

The *Interdisciplinary European Conference on Entrepreneurship Research*, IECER, was founded by the professors Dr. Michael Dowling and Dr. Jürgen Schmude (both Regensburg U., Germany). Since 2003, four conferences have been organized, which brought together each year participants from more than 15 European countries (Regensburg 2003, 2004; Amsterdam 2005; Regensburg 2006). Since 2003, the IECER conference has steadily improved its position to become one of the most important meetings in the field of entrepreneurship in Europe. Voluntarily, the number of paper presentations is limited in order to guarantee a high overall quality (in average 40-50 papers and 100 participants).

For the IECER 2007, the founders of the conference offer the opportunity to Montpellier Business School (Groupe Sup de Co Montpellier - France, GSCM) to organize the IECER conference. GSCM will jointly host the conference with the management research laboratory ERFI/ISEM of Montpellier I University (Equipe de Recherche sur la Firme et l'Industrie). The theme of the IECER 2007 "*Entrepreneurship and the Region*" gives special attention to the relationship between regional factors and entrepreneurship.

For this year's edition of the IECER, a doctoral consortium precedes the conference and a panel symposium with contributors to a planned special issue for Entrepreneurship, Theory & Practice (entitled "Entrepreneurship Research in Europe") will be held at the last day of the conference.

There will be a conference best paper award of €1000 for the best research paper presented at the conference. A selection of papers will be published in a special issue of the *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business*.

Please check out the IECER websites for further information:

[www.iecer.de](http://www.iecer.de)

[www.supdeco-montpellier.com/cerom](http://www.supdeco-montpellier.com/cerom)