



Guest Editor's Foreword

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Transitions and changes in business are never-ending. The management of knowledge, technology and business in today's globally networked economy is no exception. Information and communications technology (ICT) and many related disruptive innovations continue to transform our environment, the business landscape and society, including the way we live. Taking this transition component as the focal point of research is therefore important. This special issue strives to present and address key issues related to this topic, primarily in the areas of business and management. The central themes of this special issue are knowledge management, human resource management, technology management, business administration, innovation and entrepreneurship.

The papers selected for this thematic issue were submitted to the Make-Learn & TIIM Conference 2017 held in Lublin, Poland from 17 to 19 May. These research contributions were submitted with the intention to share and discuss the most recent developments in the management of knowledge, technology and business. This year, the specific focus was on the network economy. As beautifully expressed on the conference website, 'We can see the growth of more dynamic networks and organizations generate new knowledge more quickly. In order to maximize the benefits, knowledge must be properly managed and exploited. If you combine knowledge from different perspectives, you can create new opportunities and respond to challenges in innovative ways. Networking gives organizations flexibility and responsiveness.'

The papers in this special issue address a range of topics relating to transitions in the management of knowledge, technology and business in a network economy. The paper 'Individual, Technological, and Organizational Predictors' aims to identify factors that are important for organizational knowledge sharing and examine their relative impact on knowledge sharing practices in Norwegian context. The paper entitled 'Assessing the Health of a Business Ecosystem: Contribution of Anchoring Actor in Formation Phase' focuses on Taiwan, and this work contributes to the business ecosystem and business network literature by introducing anchoring actors and their important role in ecosystem formation, and by presenting how ecosystem health can be assessed. The papers 'A Proposed Model for Measuring Performance of the University-Industry Collaboration in Open Innovation' and

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'European Cohesion Policy and Structural Funds in Sparsely Populated Areas – Case Study of the University of Oulu' deal with the role of universities in the network economy by examining how universities participate in the creation of a European cohesion policy and in regional development through their regional networks, and by introducing a new scientific model for measuring the performance of university-industry collaborations. The paper 'Manufacturers' Benefits from Their Cooperation with Key Retailers in the Context of Business Models' examines the benefits of manufacturer-retailer cooperation in the Polish ecosystem. The paper entitled 'Comparison of IAS 39 and IFRS 9: The Analysis of Replacement' explores transitions in the context of international financial reporting standards. The paper 'Does Education Matter for Entrepreneurship Activities? The Case of Kosovo' analyses the role of education on entrepreneurship performance in a post-crisis economy in Kosovo.

The papers in this issue were selected through a rigorous screening process, including a double-blinded review process. At this point, I would like to thank the authors who submitted their manuscripts for this special issue and who all made extensive efforts in revising their papers. Finally, I thank the Editor-in-Chief for his trust and guidance, as well other colleagues for their excellent cooperation.

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