

General Information

The Conference is organized in the framework of the European Network of Excellence on Policies for Research and Innovation in a Move towards the European Research Area (PRIME; www.prime-noe.org) as a part of its activities in the field of STI indicators (www.enid-europe.org). It follows the 1st PRIME indicators conference which was held in Lugano in November 2006. The aim of the conference is to gather researchers, indicator producers and stakeholders interested in new developments in the field of STI indicators and especially around the notion of positioning indicators.

Scientific Committee

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Conference Chair

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Practical Information

Deadline for abstract submission

1st October 2007.

Date

28-30 May 2008

Venue

Oslo University College
Website: <http://www.hio.no/content/view/full/4563>

Conference website

www.enid-europe.org/conference.html

Accommodation

On-line booking for hotels in Oslo:

<http://www.visitoslo.com/hotel-booking.49102.en.html>

A list of hotels with preferential rates for the conference will be published on the conference website in late 2007.

Transportation

Oslo Airport Gardermoen has excellent connections with most European countries. Travel information can be found directly on the airport Website:

<http://www.osl.no/index.asp?languagecode=9>

The airport is connected to the Oslo Central station with express trains every 10 minutes (journey time 19 minutes) as well as by buses.

Tourism

For general tourist information on Oslo please visit <http://www.visitoslo.com>

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on

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Themes and call for abstracts

The recent years have witnessed an extraordinary diversification of the demands for Science and Technology Indicators for policymaking and strategic decision of the actors involved in S&T policies. New demands have emerged as a consequence of the growing complexity of innovation systems at the regional, national and international level and of the needs of new indicators types to characterize the position and the linkages of individual actors (so-called *positioning indicators*). Whole new fields of indicators have emerged, like collaboration indicators, web indicators, indicators on human resources and mobility, while even in classical domains like input measurement existing indicators are no longer fully adequate to the needs of policy.

The conference aims to provide a locus both for general methodological discussion concerning new indicators, their use in policymaking and the requirements for their production, and for presenting new developments in indicators for specific domains and policy issues, concerning their design, methodology, experimental development and application to policy analysis and decision-making.

Call for abstracts

We invite submission of extended abstracts for papers to be presented to the conference on the following topics:

- General methodological contributions on STI indicators, especially related to the notion of positioning indicators.
- Contributions to the special sessions.
- Contributions for general session on STI indicators.

Abstract should contain the following information:

- Name and affiliation of the author(s).
- Conference theme and session.
- Research subject and hypothesis.
- Methodology.
- Existing and expected results.
- Selected references.

Abstracts should not exceed three pages (10'000 signs).

Submission and deadlines

Abstracts have be submitted electronically to benedetto.lepori@obs-ost.fr until 1st October 2007 using the application form available on the conference website.

Answer on acceptance will be given to the authors not later than December 1st 2006. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed.

Special sessions

Depending on the submission of papers, the following special sessions are foreseen, alongside a number of general sessions.

a. Indicators for policy

This session will focus on the methodologies for the design and analyzes of policy-relevant indicators, e.g. the use of positioning indicators, indicators used in performance-based funding regimes, indicators for the evaluation of research programs and initiatives (for example at the European level).

b Indicators on human resources and mobility

The session will focus on the production of specific indicators to analyze the human resources for research and the mobility and careers of researchers, including the role of PhDs and graduates in the workforce, the mobility of students, PhDs and researchers etc.

Indicators for higher education institutions in innovation and research

The session will focus on methodologies and experimental results concerning indicators for higher education, focusing especially on level of individual institutions and on fields where today no proved methodologies exists, like analysis of the output, third mission indicators, etc.

S&T Indicators in Central and Eastern European Countries

The session will especially focus on indicators for the analysis public research funding in these countries based on the PRIME-CEEC project, but will also be open to other contributions especially concerned with the development of the S&T indicators production system in these countries.

Indicators for innovation policy

The session will focus on indicators describing innovation processes in firms and their relation to the surrounding innovation system. It will focus especially on indicators that track the links between science and technology and capture knowledge exchange and translation. In particular it addresses the requirements for such indicators to be useful in policymaking; their timeliness, consistency, quality and relation to other economic data and information.

Preliminary programme

Wednesday 28th May 2008

11.00 Opening of the conference

Opening plenary session

Welcome speech from the director of the Norwegian Research Council

Keynote speeches:

Loet Leydesdorff, University of Amsterdam
Benoît Godin, INRS, Montréal

Paper presentations in parallel sessions

Thursday 29th May 2008

Paper presentations in parallel sessions

Friday 30th May 2008

Paper presentations in parallel sessions

An infrastructure for positioning indicators at the European level

Keynote speeches:

Philippe Larédo, ENPS, Paris, PRIME coordinator
Rémi Barré, CNAM, Paris

Open discussion and reactions by the stakeholders

15.30 *Closure of the conference*