2nd International Academic Conference on Entrepreneurship & Innovation in the Knowledge Economy

30–31 March 2017 (Thursday & Friday)

in collaboration with

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IMPORTANT DATES
Submission of Abstract: 5 January 2017
Acceptance of Abstracts: 16 January 2017
Submission of Full Papers: 28 February 2017

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE
Innovation and entrepreneurship are viewed as the critical components of knowledge-based economy in the current times. While innovative ideas are vital to entrepreneurial ventures, entrepreneurship is the engine for implementing those ideas and deriving commercial benefit from them. The knowledge-driven economy thrives in a dynamic business environment in which the exploitation and application of knowledge plays a crucial role in the creation of wealth. The ability of individuals and firms to nurture and foster creativity and innovation is of critical importance for the successful development of a knowledge-based economy through the creation of intellectual property based on new product development and new venture creation. In addition, advances in the e-business and e-commerce have transformed the global business environments. The new business milieu has challenged the conventional business models demanding the creation of innovative ventures and businesses both at the individual level (start-ups) and at the corporate level (corporate ventures). Since knowledge has become a principal resource for businesses, there is a corresponding increase in the importance of knowledge workers, knowledge ventures, knowledge network, etc. in the economy. To stay relevant in the knowledge age, entrepreneurs and corporate organizations need to meet the challenges of knowledge-based businesses and cultivate a culture of innovation to tap the resources in the knowledge economy through the creation of innovative new ventures. Productivity, efficiency and competitiveness now depend largely upon the innovation and entrepreneurship for the creation of a knowledge-based economy.

CONFERENCE THEME AND SUB-THEMES
This conference attempts to provide a platform for academicians, entrepreneurs and policy-makers to deliberate on the issues of entrepreneurship and innovation with special reference to the knowledge economy context. A list of sub-themes (though not exhaustive) to be addressed in the conference is given below.

- Role of entrepreneurs and knowledge workers in knowledge economy;
- Venture initiation and venture capital in the knowledge-based industries;
- Marketing strategy and branding in the knowledge economy;
- HR policies and organizational strategies to exploit resources in the knowledge economy;
- E-commerce and e-business to enhance the potential of knowledge-based industries;
- Importance of ‘Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship’ in the knowledge economy;
- New age business models in the knowledge-economy;
- Business model innovation and the role of incubators and accelerators in the knowledge economy;
- IPR and policy Issues in knowledge societies.

CALL FOR PAPERS
There are three streams of papers acceptable for this conference, namely: (1) Academic Papers, (2) Reflective Practice, and (3) Case Studies. Authors are invited to submit the abstract (not more than 350 words) on or before 05 January 2017 and the full paper (about 5000-8000 words) on or before 28 February 2017 by E-mail to: xime.iefconference2017@gmail.com
PUBLICATIONS
All full papers will be double-blind refereed by the peer experts for their selection to be included in a special issue of Journal of Management & Entrepreneurship (JME) and in an edited volume that will be published through a reputed international publisher.

AWARDS
Four “Best Paper Awards” – one each for the four categories of papers, namely, Conceptual Paper, Empirical Paper, Reflective Practice Paper, and Case Study – will be presented in the valedictory function of the conference. These awards will be decided by a committee of experts specially constituted for the purpose.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & FEES
All participants should register for the conference by completing the Registration Form which is given separately (in MS Word format) with the brochure and is also available on the XIME website (www.xime.org). Fee should be made in favour of “XIME, Bangalore”.

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