Acknowledgements

There are many people and institutions we would like to thank for their input into making this book possible. The IGS group (Institut de Gestion Sociale) in Paris was the co-organizer with the Research Unit on Industry and Innovation, University of Littoral (Lab.RII) of the first forum, ‘The Spirit of Innovation: John Kenneth Galbraith International Symposium’, in September 2004. The papers included in this volume were all prepared for this conference. We particularly thank Roger Serre, head of the IGS group, and all the staff who took part in the organization of this conference. We are most particularly grateful to Yves Enrège, Claude Treyer, Christine Lancesseur, Michèle Crost, François Diquero and Claire Jeuffrain. We extend our thanks to Jarlath Dillon, head of the IGS international MBA and his students for the compilation of the debates during the International Symposium John Kenneth Galbraith.

Many institutions supported the organization of this event and the publication of this volume. We would like especially to thank the French Ministry of Education and Research, The National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), The Embassy of the United States of America in Paris, The French Senate, The French National Institute on Industrial Property (INPI), The French Region Nord/Pas-de-Calais Council and the University of Littoral Côte d’Opale. We also express our thanks to Michel Delebarre, Deputy and Mayor of Dunkerque, for his personal contribution to the achievement of this event.

We offer our deep appreciation to all the members of the scientific committee of this symposium, for their help in the selection of papers, in the construction and in the publication of this book. We especially thank Malcolm Sawyer (University of Leeds, UK) for his help with the publication of this book. We also thank our colleagues of the Lab.RII – ULCO, for their precious help.

And finally, we warmly thank John Kenneth Galbraith who, all along the preparation of this book, gave us his moral support.