

**14th Nordic Conference on
Small Business Research**

May 11–13, 2006

Stockholm, Sweden

Call for papers

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We are delighted to invite you to the 14th Nordic Conference on Small Business Research in Stockholm, Sweden, May 11-13, 2006. The conference is organised jointly by ESBRI (Entrepreneurship and Small Business Research Institute) and FSF (Swedish Foundation for Small Business Research).

THEME OF CONFERENCE

Developing Entrepreneurship and Innovation across the Nordic and Baltic Countries.

TRACKS

As always we invite conference participants to relate to issues in Small Business and Entrepreneurship Research. However, we would also like to emphasise the importance of the general conference theme of entrepreneurship and innovation and the geographical contextualisation – the focus on the Nordic and Baltic countries. In particular we encourage papers dealing with sub-themes as specified below, representing tracks in the coming conference:

- The role of entrepreneurship and innovation in regional/societal development
- Entrepreneurs, clusters and innovation systems in contexts of local/metropolitan/regional development
- Corporate entrepreneurship/managing entrepreneurship in organisational contexts
- Internationalization and cross cultural entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurship education; entrepreneurship and the educational system; learning and entrepreneurship

WORKSHOPS

In addition to submitting papers, we encourage participants to suggest themes of workshops to be held during the conference.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE

Scholars from all over the world are welcome. The conference language is English. In spite of the conference name and its Nordic origin, the Nordic Conference on Small Business Research has evolved into an international venue with participants from all over Europe, as well as from other parts of the world.

PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Abstract of papers and final papers are to be sent by e-mail. In order to accomplish a fast procedure, all communication concerning abstracts and papers will be handled electronically. Abstracts are to be no longer than 3 pages or 1.200 words. Please use 12 font size and double spaced layout.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is February 15. Authors will be notified by e-mail no later than March 1. Deadline for submission of full paper is April 12. Please accept that we need Word- (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) formats only. For detailed information about submission procedures regarding abstracts and full papers please visit the conference website.

**Please send your abstracts and/or workshop proposals to:
submissions@ncsb2006.se**

SOME IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for submissions of abstract: February 15, 2006
- Notification of acceptance of submissions: March 1, 2006
- Deadline for submission of complete paper: April 21, 2006
- Deadline for early registrations: February 20, 2006

CONFERENCE VENUE

The conference is held at Nordic Sea Hotel in the very centre of Stockholm, situated right next to The Stockholm Central Station. Please visit the hotel website for more information: www.nordicseahotel.se

ACCOMMODATION

Preliminary hotel reservations (at a discounted price) have been made for the conference participants at Nordic Sea Hotel. Participants need to make reservations on their own. Please contact the hotel to do so. Reservations can be done either by e-mail: konferensbokning@nordichotels.se or phone: + 46 8 50 56 35 07. When making your reservation please state the following booking code: ESBRI120506. Nordic Sea offers 4 different room categories: Express, Standard, Superior and Deluxe to choose from. The preliminary hotel reservations will be held until March 10, 2006.

The Nordic Sea Hotel online booking service also offers more discounted prices at: <http://www.nordicseahotel.se>. (No booking code required)

If you chose not to stay at the suggested hotel it is highly recommended to make early reservations for accommodation, as hotels are very busy in Stockholm during this time of the year. Please consult www.stockholmtown.com for information about alternative accommodation.

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TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Stockholm is easily accessed by air, train, boat, bus or car. Please visit www.stockholmtown.com for more information about how to get to Stockholm and what to do and see during your stay.

REGISTRATION

Registration is organised electronically on our website: www.ncsb2006.se
Registration is possible from December 15, 2006. Please note that we can only accept a limited number of participants, so be sure to complete your registration as soon as possible. Furthermore, early registrations will receive a lower conference fee (see below).

CONFERENCE FEE

The conference fee is SEK 3.100 (approx. €325) if registration is completed no later than February 20, 2006. For participants who register between February 21 and April 1, 2006 the conference fee is SEK 3.600 (approx. €375). After April 1, the conference fee is SEK 4.200 (approx. € 450). Please note that we offer a special conference fee for PhD students: SEK 2.500 (approx. €260). The conference fee includes all sessions, conference documentation, welcome reception, conference dinner, 2 lunches, coffee and refreshments.

Participants will be invoiced upon registration.

Please note: Accommodation and travel expenses are NOT included in the conference fee.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

May 11, 2006

17.00 Start registration
19.00 Welcome reception

May 12, 2006

08.00 Registration
09.00 Opening sessions with keynote speakers
20.00 Conference dinner

May 13, 2006

09.00 First session
15.00 Closing session with keynote speaker

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

The conference organisers do not take any responsibility for injury or damage involving persons or property during the conference. Participants are advised to take out their own personal insurance.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- Magnus Aronsson, Managing Director, ESBRI, Sweden
- Professor Pontus Braunerhjelm, FSF and Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
- Associate Professor Poul Dreisler, The Aarhus School of Business, Denmark
- Professor Bengt Johannisson, Växjö University, Sweden
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- Professor Elisabeth Sundin, Department of Business Administration, Linköping University, Sweden
- Professor Markku Virtanen, Helsinki School of Economics, Small Business Center in Mikkeli, Finland

REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chairman of the Review Committee is Daniel Hjorth, Associate Professor at ESBRI, Malmö and Växjö Universities. For full list of reviewers, please visit the conference website.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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WEB SITE

Please visit our web site for more detailed and updated information about the conference. The program will be updated continuously.

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For more information about the organising partners, please visit:

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