Foreword

This edited volume consisting of 16 chapters related to international entrepreneurship stems from the 4th McGill Conference hosted by the Strathclyde International Business Unit, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, September 2001. The McGill Conference on International Entrepreneurship was founded by Hamid Etemad and Richard Wright at McGill University, Montreal in 1998. This conference takes the form of a research workshop where colleagues present and share their research and conceptual ideas. The aim is to encourage high-quality studies in the emerging international entrepreneurship area, focusing particularly on the development of theoretical models, analytical frameworks and robust empirical evidence. A major achievement of the McGill Conferences has been that the best papers are published in volumes and special editions of academic journals. Following this tradition the current edited volume is part of the McGill International Entrepreneurship Series by Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd (Hamid Etemad, Series Editor). In this text, we draw attention to themes that are likely to form areas of interesting research in international entrepreneurship in the years to come. Towards this objective, we selected some of the best papers from the Strathclyde conference and worked with authors and reviewers for a period of more than a year to develop them. We identify six emerging paradigms in the field around which the text is structured.

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