Consolidating the global scope for facilities management: EFMC2017 in Madrid!

Call for research papers – 16th EuroFM research symposium

Submission of abstracts for EFMC2017 in Madrid, Spain the 26-27 April 2017 is now open. The conference general conference theme is this year “Consolidating the global scope of facilities management”.

The objectives of the research symposium are to present original research that contributes to the understanding of the role of FM in organisations and to encourage discussions and the development of new knowledge amongst researchers and FM professionals and educationalists on this important topic.

The research symposium has been initiated and developed by the Research Network Group (RNG). RNG is a working group of the European Facility Management Network (EuroFM). The vision of EuroFM is: “advancement of knowledge in Facility Management in Europe and its application in practice, education and research, in order to communicate best practice through Europe. Papers are expected to address the unique mission of EuroFM by clearly showing the implications of research findings to practice and education in the field.

The call for papers is open to all those who are active in research in Facilities Management: senior researchers, practitioners, educationalists and post-graduate students. An abstract of 300-500 words should be submitted electronically and send directly to the RNG chair Susanne Balslev Nielsen sbni@dtu.dk. All abstracts and final papers must be written in English; and include all contact information and be structured as previous EuroFM conference papers with purpose, method, findings, originality/value (template available). Deadline for abstract submission is 2. October.

The abstract should be as informative as possible and state clearly whether the contributory value of the research for the field of FM is to be considered in terms of the development of theory or practice. The abstract should indicate the theory used and the empirical base, in addition to an indication of how results can be validated and implemented, when applicable. Instructions on the format of papers will be sent to authors of accepted abstracts.
Whilst the overall theme is “Consolidating the global scope of facilities management” the RNG are particularly interested in research that focuses on people in FM, as users, managers and service providers, as co-creators of value and as actors in social processes. Abstracts addressing all kind of businesses and facilities are invited, and especially on the following topics:

- FM and transition to sustainable buildings and cities
- FM benchmarking in theory and practice
- FM under extreme conditions
- FM with the purpose of improving quality of life of people and the productivity of core business
- Historical reviews: revisiting FM research questions from the last 30 years
- Integrating people, places and processes within the built environment
- Service excellence in FM
- The role of standards for empowerment of organisations and people

**Submission deadlines:**

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Abstracts and papers will be refereed by a standing panel of leading, well qualified senior researchers and selected in a two phase process using explicit criteria for originality, relevance, communication, contribution and overall quality. Joint co-authorships with a research partner and a business/practice partner are encouraged.

The review panel will undertake a double-blind review of all abstracts and papers.

**Open access**

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**Research Symposium Organisation 2016/17**

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