

Call for Papers

Group Decision and Negotiation Journal

Special Issue on Collaborative Approaches for Multi Decision Makers

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Information Technology has enabled new ways in which groups of people collaborate to get a joint work done. In particular, Information Technology has allowed groups within an Organization or across Organizations to perform Collaborative Decision Making. Of course, many aspects of Collaborative Decision Making need to be further researched. A few of these issues are the choice of the most appropriate technologies, the search for the best designs to increase decision making effectiveness, how to enhance and support human judgment for decision tasks, and how to evaluate systems to support Collaborative Decision Making.

The guest editors of this special GDN issue look for papers that can contribute to clarify those aspects. Manuscripts presenting new models of collaboration or evaluation methodologies, or breaking ground on application of collaboration to new business situations, or presenting cases where lessons can be learned are especially welcome.

Topics of Interest for this special issue on the use of IT tools to support collaborative decision making include, but are not limited to:

- Application of collaborative tools to new business settings
- Facilitation of group work for Decision Making and its alternatives
- Assessing the impact of introducing new technology on coordination and collaboration for Decision Making
- Taking advantage of spontaneous collaboration for Decision Making
- Using collaborative technology to support Decision Meetings
- Using distributed and mobile technologies to support Decision Meetings
- Shared knowledge, knowledge management systems and context for Decision Making
- Electronic meeting systems: design, use and evaluation
- Evaluation of collaborative technologies in business settings

Articles published in this special issue must meet GDN high standards of research quality. Thus, submitted articles will undergo two rounds of reviewing. The special issue will select four to five papers.

Manuscript preparation instructions can be found on journal's web site at <http://www.springer.com/business/operations+research/journal/10726?detailsPage=aimsAndScopes>

However, instead of submitting a paper to the journal, it must be directly sent to Pascale.Zarate@irit.fr, indicating the submission is intended for this special issue. Notice that in the case of papers being previously published at a conference, they must have been significantly improved (at least 30% of new material) and must have a new title.

The deadline for submissions is December 30th, 2008.

Manuscripts will be accepted for processing starting September 1, 2008.

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