

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee and the Nordic Section of the Regional Science Association, it is a great pleasure to welcome you to Jönköping, Sweden for the 50th Anniversary Congress of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA 2010). I am especially happy to announce that the participation fees will be lower than last year!

The main theme of the Congress is Sustainable Regional Growth and Development in the Creative Knowledge Economy.

This theme encompasses and reflects wider European concerns about regional growth and development in an era of globalisation and increased environmental awareness, expressed not least in the Lisbon Agenda. It naturally includes issues related to ICTs, infrastructure networks and social capital as well as regional, urban and rural policies in a time where sustainable growth is a major concern. Besides the main theme, the congress is open for all issues concerning regional problems. A broad range of topics are listed among the themes for paper sessions and more than thirty special sessions are organised as well.

Some of the world's leading regional scientists, among them ***Nobel Laureate Paul Krugman***, will be giving keynote speeches and talks at the congress.

The Jönköping Congress will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of ERSA. This is something that you will notice both in the scientific and the other arrangements of the Congress. We plan for an unforgettable scientific event!

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee and the Nordic Section of the European Regional Science Association, I wish you all welcome to ERSA 2010 in Jönköping.

Start preparing abstracts and submit them before deadline January 20, 2010!



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