



Report for DRUID 2016

The **DRUID (Danish Research Unit for Industrial Dynamics)** 2016 was the 20th edition of the conference, an event which took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, hosted at the Copenhagen Business School and running over several days, from June 13th to June 15th.

DRUID is an important appointment for all scholars interested in the fields of Management, Innovation and Entrepreneurship. It consists of plenary sessions and a number of parallel paper sessions arranged by thematic areas, which facilitate the interaction among scholars from all over the world. At DRUID each paper receives discussants and many presenters are assigned other papers to discuss; this design helps the DRUID attendants to engage and discuss. I participated to the session entitled "WAGES, LABOUR REGULATION AND INNOVATION" with my paper "**Executive Compensation Inequality and Corporate Innovation**" (co-authored with Mario Amore from Bocconi University) and discussed the three papers in the session "PROBLEMS AND PATHOLOGIES IN PATENTING". It has been an interesting and productive experience to engage in conversations and debates during the paper sessions.

Besides the conference sessions, I also attended a very interesting Professional Development Workshop (PDW) on the theme "Individual and Collective Antecedents of Scientific Knowledge Production: New Avenues for Research". The PDW focused on the empirical challenges related to identification of causal effects, whereas the speakers illustrated study designs scholars can use to study causality.

I am happy to have attended DRUID for a number of reasons. First, to disseminate my work to a broad audience. DRUID represents a great way to present one's work to the relevant international community, including senior and junior academics. Also, the accepted papers will be available online and will be part of the DRUID working paper archive. Second, presenting to a panel of experts in the field allows receiving relevant comments and engage in discussions, which is beneficial for my current and future research. Third, attending the DRUID conference is a great occasion for keeping contact and interact with a large number of academics who are usually scattered around the globe.

In sum, attending DRUID and presenting my work there has been a very valuable experience for developing my career and provide valuable feedback for my research!

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