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Call for research and development based papers:

Human side of projects in modern business

IPMA world congress 2009 shall incorporate research and development oriented stream addressing new knowledge and insights on human aspects in modern projects. Historically, the foundation of the core content of project management and its structuring is in operations research. Gradually, this structuring has been increasingly equipped with human resource management aspects and skill areas. Whereas skill areas such as time and cost management are well-established and the well-known there are numerous emerging skill areas regarding human side of projects and their management. The content and role of these "soft " management areas need to be further explored and discussed.

Examples of topics and key words of interest

- § Models and key categories of the human side of project management: **motivation, trust, commitment, risk/opportunity attitude, communication, compensation, benefits** etc.
- § Management in **multicultural** projects
- § Advances on **staffing** and **HRM** in projects
- § **Stress management, well-being** and **recreation** in projects

The objective of the presentations and their publishing is to portray current understanding and new knowledge arising from research and development concerning human aspects in modern projects.

PUBLISHING OF PRESENTATIONS

The accepted full papers shall be published in the conference proceedings book and the authors shall have an opportunity to develop their papers to full-scale scientific papers and to be on "fast-lane" for publishing them in the following periodicals

- Emerald periodical "International Journal of Managing Projects in Business". A special issue of this journal focusing on the human side of projects shall form an additional publishing platform for these papers, look at www.emeraldinsight.com
- International Journal of Project Management, scientific publication by Elsevier, look at www.elsevier.com
- Project Perspectives, IPMA annual publication, look at www.ipma.ch/publication/perspectives

RECOGNITION OF BEST PAPERS

Emerald offers a 100 Euro prize for best paper and free subscription to the International Journal of Managing Projects in Business.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Participants wishing to present a contribution are invited to submit an abstract, relating to the theme "Human side of projects in modern business". The abstract should be typewritten in English (preferably in MS Word or PDF format), not exceeding 500 words, on one A4 size page. The abstract should be e-mailed to the Conference Scientific Secretariat by October 31, 2008: kalle.kahkonen@vtt.fi. The abstracts will be reviewed by scientists selected on a world-wide basis, based on the topic. The reviewers will provide their recommendations on the inclusion of the full paper and its preparation. The full papers will be refereed and accepted by the same referees.

All abstracts should be structured as follows:

- **Title:** The title should be 10 words or less
- **Author(s):** Provide contact details for each author including name, surname, organisation, email and full postal address
- **Keywords:** Provide up to 5 keywords
- **Theme:** Name the primary theme addressed in the paper
- **Background:** Short summary of relevant background and problem addressed
- **Objectives:** Define the "tangible and measurable" objectives of the work presented in the paper
- **Methodology:** Describe briefly the methodology that you are using/have used to achieve your objectives
- **Results:** Provide a short summary of the results

Please note that the abstracts should not include any graphics or pictures.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please note the following important dates:

October 31, 2008	Deadline for submission of the abstracts
November 28, 2008	Notification of acceptance of abstract
February 15, 2009	Submission of full paper
March 15, 2009	Notification of acceptance with comments
April 15, 2009	Submission of revised final paper

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