



USE
2009

**USE2009:
Understanding
Small Enterprises**

**– a healthy working life in a
healthy business**

**International conference
20-23 October 2009
in Elsinore, Denmark**

www.use2009.dk

– Second call for papers –

About the conference

Small enterprises constitute the backbone of economic activity and employment in most countries. Therefore, the role of small enterprises in society is an area of great importance, not only for politicians, interest groups and professionals but also for the international scientific community.

Although the organisation, social structure and physical framework of small enterprises vary considerably, a series of common features regarding business conditions, working life, and workplace culture separate them from larger enterprises. For small enterprises with a low degree of formalisation and resources, it is often a challenge to integrate considerations related to the working environment into the daily operations in order to secure long-term survival and healthy jobs.

The goal of “USE 2009: Understanding Small Enterprises” is to be a platform for sharing scientific and practical knowledge about small enterprises. Sharing knowledge and experience is essential in order to develop policies and activities that can support owners and employees and secure healthy working conditions in small enterprises.

The conference represents a unique opportunity to gain insight into and discuss the latest research on small enterprises, the business aspects as well as the quality of working life and working environment. So far, much research on small enterprises has been fragmented with little possibility for generalisation and development of methods, concepts and theory which highlights the relevance of the conference. The aim of the conference is to develop networks and facilitate future research that will help improving the working environment and business in small enterprises.

Who should attend this conference?

Scientists and researchers interested in small enterprises, the business aspects as well as the quality of working life. A special conference stream considering practical and best practice examples about OHS, campaigns and interventions in SMEs (and with emphasis on dialogue and



sharing of concrete experiences) is planned. Therefore, we also welcome practitioners, consultants, social partners, policy makers, government officials etc.

Sub-themes and submission guidelines

Authors are invited to submit abstracts on substantial, original and unpublished research on any issue relevant to the conference. Practitioners from all trades are invited to forward abstracts, proposals and ideas for short presentations, themes and relevant issues for the above mentioned conference stream. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Understanding small enterprises, their environment and their strategies to survive
- A healthy business
- Healthy people in a healthy working life
- Reaching out to small enterprises
- Business sectors and specific groups

For more information about the sub-themes, see www.use2009.dk.



Programme and newsletter

Programme to be announced, see www.use2009.dk and subscribe to newsletter. The conference will include key note presentations, workshops and paper presentations, posters, interactive sessions, discussions and networking. In addition to a practitioner stream considering practical and best practice examples, a special event relating to the European Work Environment Week with focus on Risk Assessment in SMEs is planned.

Key note speakers – preliminary list

CVs and titles of the speeches, see www.use2009.dk.

- Toru Itani, Director, Labour Protection Dept., International Labour Organization (ILO), Switzerland
- Jukka Takkala, Director, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, Spain
- Claire Massey, Professor, Massey University, New Zealand
- Laura J. Spence, Doctor, School of Management, University of London, United Kingdom
- Joan Eakin, Professor, University of Toronto, Canada
- Ann-Beth Antonsson, Dept. Manager, IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute, Sweden
- Peter Hasle, Senior researcher, National Research Centre for the Working Environment, Denmark

Workshops

Proposals for workshops are still very welcome. If you are interested in organising a workshop, please send a 1-2 page proposal to use2009@use2009.dk.

Venue and accommodation

Lo-skolen, Gl. Hellebækvej 70, DK-3000 Elsinore (Helsingør). Location: 50 kilometres north of Copenhagen. Train from Copenhagen Airport 1 hour. Bus or taxi 10 minutes from Helsingør Station. For information about the hotel and the area, see www.lo-skolen.dk, www.visithelsingor.dk and www.visitcopenhagen.com.

Important dates

- Second call for papers: Late October 2008
- Electronic submission of abstracts opens on www.use2009.dk: Late October 2008
- Submission of abstracts, deadline: 1 March 2009
- Acceptance notification: 1 July 2009
- Early bird registration ends: 15 July 2009
- Submission of final paper: 1 September 2009

Contact

For questions about the subject of the conference, please contact the conference secretariat: use2009@use2009.dk.



Registration – early bird discount 10%

Registration opens on www.use2009.dk late October 2008. The prices below *include all expenses* at the conference: Conference fee, accommodation and all meals. A limited number of grants for participants from developing countries are expected, updates on webpage.

	Single room	Double room	Without room
Early bird price until 15 July 2009	890 €	785 €	595 €
Full price after 15 July 2009	985 €	860 €	660 €
Accompanying persons	–	430 €	–

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- ICOH – International Commission on Occupational Health (www.icohweb.org)
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