First call for papers for the

DRUID-DIME Academy Winter Conference 2009

for doctoral students in

ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT OF INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE

Hotel Comwell Rebild Bakker, Aalborg, Denmark
January 22 at 3 pm – January 24 at 3 pm

The conference is open for all PhD students working within the broad field of economics and management of innovation and organizational change. We invite papers aiming at enhancing our understanding of the dynamics of technological, structural and institutional change at the level of firms, industries, regions and nations. DRUID is the node for an open international network - new partners are always of interest (we of course encourage DRUID Academy PhD students and students connected to the ETIC PhD program to submit an abstract as well). Do not hesitate to apply even if you have not been in contact with DRUID previously.

The conference is organized by the DRUID Academy for Doctoral Education and Training in collaboration with the EU 6th Framework Network of Excellence DIME Consortium (Dynamics of Institution and Markets in Europe).

The main emphasis is on PhD presentations. Each PhD student paper will be assigned to a “junior” (a fellow PhD student) and to a senior discussant (from DRUID faculty or invited guests). There will also be a series of keynote speakers in the program. The details of the program, titles of keynote presentations etc. will be continuously updated at the DRUID homepage.

Senior scholars
Lourdes Sosa (London Business School), Aija Leiponen (Cornell University), Manuel Trajtenberg (invited, The Eitan Berglas School of Economics), Stefano Brusoni (CESPRI, Bocconi University), Guido Bünstorf (Max Planck Institute of Economics), Erkko Autio (Imperial College), Keld Laursen (DRUID-CBS), Thorbjørn Knudsen (DRUID-SDU), Bengt-Åke Lundvall (DRUID-AAU), Peter Maskell (DRUID-CBS), Esben Sloth Andersen (DRUID-AAU), and many others from DRUID.
Submission
All doctoral students who wish to present a paper at the DRUID-DIME Academy Winter 2009 Conference must submit an one-page abstract (no more, no less, no tables or graphs, a few key references are allowed on page two) before the deadline of October 24, 2008 (Twelve noon, Central European Time) through the conference website www.druid.dk/winter2009.

The abstract should start with the title of your submission, followed by your name, affiliation, year of enrolment, expected final date, and e-mail address. This information is to come before the body of the abstract, which should be written in plain text (that is, without bullet-points or other special codes). The abstract should focus on your own contribution, not on what the existing literature has said. A few lines reviewing the existing literature is helpful, but only to position your contribution in the context of that literature. The abstract should mirror the full paper and should: 1) briefly describe the existing state-of-the-art; 2) explain the research gap that you are trying to fill; 3) give your main theoretical arguments; 4) spell out our method (and data, if an empirical paper); and 5) present your results. Submission of an abstract gives the organizers permission to disseminate it and the accompanying paper electronically or place it on the website. We reserve the right to reject abstracts, which do not comply with the above requirements.

Conference fee
Each participant will be charged a fee of Euro 300. The fee, DIME and the DRUID Academy will cover the expenses during the DRUID-DIME Winter Conference regarding the hotel and food from Thursday January 22 after lunch until Saturday January 24, lunch included. As our resources for travel grants are limited, we strongly encourage you to seek local finance for your travel costs. In case you cannot find local finance, you can apply for support by the DRUID Academy by sending an e-mail with information on why you need support to winter2009@druid.dk when you submit your abstract. Local co-finance would be helpful in the latter case.

Timetable
Opening for submission: September 1, 2008
Deadline for abstract submission: October 24, 2008 ( Twelve noon, CET)
Decision of abstract acceptance: November 14, 2008
Deadline for registration and payment of conference fee: December 19, 2008
Deadline for submission of final paper: January 2, 2009 (Twelve noon, CET)
Final program available: January 16, 2009

Conference Organizers
Michael S. Dahl (Chair), Christian R. Østergaard, René N. Nielsen, and Jeanette Hvarregaard (Secretary)