Call for Papers

Special Issue on COLLABORATIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND APPROACHES FOR ENHANCING FACILITATION AND NEGOTIATION PROCESSES IN ENTERPRISES.

Group Decision and Negotiation

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Motivation

In connection with Joint International Conference of the INFORMS GDN Section and the EURO Working Group on DSS in Toulouse, June 10th-13th 2014, we would like to announce this open call for papers for a special issue on “collaborative technologies and approaches for enhancing facilitation and negotiation processes in enterprises” in the Group Decision and Negotiation Journal.

Scope

Since more than a decade, many studies have explored the connections between the decision-making process, negotiation and facilitation in order realise, visualise and understand the key business process in enterprises. Nevertheless, even if the role and importance of facilitation and negotiation in group support systems are confirmed and acknowledged by the scientific community, an agreement on the level of facilitation restrictiveness and process versus content facilitation to support better negotiation processes across the organisations are still not unanimous. In a fact, technologies used on these processes have to be either adaptable or redesigned during this evolving process. This within the goal of supporting effective and assertive operations and decisions management when the organisation and structures in the enterprises are difficult to manage, specially because the presence of conflicting goals, organisational inertia caused by unnecessarily complex interactions and environmental uncertainty. In this sense, researchers and practitioners are being trying to find solutions to support the modelling and implementation stages of solutions to cover these facilitation requirements. Many of these approaches are supported by collaborative technologies mainly oriented to support key features in the enterprise, such as: organisational (security settings, user administration, information administration), communication (file publication, management, feedback), management (management of specific workflows, teams, work packages, multiple projects, standards), sharing, viewing and working with CAD-based drawings (including use of viewing tools and web based applications). Therefore, the study of collaborative technologies for providing support and solutions to the facilitation and negotiation processes in enterprises is presented as a theme of contemporary interest and for both practitioners and academics
**Topic selection**

This special issue seeks original contributions where collaborative solutions have been applied to support organisational decision-making for group facilitation and negotiation. The objective of this Special Issue is to bring together novel contributions that demonstrate the value of multi-disciplinary, multi-technique collaborative decisions, specially in the area of: facilitation and negotiation in GroupWare and Computer-Supported Cooperative Work, Facilitation and negotiation in Group Support Systems (GSS), Group Decision Support Systems (GDSS) and electronic meetings, Use of multi-agent systems in facilitation and negotiation processes, Virtual teams, modelling and implementation of collaborative technologies, group decision and negotiation decision support systems solutions. Real-life based use cases are highly expected Theoretical contributions will normally not be considered, unless a strong appeal for enterprise applications can be justified.

**Manuscript Submission**

Submission of a manuscript implies: that the work described has not been published before; that it is not under consideration for publication anywhere else; that its publication has been approved by all co-authors, if any, as well as by the responsible authorities – tacitly or explicitly – at the institute where the work has been carried out. The publisher will not be held legally responsible should there be any claims for compensation. Author submissions must be provided in MsWord and PDF and sent to the Guest Editors. Guidelines for submission are available on the homepage of [Group Decision and Negotiation](https://springer.com) you can

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**Important Dates:**

Deadline for paper submission: December 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2014

Acceptation / Rejection: March 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2015

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Final decision: June 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2015

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