Since 1996, DRUID has become one of the world’s premier academic conferences on innovation and the dynamics of structural, institutional and geographic change. DRUID is proud to invite senior and junior scholars to participate and contribute with a paper to DRUID18, hosted by Copenhagen Business School. Presenting distinguished plenary speakers, a range of parallel paper sessions, and an attractive social program, the conference aims at mapping theoretical, empirical and methodological advances, contributing novel insights, and help identifying scholarly positions, divisions, and common grounds in current scientific controversies within the field.

Conference highlights

Keynotes delivered by top scholars from innovation studies, management, economic geography, and numerous other research fields.

DRUID Debates with outstanding scholars exchanging opinions in a heated and entertaining setting, and the conference audience opposing or supporting their standpoints. DRUID18 Debates challenge the focus on ‘star scientists’ and the usefulness of Community Innovation Survey data.

Paper sessions presenting 200 peer reviewed papers with previously unpublished research, all with engaged session chairs and carefully appointed discussants. DRUID18 invites paper submissions on innovation, entrepreneurship and other aspects of structural, institutional and geographic change, such as

- Open innovation, search strategies and knowledge sourcing
- Markets for technology and knowledge labor
- Entrepreneurship and growth
- Creativity, R&D management and organizational behavior
- Scientific knowledge production and university-industry interaction
- Local, regional and global geographies of innovation, innovation networks and connectedness
- Institutional, social and frugal innovation and entrepreneurship
- Eco-innovation, sustainability, inequality and inclusion

In particular, DRUID invites papers with new, mixed, or multi-disciplinary theoretical approaches or innovative methods that will benefit from the open-ended discussions at DRUID.

Best paper awards. Accepted papers authored or co-authored by doctoral students will be considered for the Steven Klepper Award for Best Young Scholar Paper while all papers accepted for the conference will be considered for the DRUID Best Paper Award.

The grand DRUID Dinner is known for its excellent food and high fun factor. This year we will enjoy New Nordic cuisine and the atmosphere in the historic warehouse in Copenhagen harbor where the New Nordic food revolution was kicked off.
Copenhagen, Denmark, June 11-13, 2018

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS
SUBMISSION DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2018

DRUID Discoveries excursions will make the most out of Copenhagen and invite participants on trips to the most happening parts of city.

DRUID Decadence. A DRUID institution, the afterparty will find DRUIDs dining, drinking and dancing the night away in a clandestine garden amongst the city ramparts, before joining the locals for a nightcap in the historical old harbor quarters.

PDWs
Professional development workshops (PDWs) are focused, user driven sessions offering a way of sharing ideas, knowledge and expertise with peers in the DRUID community and develop new ideas and projects. PDWs at DRUID18 take place 9.00-12.00 on June 11, 2018. All participants to DRUID18 can propose a PDW focused on a specific research subfield and/or targeting a specific group, e.g. PhD students, junior faculty, empiricists, theorists, etc. Proposals must contain 1) a max. 2 page description of the activity planned for the workshop; 2) a tentative program with a duration of up to 3 hours; 3) the maximum number of participants for the workshop (rooms are available for 20 up to 75 participants); and 4) a list of confirmed speakers; 5) a brief CV of key applicant(s) and speakers. Please send proposals to pdw18@druid.dk no later than March 1, 2018. Applicants will be notified of the decision by March 20, 2018, and all accepted PDWs will be advertised and included in the DRUID18 program. Speakers and participants must register for the DRUID18 conference.

Paper submissions and deadlines
DRUID18 provides an opportunity to take stock of our field and jointly to advance the research frontier. Thus, only previously unpublished research is eligible for presentation and the conference particularly invites research with new, mixed, and multi-disciplinary theoretical approaches and novel methods. Scholars who wish to present their research at the conference must upload a full paper (in PDF, anonymized) not exceeding 12,000 words (including notes, tables, appendices, list of references, etc.) through the website www.druid.dk no later than March 1, 2018. All submissions undergo double-blinded reviews by at least two independent reviewers with respect to novelty, academic quality and the paper’s relation to the themes of the conference. Decisions of paper acceptance are given April 20, 2018. No review or comments will be offered to the author or authors to supplement the decision. Papers not accepted for oral presentation at the conference may be accepted for presentation in a poster session. Authors of accepted papers/posters must pay the conference fee before May 1, 2018, or their paper/poster will automatically be removed from the conference program and website. Revised versions of accepted papers/posters may be uploaded until June 1, 2018. The final conference program will be available June 1, 2018.

Authors may submit more than one paper but each conference participant will only be allowed to present one paper. Co-authored papers may be presented by any of the participating co-authors.

Registration
The DRUID website www.druid.dk is open for registration from February 1, 2018. Besides registration, the conference fee includes the grand conference dinner, lunch on June 12 and 13, and coffee and snacks/fruit during breaks all days. Sponsorships from the partner universities have enabled an early-bird conference fee (applicable until May 1, 2018) of 500 EUR. After May 1, 2018, the latecomer conference fee will be 600 EUR. There is a permanent 50% discount for doctoral students.

The website will remain open for payment of the conference fee until June 10, 2018. However, authors of accepted papers and posters must pay the fee before May 1, 2018, for their paper or poster to be included in the conference program.

Information in brief
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