Preface

This anthology consists of revised papers, first presented and discussed at the 16th Uddevalla Symposium (www.symposium.hv.se) on 'Innovation, High-Growth Entrepreneurship and Regional Development', hosted by Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City, MO, USA, 13–15 June 2013. The objective of the symposium was to provide a unique opportunity for scholars, including senior and junior researchers, to discuss path-breaking concepts, ideas, frameworks and theories in plenary keynote sessions and parallel competitive paper sessions. A selection of the papers presented at the symposium is included in this book. Each paper has gone through a careful referee process.

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