Open call for papers

The mission of European Facility Management Network (EuroFM) is the ‘advancement of knowledge in Facility Management in Europe and its application in practice, education and research.’ In response to this mission, the EuroFM Research Network (RNG) has initiated and developed a collaborative research programme called ‘Advancing Knowledge in Facilities Management’.

The objectives of the EuroFM research programme are to present and publish 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. EuroFM seeks to improve the quality of research, relevant to FM in Europe and to achieve world-class standards.

The EuroFM Research Network organises its activities through working groups in order to address its agenda and develop its knowledge base. There are currently three working groups:

- WG1 Added value in FM
- WG2 Sustainability in FM
- WG3 FM innovation

The three working groups provide the framework for the annual programme of meetings, including EuroFM research workshops and the 13th EuroFM Research Symposium, to be held as part of EFMC2015 in May 2015 (venue to be announced).
This open call invites researchers to participate in the programme by submitting work for publication by EuroFM and presentation in working groups, workshops and the annual symposium. The call for papers is open to active researchers in academic, research and practice settings and to post-graduate students in FM. EuroFM encourage contributions from researchers in other relevant disciplines.

Themes

EuroFM stresses the role that FM plays in promoting effectiveness in organisations of all kinds. FM provides essential benefits and positive impacts of importance for both the primary activities of organizations, for all stakeholders and society. 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.

People make Facilities Management

The overall theme for the open call for 2014 addresses themes that focus on people in FM, as users, managers and service providers, as co-creators of value and as actors in social processes.

Added value of FM

How does FM create value in organisations and how can added value be increased?

Sustainability in FM

How does FM contribute to a sustainable future and how can economic, social and environmental value be enhanced?

FM Innovation

How can FM harness the potential of people and organisation, space and infrastructure for effectiveness?

Back to the Future

The RNG would also like to encourage contributions that reflect on the advancement of knowledge in FM over the past 25 years to mark EuroFM's anniversary.

In addition, the RNG provide opportunities for the presentation and discussion of conceptual, theoretical and methodological issues in FM research in EuroFM workshops.
Submission of papers is based on a commitment that:

1) The author(s) will attend the workshops/symposium to present and discuss their research, and give permission for the publication of their paper

2) Papers present research not previously presented at the research symposium, otherwise present significant updates on previously presented research

3) Papers have not previously been submitted for publication in another medium

4) Papers are submitted as scientific papers.

5) Papers are openly accessible in the public domain

Abstracts

RNG invites research papers that address these themes and present results, findings and work in progress for a joint audience of researchers and practitioners (EuroFM Research Symposium), for participants in the RNG working groups (EuroFM research workshops). Postgraduate researchers are encouraged to submit papers that contribute to higher qualifications by publication.

An abstracts of maximum 300 words, in English, should be submitted electronically via on Easychair at http://www.eurofm.org/groups/research/annual-programme/. Author instructions for using the Easychair system are available on the RNG web pages on the EuroFM website. Communication with authors will be exclusively through Easychair.

The abstract should be as informative as possible and structured to include the purpose, theoretical background, design/methodology/approach, findings, originality and value of the research. 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. Statements such as «results will be discussed» and «data will be presented» will lead to rejection. Constructive, written feedback will be provided on all submissions. Further instructions on the format of papers will be sent to authors of accepted abstracts.

Working groups will issue specific calls for research workshops held in conjunction with general EuroFM meetings.
Abstracts can be submitted at any time in the year, but will be considered in three batches according to the timing publication of special issues and schedule of EuroFM meetings.

**Spring**  
31 May 2014  
Working groups – specific calls

**Deadline for EuroFM autumn meeting**

**Summer**  
1 September 2014  
Working groups – specific calls

**Deadline for papers for 14th EuroFM Research Symposium (May 2105)**

**Autumn**  
1 November 2014  
Working groups – specific calls

**Deadline for EuroFM spring meeting**

All papers submitted in response to the open call will be considered for presentation at the 14th EuroFM Research Symposium.

A full schedule of key publication dates is available on the RNG pages on the EuroFM website.

**EuroFM Research Workshops**

EuroFM research workshops, hosted by a local partner University, are held as part each of three EuroFM meetings each year. The research workshops address RNG themes and are organised by the working groups in turn. In addition, they provide an opportunity of presenting papers and for discussing theoretical and methodological issues. Refereed papers for these workshops are published in EuroFM Research Papers.

**13th EuroFM Research Symposium 2015**

An organising committee, chaired by the RNG convenor, oversees the quality of the Research Symposium.

Whilst the themes of Research Symposium will be agreed with the
Programme Advisory Group for EFMC2015, the RNG are particularly interested in research that contributes to the theme ‘People make Facilities Management. As the theme has many facets, research papers are expected from a broad spectrum, including a variety of approaches to including and empowering people in FM and enabling their effectiveness in organisations.

The EuroFM Research Symposium is scheduled over three days integral with EFMC. There will be ample opportunities to network with other researchers and practitioners. Special joint workshops bring together the Business Conference and Research Symposium on both days. The approach of the workshop sessions enables sharing and discussion of research outputs.

Open access publication

EuroFM expects that the full text of all published research papers and conference proceedings arising from its sponsored work should be deposited in an open access institutional repository, or if that isn't available an appropriate, openly accessible publication database.

Final papers that are accepted will be published in EuroFM Research Papers, as special issues of the International Journal of Facilities Management (with assigned ISSN and DOI addresses) . Following further selection, papers may be included in edited collections in a EuroFM book series (‘Advancing knowledge in Facilities Management’). Further details can be found on the EFMC pages on the EuroFM website www.eurofm.org.

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 and compliance. The review panel will undertake a double-blind review of all abstracts and papers. Papers will be moderated by a Scientific Committee, including the convenors of the working groups and a panel of external moderators.

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