

Preface

The chapters in this book were first presented at the thirteenth Uddevalla Symposium, 19–22 August 2010,¹ at Jönköping University, Sweden. The overall theme was ‘Innovation and Multidimensional Entrepreneurship – Economic, Social and Academic Aspects’. The 2010 Uddevalla Symposium was organized as a Special Session within the 50th Anniversary European Congress of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) organized by the European Regional Science Association (ERSA).

Session organizers were Professor Kingsley E. Haynes, Dean, School of Public Policy, George Mason University and Professor Roger R. Stough, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, George Mason University, USA.

A broad range of topics was listed among the themes for Special Sessions within the Congress. One of them (and the largest) was the 13th Uddevalla Symposium, to which 40 papers were submitted. This session had an interdisciplinary character and provided an opportunity for researchers to discuss their ongoing research relevant to clarifying the role of innovation and multidimensional entrepreneurship in the growth and development of regional economies and regional economic systems. The papers were subdivided into nine different subthemes: Multidimensional Entrepreneurship, Regional Innovation Systems, Economic Development, Social Capital, Entrepreneurial Behavior, Rural Development, Industries, Firm Performance and Clusters, and Cities (for a detailed program, see the website: www.symposium.hv.se).

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NOTE

1. Uddevalla Symposium is an international scientific symposium established in 1998 in Uddevalla, Sweden. The primary objective is to foster research collaboration and bring together leading-edge views between experts, researchers and insightful practitioners from various fields of regional science, international business, economics, entrepreneurship and small business economics as well as from regional economics, regional planning, economic geography/economic history/political science and sociology in order to increase our knowledge as regards research questions related to 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Functional Regions'. For further information on the Uddevalla symposium, use the link: www.symposium.hv.se.

