



ECSB Newsletter December 2016

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Season's Greetings from the President

Dear colleague,

As 2016 draws to a close and the New Year approaches, could I pass on to you my sincere greetings and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. This has been a wonderful year for the ECSB, with lots of successful activities and events that has relied on participation and contributions from all members, including yourself.

Our largest and signature event is the Annual **RENT Conference** which is held locations across Europe, attracting involvement by researchers interested in entrepreneurship from all the corners of Europe and beyond (see: [Details of past conferences](#)). This year we celebrated our 30th Annual Conference in the vibrant city of Antwerp. As well as the mainstream Conference sessions, the Annual gathering also offers a range of specialist pre-conference events. These have, year-on-year, proven to be gaining momentum and very successful. The 2016 Conference also attracted numerous new members whom I would like to warmly welcome to the ECSB family.

The ECSB is a participative organisation and I would like to express my sincere thanks to the hosting Institution, the University of Antwerp and particularly to Eddy Laveren and his team for the excellent organization of the 2016 Conference. The 30th Anniversary celebrations were a great success and delegates all have a celebratory mug to remind them of the event and the ECSB and EIASM. More details can be gleaned below.

We are always looking to improve our Annual conference activities and welcome feedback on how we can improve our offerings to all members. I am particularly interested in further raising the quality of the activities of ECSB events. Please let me know if you have anything at all that you wish to raise and I will endeavour to take this to the ECSB Board for consideration.

Looking to 2017, I am delighted that we will be holding [the RENT Conference in Lund, Sweden, November, 2017](#). I do hope that you will participate and also find time to visit its cultural attractions and environs.

Could I also take this opportunity to bring to your attention to the ECSB Entrepreneurship Education (3E conference). The 4th 3E conference will take place in the city of Cork, Ireland, between **10th –12th May 2017**. Please see the note in this Newsletter and visit [the conference website](#) for more details about the programme registration and conference venues.

[Our careers section](#) in our Newsletter will continue to report job announcements. Our member Institutions will also be able to publish job announcements on our newsletter and our website for free. A dedicated section reports job

announcements and other opportunities including scholarships and research funding for PhDs and post-doc scholars. We hope that you will find this information useful and take advantage of the opportunity.

We have a new Webinar series, starting in 2017 with new topics and speakers, so please see more details in this and subsequent Newsletters to know about the next events. Again if you have any suggestions for topics or indeed are prepared to lead on a webinar, then please let me know. There is a lot more in this Newsletter with plenty of exciting news and opportunities for you, so please read on!

I will conclude by wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful festive season and hope that 2017 will bring you great happiness and success.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Blackburn

President – European Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship

In this newsletter you can read on the following topics:

- [RENT XXX Conference was a success! Please, have a look at the photo gallery to get a glimpse of the atmosphere.](#)
- [Six awards were given at the RENT XXX Conference](#)
- [Submission system for RENT XXXI in Lund, Sweden on 15-17 November 2017 is now open! Submission deadline is 15 May 2017.](#)
- [Join the inspiring 3E Conference on 10-12 May 2017. The registration will open in January 2017.](#)
- [ECSB Webinar Series starts in January 26th. Participation is free of charge for members.](#)
- [Deadline for the ECSB Career Mentoring Programme extended to 1 February 2017](#)
- [ECSB Case Writing Competition – Call for Cases, Deadline 31 January 2017](#)
- [Call for Special Interest Groups \(SIGs\)](#)
- [ECSB Membership benefits](#)
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RENT XXX in Antwerp, Belgium on 16-18 November 2016



RENT XXX Conference was organised in Antwerp,



We would like to express a special thanks to the Conference Chairpersons **Eddy Laveren** (University of Antwerp), **Sven de Cleyn** (iMinds) and **Johan**

Belgium on 16-18 November 2016. We had over 200 participants and 150 papers.

Braet (University of Antwerp) for their great support and help before and during the event.

Have a look at RENT XXX Photo Gallery

RENT XXX AWARDS

Some ECSB members were acknowledged for their professional achievements and outstanding services to ECSB at the RENT conference in Antwerp. These include:



the J.M. Veciana Best Paper Award for a junior researcher

Renata Osowska with the paper entitled: *"Exploring the attitudes towards entrepreneurship in a transforming society. The case of Poland."*



the ISBJ Best Paper Award challenging the conventional wisdom in Entrepreneurship

John Kitching with the paper entitled: *"Is Public Policy to Blame for Poverty Self-employment?"*



the ECSB Best Doctoral Proposal Award for the best doctoral thesis proposal submitted to the RENT doctoral consortium

Puck Hegeman with the paper entitled: *"Commercialization of renewable energy technologies"*



the ECSB Post-Doctoral Writing Workshop Award for an early career researcher whose paper passed all the rounds of review.

Anne Annink with the paper entitled: *"From social support to capabilities for the work-life balance of independent professionals"*

The award was accepted by Brigitte Hoogendoorn on behalf of Anne Annink.

the IMEC Best Paper Award for a paper about technology and knowledge transfer

Anders Billström and Einar Rasmussen with the paper entitled: *"Initial Entrepreneurial Team and Top Management Team Changes in University spin-offs"*



Professor Mario Raffa, University of Naples Federico II was nominated as the thirteenth ECSB Fellow.



RENT XXXI

will take place in the beautiful university city of **Lund, Sweden, on November 15-17, 2017**

The main theme of the conference is ***"Relevance in Entrepreneurship Research"***

Deadline for extended abstracts is 15 May 2017

Visit RENT XXX website



3E 2017 Conference in Cork, Ireland on 10-12 May 2017

Conference theme: *Building for the Future – Entrepreneurship Education, Training and Policy*

We are pleased to announce that a record number of abstracts has been submitted during the abstract submission process of the 5th 3E Conference. In total 105 abstracts were submitted. The review process has just started and authors will be notified by 20th January 2017. Conference registration will open in January.

Visit 3E 2017 website



ECSB's webinar series continues in 2017!

In this edition we will have terrific speakers on topics of broad interests:

26th January 3pm CET – **Claire Leitch**: *“Research into entrepreneurial identity”*

23rd February 3pm CET – **Lex van Teeffelen**: *“Business succession”*

23rd March 3pm CET – **Terrence Brown**: *“User innovation and co-creation in entrepreneurship”*

(pending confirmation of the date) - **Alexander Brem**: *“Innovation”*

All webinars take place at 3 pm, Central Europe time. Participation is free for members. Detailed information will be provided closer to the webinar.

ECSB Career Mentoring Programme

Application deadline extended to 1 February 2017.

In the ECSB Career Mentoring Programme, experienced researchers and professors will advise you with your personal career development for six

months. Mentoring can assist you with assessing your experiences and achievements and considering your future options and choices.



Find more information on the programme and apply

ECSB Case Writing Competition – Call for Cases



ECSB are inviting submissions of original teaching cases that advance the field of entrepreneurship and small business. Cases must not have been previously published or submitted for review to a conference, book or journal.

Case study material will be disseminated through ECSB website to ECSB members. A selection of the best cases will be published in an edited book of entrepreneurship case studies. Cases selected for the book will need to include a teaching note.

Deadline for submission 31 January 2017

More information on the case writing competition

CALL FOR SIGs (Special Interest Groups)

Entrepreneurship as a field of study never stands still. As part of the development of the field, its subjects and topics, we would welcome approaches from members who would like to establish a SIG. If you are interested then please send your proposal via the link:

<https://www.webpolsurveys.com/S/D46AF482A7CEB901.par>.

We will contact you after your proposal is reviewed.

PUBLICATIONS

RENT Anthology

The RENT FRONTIERS SERIES is a yearly published, edited anthology containing the best papers submitted to the RENT conference. Here are the latest publications of the anthology

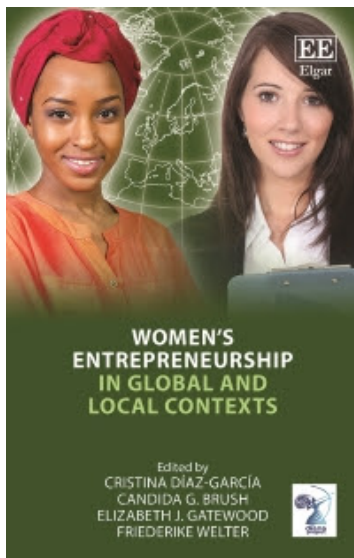
- **Anthology XI** Ulla Hytti, Robert Blackburn, Denise Fletcher and Friederike Welter (eds.) (2016) [Entrepreneurship, Universities & Resources](#)
- **Anthology X** Robert Blackburn, Ulla Hytti, Friederike Welter (eds.) (2015) [Context, Process and Gender in Entrepreneurship](#)

For a full list of the Frontiers publications please visit our homepage: <http://www.ecsb.org/publications/>

DISCOUNTS AND BENEFITS FOR ECSB MEMBERS

All ECSB members are entitled to discounts on publications, participation to online initiatives and conferences, including:

- Free publications including the J. of Small Business Management, the ECSB newsletter, a free copy of the RENT anthology for the participants of the RENT conference
- 35% discount on entrepreneurship books published by Edward Elgar. The books in the series of ECSB Frontiers of European Entrepreneurship Research are also available with a discount.
- Taylor & Francis offer a 15 % discount + free postage for ECSB members
- 10% discount on Sage publication
- Conference fee discounts (ICSB World Conference, 3E Conference)



Women's Entrepreneurship in Global and Local Contexts

Edited by Cristina Díaz-García, University of Castilla La Mancha, Spain, Candida G. Brush, Babson College, Elizabeth J. Gatewood, Wake Forest University, US and Friederike Welter, IfM Bonn and University of Siegen, Germany

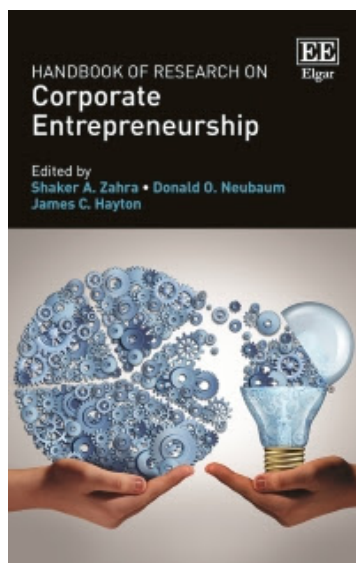
'Research on women's entrepreneurship has moved from the focus of the individual women entrepreneurs and their challenges to a broader understanding of the context in which women's entrepreneurship is embedded. With contributions from a large variety of contexts, this book embraces this development. By promoting feminist perspectives, as well as including studies at the macro, meso and micro level, this book gives insights into the complex and context-dependent processes hindering, promoting and shaping women's entrepreneurship. The book serves as a celebration of scholarly research on women's entrepreneurship globally. I fully recommend it as an important addition to the entrepreneurship literature.'

– Gry Agnete Alsos, Nord University Business School, Norway

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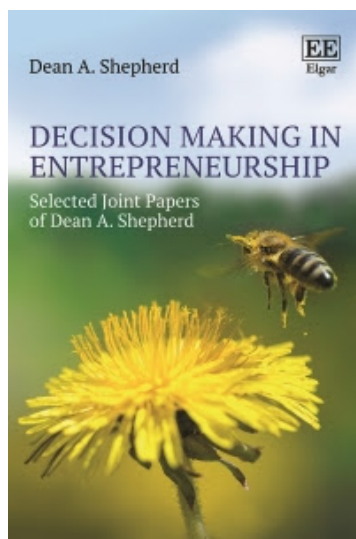
Handbook of Research on Corporate Entrepreneurship

Edited by Shaker A. Zahra, University of Minnesota, Donald O. Neubaum, Florida Atlantic University and James C. Hayton, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, US

'With this Handbook, corporate entrepreneurship has truly come of age as a significant field in entrepreneurship and management. Zahra, Neubaum and Hayton have gathered together in this volume an excellent set of contributions covering the landscape of the theoretical and empirical dimensions of corporate entrepreneurship. Scholars will find particularly stimulating the many directions for further research elaborated throughout the volume that will ensure the longevity of corporate entrepreneurship as a research program.'

– Mike Wright, Imperial College London, UK

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Decision Making in Entrepreneurship - Selected Joint Papers of Dean A. Shepherd

Dean A. Shepherd, Indiana University, Bloomington, US

In this volume, Dean Shepherd focuses on the varying topics of entrepreneurship unified through conjoint analysis. Although the topic of entrepreneurial decision making is broad, in doing so, he reveals the mechanisms that come into play during the entrepreneurial decision-making process.

Scholars of entrepreneurship and organizational behavior will find this collection an essential resource for understanding how decision making is achieved in entrepreneurial settings.

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PhD Scholarship Competition

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