Prestigious Award Goes To ACE Director

At the recent Academy of Management conference in Boston, ACE Director Per Davidsson was presented with the Entrepreneurship Division's Award for "Best Conceptual Paper". This was in competition with 613 papers submitted to the conference, approximately a third of which were conceptual – that is, idea developing rather than fact finding – papers. The Award comes with a plaque and a cheque for $1,500. Based on ratings by three reviewers a shortlist of papers was sent to the Division's Award Committee, which decided on the winner. Following standard academic protocol, neither reviewers nor Award Committee members knew who authored the nominated papers.

The awarded paper is entitled "Entrepreneurship and the Entrepreneurship Nexus: A Re-Conceptualization". It builds on an influential forerunner published 12 years ago and seeks to stake out a more fruitful way for future entrepreneurship research to disentangle how characteristics of the entrepreneur(s), the venture idea they are working on, and the fit between the two influences subsequent action and outcomes.

The 20,000 member strong Academy of Management is the largest and most important association for management scholars in the world. Each year, its annual conference gathers some 7-8,000 leading researchers from all over the world. In the last decade, the Entrepreneurship Division – for which Per has previously been the elected Chair – has grown to become one of the largest and most dynamic in the Academy. Make a comment.

ACE GEM Research published as an opinion piece with CNN

ACE's recent Global Entrepreneurship Monitor report received media coverage with CNN last week. Here is the opinion piece by Associate Professor Paul Steffens, deputy director of ACE:

Why entrepreneurship is thriving Down Under

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Essentially the report outlines Australia's impressive recent entrepreneurial performance. The full report can be found here:

Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) - Australia 2011 National Report

Paul Steffens, Michael Stuetzer, Per Davidsson, Neil James

www.qut.edu.au/business/age/publications/industry

What is GEM

In 2011, the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) study was conducted across 54 countries. Over 140,000 adults aged between 18 and 64, including 2,000 in Australia were interviewed. GEM differs from other studies in that by surveying the adult population, it identifies entrepreneurs at the very earliest stages of new business creation.

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2012 Academy of Management Conference

From August 3 to 7, the Academy of Management Annual Meetings took place in Boston (US). Generally regarded as the premier conference in the field of management science, it attracted thousands of management scholars to flock to Boston and present their work, attend professional development workshops, and network with their peers. Among the many thousands were ACE representatives Prof Per Davidsson, Dr Judy Matthews, Dr Henri Burgers, secret that Australian Dr Rene Bakker, and Julienne Senyard. In this blog entry, Rene Bakker will list some of his experiences (with thanks to Julienne Senyard for contributing photos). Read on...

How does networking contribute to the bottom line?

Innovation is vital to advancing living standards and wealth creation. While innovation occurs in many guises, business plays a leading role in creating innovation and translating it into useful applications for the market. Business innovate when knowledge is commercialized, usually in the form of new products, services, processes or business models. Since Schumpeter suggested that large firms are more likely to innovate than their smaller counterparts, researchers and policy makers have examined this phenomenon. In SMEs there has been overwhelming evidence that innovation supports performance, however, the dynamics of this relationship remain ambiguous. This summary examines if networking really contributes to small firms' bottom line. Read more...

Many thanks to Dr Martie-Louise Verreynne, Sarel Gronum and Timothy Kastelle from the UQ Business School for their contributions to the ACE Research Vignette Series.

Start-up fund established for creative businesses

Creative industries' entrepreneurs can apply for up to $150,000 to launch their business idea thanks to an Australia-first start-up fund announced at the Creative³ Forum.

The QUT Creative Enterprise Australia (CEA) Investment Fund will draw on private sector investment as well as additional revenue from CEA to fast-track new businesses across design, fashion, animation, entertainment industries, music, architecture and visual arts.

QUT CEA chief executive officer Anna Rooke said the investment fund, which will open to applications by mid 2013, would focus on high-growth creative businesses that need up to $150,000 to get started. Read on...

An oldie but a goodie – Paul Steffens's paper hits SSRN top 10 list

A very old paper – in fact, dating back to my first ever publication during my PhD – seems to be making at least some impact.


A lesson for young scholars – I probably wasted this half decent paper in a "nothing journal". It has only a handful of citations (15 on Google scholar). Inexperienced, I was approached by the editor at a conference and agreed to submit. These days, of journal ranking (even if they have officially disappeared now) and ERA, I would probably not make the same mistake.

Make a comment

Top Ten Lists are updated on a daily basis. Click the following link(s) to view the Top Ten list for: IRPN: Innovation & Microeconomics (Topic) Top Ten.

Paul Steffens

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