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CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

4TH EDITION OF THE ITALIAN GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT (IGCKM) CONFERENCE "KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GLOBAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY"

UNIVERSITY OF SALENTO – LECCE (ITALY)
CONFERENCE CENTER C/O ECOTEKNE
MAY 7, 2026, FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.30 PM

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The Editors and Guest Editors of:

- Benchmarking: an International Journal (BIJ)
- British Food Journal (BFJ)
- Business Process Management Journal (BPMJ)
- Business Strategy and the Environment (BSE)
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management (CSREM)
- Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice (ETP)
- European Management Journal (EMJ)
- Family Business Review (FBR)
- International Entrepreneurship and Management Journal (IEMJ)
- International Journal of Hospitality Management (IJHM)
- International Journal of Management Review (IJMR)
- International Studies of Management Organization (ISMO)
- Journal of Enterprise Information Management (JEIM)
- Journal of Financial Management, Markets and Institutions (JFMMI)
- Journal of Intellectual Capital (JIC)
- Journal of Knowledge Management (JKM)
- Journal of Knowledge, Risk and Sustainable Management (KRISM)
- Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development (JSBED)
- Journal of Technology Transfer (JTT)
- Review of Managerial Science (RMS)
- Systems Research and Behavioural Science (SRBS)
- Technology Analysis and Strategic Management (TASM)
- Technological Forecasting and Social Change (TFSC)
- Technology in Society (TIS)
- Technovation
- Venture Capital (VC)

for the first time collectively, together with the Conference organisers and the Steering Committee of the Italian Global Community of Knowledge Management (IGCKM), are pleased to invite you to participate in the Conference, to be held in Lecce at the University of Salento on May 7, 2026. The Conference offers a unique opportunity to present an extended abstract of original research and to receive expert feedback from the above-mentioned Editors and Guest Editors, with the aim of strengthening the contribution for potential submission to one of the participating journals.

AIMS AND SCOPE

The primary aim of the Workshop is to bring together scholars from different streams of management and organization studies, encouraging the discussion of works in progress and early-stage research through multiple theoretical, methodological, and empirical lenses.

Contributions are expected to address issues related to the creation, management, transfer, and exploitation of knowledge within and across organizations, industries, territories, and institutions, with particular attention to global and interconnected contexts.

THEMATIC AREAS (CHAPTERS)

Extended abstracts should be submitted to the tracks associated with the participating journals, so as to ensure coherence with each journal's aims and scope. In particular, all submissions are expected to maintain a clear focus on knowledge management, which represents the core research theme of the Conference. By way of illustration, and without being limited to these, extended abstracts may address the following thematic areas:

- Performance measurement systems, benchmarking practices, and knowledge-driven organisational excellence;
- Data-driven benchmarking, analytics, and continuous improvement in private and public sector organisations;
- Knowledge-based performance management, KPIs design, and comparative efficiency across industries and regions;
- Knowledge creation, sharing, and governance in organisations and inter-organisational networks;
- Knowledge transfer, commercialisation, and university–industry collaboration;
- Knowledge-based foresight and strategic intelligence for socio-technical change;
- Organisational learning and knowledge orchestration in innovation processes;
- Knowledge production, diffusion, and policy learning in science and innovation systems;
- Entrepreneurial knowledge, opportunity recognition, and new venture development;
- Entrepreneurial cognition, learning, and knowledge recombination;
- Transgenerational knowledge transfer and strategic continuity in family enterprises;
- Knowledge-based managerial decision-making and organisational performance;
- Knowledge-enabled business process design, optimisation, and digital transformation;
- Process innovation, automation, and the integration of AI and intelligent systems in organisational workflows;
- Organisational routines, process governance, and knowledge orchestration for operational excellence;
- Knowledge management and innovation in agri-food systems and value chains;
- Knowledge-driven strategies for environmental sustainability and competitive advantage;
- Knowledge governance for corporate responsibility and sustainable management;

- Strategic technology intelligence and knowledge-based decision-making;
- Knowledge ecosystems, learning, and innovation in tourism and hospitality;
- Intellectual capital, knowledge assets, and value creation;
- Knowledge-based leadership and organisational transformation in international contexts;
- Knowledge resources, learning, and resilience in small and medium-sized enterprises;
- Knowledge integration for risk management, resilience, and sustainability;
- Systems thinking and knowledge integration in complex organisational settings;
- Knowledge, institutions, and organisational dynamics in global and comparative contexts;
- Knowledge management, innovation, and value creation in hospitality and service industries;
- Integrative and critical perspectives on knowledge, management theory, and organisational practice;
- Knowledge-intensive entrepreneurship, financing, and growth dynamics;
- Knowledge, decision-making, and governance in financial markets and institutions;
- Enterprise systems, digital platforms, and knowledge integration in complex organisational environments;
- Information management, data governance, and knowledge architectures for decision-making and innovation;
- AI, big data, and emerging technologies for enterprise knowledge ecosystems and digital capabilities.

Authors are required, at the time of submission, to clearly indicate the partner journal of the Conference to which their extended abstract is submitted, in order to allow for its evaluation and, if accepted, for participation in the public discussion of the abstract with the participating Editors within the corresponding Conference session.

WHY PARTICIPATE

The Conference offers participants a unique opportunity to:

- present and discuss an extended abstract of original and ongoing research within a focused and high-quality academic setting;
- receive constructive, developmental feedback from senior scholars, editors, associate editors and representatives of leading international journals;
- engage in in-depth scholarly dialogue aimed at strengthening theoretical framing, methodological rigor and contribution to the literature;
- improve, refine and position research outputs for potential future submission to high-impact international journals;
- gain insights into editorial expectations, review processes and publication strategies from experienced editors and journal gatekeepers;

- exchange ideas and best practices with peers at different career stages, including early-career and established researchers;
- expand professional networks and foster international collaborations across institutions and disciplines;
- become actively involved in a vibrant, inclusive and supportive international research community focused on knowledge management and related fields.

Early-career researchers (PhD students, post-docs, assistant professors / RTD) are strongly encouraged to submit their work. There are no restrictions regarding methodological approaches or theoretical frameworks. Participants interested in attending the Workshop without submitting an extended abstract are also welcome.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Authors wishing to present their work are invited to submit an extended abstract with the following characteristics:

- Length: between 2000 and 6000 words (excluding references)
- Format: Times New Roman, 12 pt, double-spaced
- Language: English
- Submission deadline: **April 27, 2026**

Extended abstracts must be **uploaded to the dedicated section of the website www.igckm.org**

STRUCTURE OF THE EXTENDED ABSTRACT

Extended abstracts should be structured as follows:

1. Target journal for abstract discussion
2. Title
3. Full name, current position, and affiliation of all authors (indicating the presenting authors)
4. Purpose of the study
5. Design / Methodology / Approach
6. Findings (or expected findings)
7. Originality / Value
8. Keywords
9. References

REVIEW PROCESS AND PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Extended abstracts will be evaluated based on:

- Originality
- Research rigor
- Scholarly relevance and coherence with the selected target journals

Acceptance of an extended abstract does not imply publication, nor does it guarantee any fast-track review process. In full compliance with COPE guidelines and the principles of research integrity, the Workshop is strictly developmental in nature: the discussion of abstracts is intended solely to provide constructive scholarly feedback and does not constitute, influence, or anticipate any editorial decision.

All accepted extended abstracts will be published in the Official Book of Proceedings issued by R&S Academic Publishing (Oxford, UK). In addition, subject to final authorisation, a selection of the best extended abstracts will be invited to be further developed into short book chapters for inclusion in a Palgrave Book Series partnering with the Conference.

Further publication opportunities (e.g., journal submissions, edited volumes, special issues) will be communicated during or after the Workshop.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Extended abstract submission deadline: April 27, 2026**
- **Notification of acceptance: May 2, 2026**
- **Conference and dinners registration deadline: May 4, 2026**
- **Workshop date: May 7, 2026**

PARTICIPATION FEE AND IGCKM MEMBERSHIP

Participation in the Conference *is, for this year only and for the fourth consecutive year, exceptionally free of charge*, in order to facilitate the broadest possible participation. Upon acceptance of an extended abstract, or upon formal request to attend the Conference as an observer, participants are automatically granted annual membership status of the IGCKM Network and its international partners, which entitles them to free access to the event. Also for this year, coffee breaks and the light lunch are included and provided free of charge for all Conference participants, as IGCKM members, thanks to the hospitality of the host institution.

From next year onwards, free access to the Annual Conference will be conditional upon maintaining active membership within the IGCKM community and being fully compliant with the payment of an annual membership fee, aimed at supporting the organisation of the event. Participants who wish to attend the Conference without being members of the IGCKM community will still be able to do so, subject to the payment of a dedicated registration fee.

Further details on membership modalities will be communicated to interested parties and during the Conference. Parallel social events, such as the dinner on the evening of 6 May and the final dinner on 7 May, will be subject to mandatory reservation for interested participants and will be fee-based, according to arrangements that will be communicated separately.

Journal	Publisher	Editor On-site or Remote	Link	Overview
Benchmarking: An International Journal	Emerald Publishing	Prof. Pedro Soto-Acosta University of Murcia	Link	*Benchmarking: An International Journal* publishes research on benchmarking processes and organizational performance improvement practices, covering topics such as performance measurement, competitive comparison, process management, and continuous innovation.
British Food Journal	Emerald Publishing	Prof. Stefano Bresciani Università degli Studi di Torino Prof. Alberto Ferraris Università degli Studi di Torino	Link	*British Food Journal* publishes research on the food industry, spanning topics such as food safety, nutrition, marketing, and supply chain management.
Business Process Management Journal	Emerald Publishing	Prof. Elena-Mădălina Vătămănescu National University of Political Studies and Public Administration Prof. Simona Popa University of Murcia Prof. Asha Thomas Wrocław University of Science and Technology	Link	*Business Process Management Journal* publishes research on the management and optimization of business processes, covering topics such as process design, continuous improvement, workflow digitalization, and the integration of technologies with organizational performance.
Business Strategy and the Environment	Wiley	Prof. Piera Centobelli Università degli Studi di Napoli "Federico II"	Link	*Business Strategy and the Environment* is an international journal that publishes research on sustainable business strategies, environmental governance, and management practices that foster economic performance while balancing ecological responsibility and sustainable development.
Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management	Wiley	Prof. Roberto Cerchione Università degli Studi di Napoli "Parthenope"	Link	*Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management* is an international journal that publishes research on corporate social responsibility, environmental management practices, and sustainable strategies that drive responsible organizational performance and positive impacts on the environment and communities.
Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice	SAGE Publications	Prof. Alfredo De Massis Università di Chieti-Pescara Dott.ssa Vittoria Magrelli Università di Chieti-Pescara	Link	*Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice* is a leading journal in the field of entrepreneurship, publishing both theoretical and empirical research on new ventures, innovation, and entrepreneurial development.

European Management Journal	Emerald Publishing	Prof. Matteo Cristofaro Università di Roma Tor Vergata	Link	*European Management Journal* stands out for its call for innovative contributions that reflect European management in general and its distinctive features compared with other managerial styles worldwide. The journal also devotes special sections to timely topics, such as "competitive renewal through digital transformation."
Family Business Review	SAGE Publications	Prof. Alfredo De Massis Università di Chieti-Pescara Dott. Dario Natale Palmucci Università di Torino	Link	*Family Business Review* is a leading international journal in the field of family business studies. It publishes contributions that examine governance, succession, strategy, innovation, and transgenerational continuity in family firms.
International Entrepreneurship and Management Journal	Springer	Prof. Manlio Del Giudice Università Pegaso Prof. Lucia Pizzichini Università Pegaso	Link	*International Entrepreneurship and Management Journal* focuses on international entrepreneurship and management, examining the challenges and strategies of firms operating in global contexts.
International Journal of Hospitality Management	Elsevier	Prof.ssa Pantea Foroudi Brunel University Business School Prof.ssa Maria Teresa Cuomo Università di Salerno	Link	*International Journal of Hospitality Management* publishes original research and review articles in the hospitality sector, covering topics such as human resource management, consumer behavior, marketing, applied economics, operational and strategic management, technology, and design within the hospitality industry.
International Journal of Management Review	Wiley	Prof.ssa Pantea Foroudi Brunel University Business School Prof.ssa Maria Teresa Cuomo Università di Salerno	Link	*International Journal of Management Reviews* publishes critical review articles and theoretical surveys across the main areas of management, fostering the integration and advancement of managerial knowledge through systematic analyses and innovative conceptual perspectives.
International Studies of Management Organization	Taylor & Francis	Prof. Armando Papa Università di Salerno	Link	*International Studies of Management & Organization* examines managerial and organizational dynamics by emphasizing the role of institutional, cultural, and economic contexts in shaping management and organizational practices.

Journal of Enterprise Information Management	Emerald Publishing	Prof. Asha Thomas Wrocław University of Science and Technology	Link	*Journal of Enterprise Information Management* publishes research on the management of information and information systems within organizations, covering topics such as digital transformation, data analytics, systems integration, and the strategic role of information technologies.
Journal of Financial Management, Markets and Institutions	World Scientific	Prof. Vincenzo Capizzi Università del Piemonte Orientale Prof. Vincenzo Verdoliva Università Pegaso	Link	*Journal of Financial Management, Markets and Institutions* is an international academic journal that publishes original research across the main areas of finance, with a particular focus on financial institutions, markets, risk management, investments, and corporate finance, providing both theoretical and empirical insights.
Journal of Intellectual Capital	Emerald Publishing	Prof. Marco Romano Università degli Studi di Catania	Link	*Journal of Intellectual Capital* examines the role of intellectual capital in organizations, including human, structural, and relational resources, and their impact on value creation and competitive advantage.
Journal of Knowledge Management	Emerald Publishing	Prof.ssa Valentina Cillo Università Pegaso	Link	*Journal of Knowledge Management* is a peer-reviewed journal focusing on knowledge management in organizations, examining strategies, processes, and tools for the creation, sharing, and application of knowledge to improve organizational performance.
Journal of Knowledge, Risk and Sustainable Management	Emerald Publishing	Prof. Mirko Perano Università degli Studi di Salerno	Link	*Journal of Knowledge, Risk and Sustainable Management* is an international journal that publishes research on the interrelationships among knowledge management, risk assessment and governance, and sustainability practices.
Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development	Emerald Publishing	Prof. Gianpaolo Abatecola Università di Roma Tor Vergata	Link	*Journal of Small Business and Enterprise Development* publishes research on small business and entrepreneurship, exploring strategies, growth, and the management of small and medium-sized enterprises across different economic contexts.
Journal of Technology Transfer	Springer	Prof. Silvio Vismara Università degli Studi di Bergamo	Link	*Journal of Technology Transfer* focuses on technology transfer processes among universities, industry, and government, examining innovation dynamics and the policies that facilitate the diffusion of technologies.
Review of Managerial Science	Springer	Prof. Sascha Kraus University of Siegen	Link	*Review of Managerial Science* publishes scholarly contributions in managerial science, including both empirical and theoretical studies on various aspects of business and management.

Systems Research and Behavioural Science	Wiley	Prof. Gandolfo Dominici Università di Palermo Prof. Francesco Caputo Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II	Link	*Systems Research and Behavioural Science* is an international journal that publishes theoretical and empirical research grounded in systems approaches and the behavioural sciences across multidisciplinary contexts, including organizations, management, policy, social dynamics, and complex processes.
Technology Analysis and Strategic Management	Taylor & Francis	Prof. Umberto Panniello Politecnico di Bari Prof. Lorenzo Ardito Politecnico di Bari	Link	*Technology Analysis and Strategic Management* examines technology management strategies and policy analysis, exploring how organizations can leverage technologies to achieve competitive advantage.
Technological Forecasting and Social Change	Elsevier	Prof. Francesco Schiavone Università degli Studi di Napoli "Parthenope" Prof. Dirk Meissner University Higher School of Economics, Mosca	Link	*Technological Forecasting and Social Change* addresses forward-looking studies on technology and social change, examining the societal impacts of technological innovations and the methodologies used to anticipate future developments.
Technology in Society	Elsevier	Prof. Marina Dabić University of Zagreb	Link	*Technology in Society* is an international journal devoted to the global discourse on the dynamics of technological change and the intersection of social, economic, business, digital and post digital transformationsshaping the world around us.
Technovation	Elsevier	Prof. Antonio Messeni Petruzzelli Politecnico di Bari	Link	*Technovation* publishes research on technological innovation and innovation management, exploring how firms develop and implement new technologies to remain competitive.
Venture Capital	Taylor & Francis	Prof. Vincenzo Capizzi Università del Piemonte Orientale Prof. Vincenzo Verdoliva Università Pegaso	Link	*Venture Capital* is an international academic journal that publishes research on entrepreneurial finance and venture capital, covering topics such as start-up financing, private equity, institutional investors, and business angels, and integrating theoretical and empirical perspectives to understand the role and impact of entrepreneurial finance in global markets.

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