

# Editorial Preface

The annual Tinbergen Workshop held over the last several years has brought together regional scientists from Europe, North America and Australia – and sometimes beyond – to address issues relating to the general field of innovation, entrepreneurship and regional development. The theme of the June 2009 Workshop was *Creative, Intellectual and Entrepreneurial Resources for Regional Development: Analysis and Policy*. In addressing these issues it is inevitable that we will be focusing our attention on forces and processes in regional development that are largely *endogenous* to a city or region and how policy may play a role to enhance regional growth performance through the roles that institutions and leadership might play in the context of regional development policy to help cultivate creativity, human capital development and innovation and entrepreneurial activity as drivers of economic development to give a city or region its competitive edge.

The present volume is based on a selection of papers presented at the above workshop. It aims to provide an overview of thinking about endogenous forces and processes that may enhance the economic performance of a city or region and the type of empirical evidence that supports the notion that creativity, intellectual and entrepreneurial resources, along with leadership and institutions, are crucial drivers of the regional development process and consequently are key factors differentiating between high and low performing cities and regions.

The various contributions in this volume have been carefully reviewed and may be seen as novel contributions to the emerging field of creative, intellectual and entrepreneurial resources for regional development. The editors wish to thank Elfie Bonke and Ellen Woudstra for their assistance in composing this volume.

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