

the 16th annual

High Technology Small Firms Conference

May 22-23 2008 + May 21 Doctoral Workshop
Enschede - the Netherlands



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Invitation

The Dutch Institute for Knowledge Intensive Entrepreneurship (Nikos) cordially invites you to the 16th annual High Technology Small Firms (HTSF) Conference. This year's conference offers a unique opportunity to showcase the development and management of HTSF and brings together experts in the field to discuss inherent challenges.

About the Conference

The 16th annual conference focuses on growth and support instruments for HTSF and features presentations by renowned international authors on topics such as Innovation, Marketing, Networks, Training, Valorisation, and Theory Development. The conference will also include a doctoral workshop and peer-based discussion geared specifically at PhD students. The discussion will be overseen by seasoned academics in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Keynote speaker

Andrew H. Van de Ven *Vernon H. Heath Professor of Organizational Innovation and Change from the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota.*

Invited speaker

Shaker A. Zahra *Robert E. Buuck Chair of Entrepreneurship, Professor of Strategy and Organization from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota and 3TU Professor of International Entrepreneurship at the University of Twente.*

The conference offers three subject tracks:

- 1** on the Incubation Process & Incubators - see also www.service-incubator.com in co-organization with NENSI (North European Network for Service Incubators)
- 2** on European Approaches of Research on Technoentrepreneurship, co-organized with the International Journal of Technoentrepreneurship - see also www.technoentrepreneurship.com - and the University of Michigan-Dearborn
- 3** on International Entrepreneurship, organized by the 3TU consortium (joint Dutch Technical Universities)

Who should attend?

Participants will include decision-makers and experts drawn from business communities, the professions, education and the public sector. The wide range of backgrounds offers a unique opportunity for academics, educators, opinion formers, financiers, policy makers and practitioners to discuss recent and future developments in the field of small business and entrepreneurship. There is a social programme that provides an opportunity to relax, meet old friends and make new contacts. The program also features a spouse programme. I look forward to meeting you at HTSF in Enschede!

Aard Groen

conference chairman and scientific director of Nikos

Programme outline



Wednesday **May 21** HTSF Doctoral Workshop

The Doctoral Workshop is exclusively open to PhD students whose work has been accepted by the conference organization.

Overseeing the workshop will be professors

Andrew H. Van de Ven *Organizational Innovation and Change*

Shaker A. Zahra *Strategy and Organization*

Ray Oakey *Business Development*

Aard Groen *Innovative Entrepreneurship*

afternoon welcome reception

Thursday **May 22** HTSF Conference | the programme for the day comprises

morning plenary opening and welcome

keynote speech by Andrew H. Van de Ven

first series of parallel and subject tracks sessions

afternoon second series of parallel and subject tracks sessions

evening conference dinner, social evening programme and best paper award ceremony

Friday **May 23** HTSF Conference | the programme for the day comprises

morning plenary opening and welcome

invited speech by Shaker A. Zahra

final parallel and subject tracks sessions

closing remarks

afternoon excursion

Sponsors

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Technoentrepreneurship



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Registration

To register please complete the online registration form at the conference website:
www.utwente.nl/nikos/Conferences/htsf/

Accommodation Discounted accommodation rates are available if you book via the HTSF conference website www.utwente.nl/nikos/Conferences/htsf/

The options available are:

- **Eden Hotel De Broeierd** - www.broeierd.nl
single room / double room € 90,- + breakfast € 15,- pp
- **ICSC Drienerburght** - www.drienerburght.nl
single room € 63,50 *breakfast included*
double room € 73,50 *breakfast included*

Fees per person The registration fee is payable by both speakers and participants. The fee includes the conference proceedings, the 2006 conference book New Technology-Based Firms in the New Millennium Volume VII, lunches, refreshments, afternoon excursion, social evening and conference dinner. The fee for the spouse program is € 150,-.

Early bookings *registration and payment before April 21, 2008*

- Conference fee € 460,-
- Conference fee including doctoral workshop € 310,- *for accepted PhD students only*
- Spouse program fee € 150,- and € 125,- *for accepted PhD students only*

Late bookings *registration and payment after April 21, 2008*

- Conference fee € 495,-
- Conference fee including doctoral workshop € 345,- *for accepted PhD students only*
- Spouse program fee € 150,- and € 125,- *for accepted PhD students only*

In order to guarantee your hotel reservation, please register and make sure you have paid your fee before April 21, 2008.

No registration is accepted until full payment, including hotel-costs, has been received.

Cancellations Cancellations must be made in writing and are subject to 10% cancellation charge after May 1, 2008 and 50% cancellation charge after May 15, 2008.

A substitute participant may attend in your place at no extra cost.

Enquiries and bookings

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Conference location

Ondernemingshuis Twente
Hengelosestraat 585
7500 GM ENSCHEDE

Travelling

The city of Enschede is situated in the eastern part of the Netherlands, at 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.



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Eden Hotel De Broeierd



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