente
Enschede, the Netherlands



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Invitation

On behalf of the Dutch Institute for Knowledge Intensive Entrepreneurship (Nikos), it is our great pleasure to invite you to the 14th annual High Technology Small Firms conference (HTSF). For the sixth time the conference will be held on the University of Twente campus, located between the cities of Hengelo and Enschede, in the eastern part of the Netherlands. The focus of this international conference is on the management and development of HTSFs and on the role of HTSFs in industrial and economic development. The conference has become the major European platform for academics, opinion formers, policy makers and practitioners to discuss the recent and future developments in the field. We are very proud to have in our midst as speakers Prof. dr. J.-C. Spender of Leeds University / Cranfield University (UK) and Dr. Steven Walsh, of the University of New Mexico Anderson School of Management (US) and visiting professor at the University of Twente.

The 2006 conference marks the celebration of Nikos' fifth anniversary. The conference will start with a doctoral workshop (May 10) and includes a seminar (May 12) on the future of knowledge intensive entrepreneurship. Several international scientists will present their views.

This year's conference features: commercialisation of knowledge and the roles of HTSFs in the process and in the particular interface of entrepreneurship with technology, strategy, marketing, networking and organisation. Best paper awards will be granted in three categories.

Join us in creating a rewarding and stimulating conference!

Aard Groen, *conference chairman*
scientific director of Nikos

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Programme Outline

Please check our website www.utwente.nl/nikos for the latest conference updates.

Wednesday May 10 HTSF doctoral workshop

The full day workshop provides a platform for doctoral students who are interested in pursuing research in entrepreneurship and the role of HTSF's to discuss their work with senior scientists in the field and to meet like-minded doctoral students from a variety of universities.

Thursday May 11 HTSF conference

The morning programme consists of a plenary opening and welcome, and a first series of parallel sessions. In the afternoon we offer an excursion to the international Grolsch breweries (www.grolsch.com) in Enschede. You have the evening to explore the city of Enschede at your leisure (shops are open till 21.00 hrs).

Friday May 12 HTSF conference, EFMD taskforce meeting and Nikos seminar

In the morning there will be parallel sessions. Also the EFMD taskforce on innovation and entrepreneurship will have its first meeting, which is open to the public. The Nikos fifth anniversary seminar on the Future of Entrepreneurship Research and Valorisation will take place in the afternoon. The programme consists of a series of debates led by international experts and their Dutch counterparts. The day will be concluded with a conference dinner and social evening programme.

Saturday May 13 HTSF conference

The programme consists of the final parallel sessions of the conference. In the plenary closing session the PhD students will present their views on the future of entrepreneurship. HTSF 2006 will be closed with an informal lunch.

Registration

To register please complete the registration form which is available online at the following website: www.utwente.nl/nikos. In order to guarantee your hotel reservation register and make sure you have paid your total fee before April 10, 2006. No registration is accepted until full payment, including hotel-costs, has been received.

Fees per person

The fee is payable by both speakers and delegates. The fee includes conference proceedings, New Technology-Based Firms in the New Millennium Volume V, delegate packs, lunches, refreshments, afternoon excursion, social evening and conference dinner.

Fees after April 10, 2006

- Conference fee □495,-
- Doctoral workshop including conference fee □345,- *open to PhD students only*

Early bookings

If you register and pay before April 10, 2006 you get a discount on the conference fee.

- Conference fee □460,-
- Doctoral workshop including conference fee □310,- *open to PhD students only*

Accommodation

Please book your accommodation via the HTSF conference website: www.utwente.nl/nikos. Only then you are entitled to the special rates.

Options have been taken for the following nights: Tuesday May 9, Wednesday May 10, Thursday May 11, Friday May 12, Saturday May 13 at the following hotels:

- **De Broeierd** □94,25 www.debroeierd.nl
- **Drienerburght** □62,- www.drienerburght.nl/english

Cancellations

Cancellations must be made in writing and are subject to a cancellation charge. 10% of the fee is charged for cancellations received before April 24, 2006; 50% for cancellations received thereafter. Where a 50% cancellation has been incurred, a full set of conference papers will be provided. A substitute delegate may attend in your place at no extra cost.