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in Knowledge Society"

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Global Conference on Emergent Business Phenomena in the Digital Economy

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This global conference between ICEB "International Conference on e-Business" and eBRF "Research Forum to Understand Business in Knowledge Society", takes its point of departure in the dynamically changing business landscape of the Digital Economy, featured by globalization, emergence of value networks and companies "born global", constant and non-linear changes in established companies, and the increasing role of services and competitive solutions in the private and public sectors. Moreover, the current trends include a mosaic of information and knowledge management practices, electronic business solutions, increasing mobility, and convergence of technologies.

ICEB + eBRF 2006 attempts to cross-fertilize and enrich research and development in this transdisciplinary field by highlighting phenomena that are of interest for business people and researchers in all continents. The Global Conference on Emergent Business Phenomena in the Digital Economy welcomes researchers, business practitioners, and policy makers to participate in the historical joint conference in Tampere, Finland!

INSPIRING CONFERENCE EVENT IN TAMPERE, FINLAND

Kaamos is Finnish and means the period during the winter, when the days are short. During kaamos the blue twilight turns easily into an evening that is decorated with showers of lights across the streets. The winterish – and possibly snowy – weather creates a contrast with warm, modern interiors and friendly feeling. Finland is a highly developed and successful country: several years Finland has been ranked as number 1 in competitiveness and as 2 in technology and ICT index. Finland, and first and foremost Tampere and its surroundings, being the second biggest urban area in Finland, have transformed from an industrial society into a knowledge society and early adopter of new technologies.

The Global Conference on Emergent Business Phenomena in the Digital Economy brings you to Tampere, the home of Nokia Corporation, the world leader in mobile communications and Finland's greatest success story. In addition to the research presentations, you will hear topical invited speeches, for example from Prof. Eve Mitleton-Kelly, London School of Economics, Prof., Technology Advisor Yrjö Neuvo, Nokia Corporation, and Head of Unit Gérald Santucci, European Commission.

We will also offer you inspiring evening program, business excursions, possibility to try out Finnish sauna, and a post-conference tour to Lapland, the home of the Santa Claus! Instead of Lapland, you can also choose to join the traditional Christmas preparations of the 20th century!

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CONFERENCE THEMES

Global Conference on Emergent Business Phenomena in the Digital Economy calls for abstracts to three tracks: (1) Digitization of Business and its Global Infrastructure - Private and Public Challenges, (2) Creation and Management of Information and Knowledge, and (3) Building Business in the Network Economy. Each track contains numerous suggestions for general themes that can be presented in the conference. By introducing the themes we hope to provide an open, shared and stimulating arena for discussion among the alumni of participants, since 2001, of both ICEB and eBRF conferences.

We welcome scientific research papers including case studies. The papers' topics can range from global phenomena to local problems and cases that are of general interest, and be society, business or technology oriented. Our special interest lies in papers introducing and analyzing the dynamics of doing business in different environments.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to the following:

TRACK 1 Digitization of Business and its Global Infrastructure – Private and Public Challenges

- Inclusion of e-Business in Science and the Classic Disciplines of Management
- Paradigm in Making: From e-Business to "Electronization" of Business
- Technology Conversion and Digitization of Business Infrastructure
- Business Infrastructure Design and Management
- Critical Role of Integration and Integrators (ERP, CRM, SCM)
- Current Trends in e-Commerce and Supply Chains
- E-Service Based Business Models and Innovations
- Customized, Mobile, and Ubiquitous Solutions
- Mass-Customization Practices and Strategies
- Electronic and Miniature Manufacturing
- New Technologies in Product and Service Innovations
- e-Banking and e-Insurance: Cases, Trends, and Global Challenges
- Modern Business Solutions for Well-being and Health Care Sector Services
- Kids, Internet and e-Business
- Ageing Society and Electronic Services
- Marketing and Advertising in the World Wide Web
- Consumers and Mobile Business
- Creating and Managing Virtual Communities
- E-Learning and Innovations in Business Education
- Opportunities for Digital Cultural Services
- Media Convergence in Global Scale
- Public-Private Partnerships and New Efficient and Innovative Processes
- Security and Risk Management in Electronic Business Infrastructure
- Trust, Privacy and Reputation Issues Related to Internet and e-Business

TRACK 2 Creation and Management of Information and Knowledge

- Competence-Based Competition Strategies
- The Creation and Management of Knowledge vs. Management of Knowing Processes
- Gathering and Refining Data and Information - Creating Actionable Knowledge
- Measurement of Knowledge Processes and Actions
- New Ways to Create, Manage, Measure and Protect Intellectual Capital
- Innovations, R&D Processes and Technology Management
- Producing Knowledge Products - Commercialization of Knowledge
- Management Challenges of Knowledge Intensive Organizations – Efficiency vs. Creativity
- Managing Expert Organizations and Professional Knowledge
- Knowledge and Information in Services
- Knowledge Management in Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
- Utilizing Customer's Knowledge in Creating New Knowledge
- New Methods for Benefiting from Tacit and Explicit Knowledge
- Utilizing Complexity Theories in the Management of Knowledge and Organizations
- Future Challenges and Opportunities of Business (BI) and Competitive Intelligence (CI) in Decision Making and Business Processes
- Innovative Applications of Technologies in KM and BI (e.g. Data Warehousing, Data Mining etc.)
- Business Development and Research by Using New Methods (e.g. Simulation, Agent Based Modeling etc.)
- Modern Decision Support Methods and Tools
- New Productivity and Performance Paradigms, Perspectives, Methods and Practices
- Innovative Milieus, and the Role of Knowledge in Regions and Society
- Intellectual Capital of Nations, Cities and Regions
- Cyber Law, Intellectual Property and Digital Rights Management
- Information and Knowledge Security Management Paradigms and Practices

TRACK 3 Building Business in the Network Economy

- e-Business and Entrepreneurship
- Future Technologies, Social Innovations and New Business Models: Case Examples
- Digitization of Business, Business Networks, and Globalization
- Intermediation, Integration, and Strategic Management of Value Networks
- Trust, Control and Ethics in Business Ecosystems and Value Networks in Global Business
- Breakthroughs and Bottlenecks in Building ICT-Enabled Business
- African, American, Asian, Australian, and European Competences in Global Competition
- Boosters and Barriers for Building Business across the Continents
- Development of Industrial Services
- Combining Technology and Culture into Business Concepts
- Revenue Models, Cost Management, and Performance Measurement in Emerging Industries
- Managing Open Source Communities as Part of Business
- Building Open Source Based Business: Case Stories
- Games as Strategy, Games as Business
- Ownership and Stakeholders of the Networked Organization
- Changes in Principal-Agent and Capital-Labor Dynamics in the Digital Economy
- Growth Paths of the Digital Enterprise: Concepts and Cases
- Building University Innovations to Successful Business
- Changing Role of Government and Venture Capital in Growth Venture Activity
- Knowledge Capital vs. Venture Capital in the Business Creation Process
- The Rise of Knowledge Investors: Knowledge as Investment Capital
- Co-Entrepreneurs as the New Enablers and Catalysts of Growth

ABSTRACT/PAPER SUBMISSION – MAY 10, 2006

Please submit an abstract (1-2 pages*) or a full paper (5-10 pages*) for a double blind review process through the assigned conference website www.eBRF.fi, where you will also find further instructions and a template. The abstracts/papers will be reviewed by a constructive, international group of senior scholars representing the themes at hand. *) according to the template

An accepted abstract/paper, followed by submission of a camera-ready final paper, and participation in the conference, will lead to a publication published after the conference. The registered conference proceedings as a CD-ROM publication will be included in the conference fee and sent to the participants. A printed version of the publication can be ordered for extra cost.

JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUE - IJEB

Best papers published in the conference proceedings will be invited to the Special Issue (Vol. 5, No. 6) of the International Journal of Electronic Business (IJEB) published in November 2007. Professors Marjatta Maula and Mika Hannula from Tampere University of Technology, and Dr. Marko Seppä from EBRC will act as guest editors of the Special Issue.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract/ Paper Submission	May 10
Notification of Acceptance	June 30
Camera-Ready Paper Submission	September 30
Registration (Presenting Scholars & Students & Early-Bird)	September 30
Registration (Regular)	November 8
Presentation Submission	November 13
Conference	November 28 – December 2
Publication of the Conference Proceedings	December 31

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