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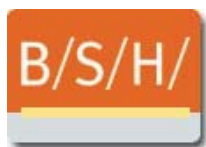
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9th International Conference on **Management of Innovative Technologies** **MIT'2007**



First announcement



8th - 10th October 2007
Fiesa, Slovenia

General sponsor



Introduction:

The scope of this year conference will be broad and adventurous. There will be three main strands to the conference:

1. Creative thinking, innovation, marketing
2. Manufacturing technologies
3. Management of innovations and technologies

In the first strand we are particularly interested to receive papers that give examples of research and practice in the application of novel solutions to technological and organizational problems, particularly where creativity is driven by market forces, rather than technology-push solutions. Increasingly, sustainability is defined by an increasingly environmentally demanding marketplace, so offerings in this area are especially welcome. Also the conference seeks to explore how innovation and creativity are connected to customer demands and also technology forecasting.

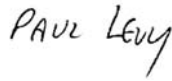
In the second strand we welcome more technical papers focusing on research and practice in the field of non-conventional processes as well as developments in miniaturization, micro-machining, process chains; Case study, survey and experimental work is welcome.

An ongoing theme in our conferences is the management of innovation and technology. We welcome submissions that further develop the Technology Management field. We are interested in hearing of the "critical incidents" in this fields significant developments and learning what is impacting on the current paradigm. We are interested in exploring how technology management is changing in a more globalized, sustainability-driven world and will be offering targeted sessions on these "critical incident" reports.

Overall we welcome your contributions for a conference that always looks across disciplinary boundaries, seeks deep and significant debate and dialogue. Our conference is designed around formal paper presentations, discussion forums, open space and creative thinking sessions. We invite you to contribute!



Mihael Junkar



Paul Levy

Key dates:

Paper submission:

30. June 2007

Notification of paper acceptance:

30. July 2007

Venue:

The conference will take place at Hotel Barbara in Fiesa on the Slovenian coast. Access directions are provided on the conference home page.

Conference proceedings:

The papers to be presented on the conference will be reviewed by the scientific committee members. The accepted papers will be published in a conference proceedings edited by Mihael Junkar and Paul Levy and professionally published in a book and on CD, both available at the conference. Up to 15 papers will be selected and published in a special issue of the Journal of Mechanical Engineering. Instructions for authors are available on the conference homepage at:

<http://www.fs.uni-lj.si/lat/MIT2007>

Conference fee:

Registration:

250 Euro

The fee covers a copy of conference proceedings (book and CD), conference dinner, meals and refreshments. A conference fee paid before 15. August 2007 is required in order to have the paper published in the proceedings. One conference fee covers multiple papers of the registered author.

Conference supporters:



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Conference themes:

The conference will run in one session.

Creative thinking, innovation, marketing:

- pathfinding to real needs of our time,
- subtle development of new ideas for solutions,
- analytical evaluation of ideas,
- prototype-oriented optimization.

Management:

- sustainability and sustainable innovation,
- managing innovation,
- managing technology in SME,
- spreading of knowledge and excellence.

Manufacturing technologies:

- modeling and simulation of manufacturing Processes and systems,
- non-conventional process,
- miniaturization,
- micro-machining,
- process chains.

Provisional program:

Monday, 8. October 2007:

- New member States (NMS) workshop
(http://www.fs.uni-lj.si/lat/MIT2007/mit2007_4NMS.htm),
- welcome reception in the evening.

Tuesday, 9. October 2007:

- papers sessions,
- open space discussion,
- conference dinner.

Wednesday, 10. October 2007:

- papers sessions,
- open space discussion,
- round table,
- conference closure.