Call for Papers
‘Gender, Science and the Economy: Exploring Women’s Participation in Technology Transfer, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (TIE)’ Conference
Barcelona, 11-13 June 2008

About the conference
Gender issues in the interface professions between science and the economy are increasingly salient to achieve the European objectives of maximising the utilization of human capital for building the Knowledge Society. Transfer, incubation and entrepreneurship (TIE) fields have grown in importance and expanded in recent years, as science has become an increasingly significant pillar of knowledge-based economies. Gender relations within TIE organizations are still largely unexplored, with a few notable exceptions. This conference aims to enhance the state-of-the-art in research on the interface between gender, science and the economy by providing new evidence resulting from a recent European Union (EU) ‘Science and Society’ project on Women in Innovation, Science and Technology (WIST) focusing on the TIE professions in four countries (UK, Germany, Finland, Romania). The experiences of the four EU countries will be complemented by studies and analyses of scholars, practitioners, policy-makers and entrepreneurs around the world, placing thus the conference theme into a global context.

Conference themes:
We call for papers to address the challenges and opportunities at the interface between gender, science and the economy based on research, policy analyses and personal experiences. The conference includes plenary sessions with keynote addresses and parallel sessions for presentation of refereed papers. Papers should address the following themes:
1. Comparative analyses (cross-sectoral, cross-national, cross-disciplinary) of the participation and advancement of women in traditional and emerging science related professions.
2. Women and men’s position in the TIE professions: is it a matter of culture, social structure or individual agency?
3. New hybrid occupations at the intersection of science and business, law, public policy, media, etc.

Important deadlines
- Submission of abstracts: 1 April 2008. Abstracts of max. 750 words should be submitted to tie.conference@uta.fi. They must clearly indicate the focus and potential impact of the proposed paper. Papers are encouraged that link state-of-the-art thinking and research with a practical perspective, including co-authored works with scientists and technologists or managers.
- Submission of full papers: 1 June 2008.

Selected papers may be invited for consideration in a special journal issue and/or edited book.

Registration details will follow in due course.

Conference Scientific Committee:
- Professor Henry Etzkowitz, Newcastle University Business School, UK;
- Dr Marina Ranga, Newcastle University Business School, UK;
- Ms. Cheryl Conway, Newcastle University Business School;
- Dr Oili-Helena Ylijoki, TaSTI, University of Tampere, Finland;
- Associate Professor Marja Vehviläinen, Department of Gender Studies, University of Tampere, Finland.

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- Newcastle University Business School;
- TaSTI, University of Tampere, Finland;
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WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (WIST):
STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

Best Paper Award:
- 1st Prize: €2000 + Transportation
- 2nd Prize: €500 + Transportation

Subject:
- Any topic related to WIST

Relevance:
- Empirical and/or Theoretical contributions welcome

Eligibility:
- Open to all Undergraduate, Masters and PhD STUDENTS in any academic discipline.

Submission Deadline:
- May 1st 2008.
- Word Limit: 6000-8000

Prize Sponsors:
- Barcelona Local Organising Committee-The TIE Conference
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Submit final paper as MS word doc to: jdzisah@googlemail.com