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Special Issue on

Logistics knowledge management: state of the art and future perspectives

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This Special Issue, in conjunction with **IFKAD 2017** (International Forum on Knowledge Asset Dynamics), is dedicated to the theme of knowledge management (KM) in logistics. In today’s dynamic competitive environment, logistics management has become increasingly complex and knowledge-intensive. The globalization of logistics processes, the development of collaborative logistics partnership, the role of human resources, and the digitalization of logistics processes are only some of the trends that demonstrate how knowledge is, even more, a strategic resource for supporting the logistics of the future. Accordingly, the adoption of a knowledge strategy and the implementation of a knowledge management (KM) approach are becoming crucial for achieving adequate levels of efficiency in managing logistics processes.

From the academic point of view, KM research has grown rapidly in recent years with several disciplines have studied KM from their own perspectives. Nevertheless, there are only limited efforts to study KM from an interdisciplinary perspective. This is the case of the interface between KM and logistics where, despite the increasing interest in studying KM in logistics, the identification of appropriate methods and approaches still remain a gap in understanding the role and potential of KM in improving logistics processes.

Therefore, the aim of this special issue is to contribute to bridge this gap through presenting recent research addressing this underdeveloped field of study in order to expand the application of both knowledge management theory and practices.

Papers adopting different theoretical lenses, using different research methods, analyzing different types of organizations, exploring new application areas of KM in logistics and comparing evidence from different countries are strongly encouraged.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Extended Deadlines (in conjunction with key dates for IFKAD 2017)**

- **15 January 2017**  
  Authors to notify SI editors their intention to submit a manuscript for the special issue
- **15 January 2017**  
  Abstract submission deadline IFKAD 2017
- **20 February 2017**  
  Notification of outcomes of reviews of conference papers
- **20 February 2017**  
  **KMRP SI editors to notify authors of outcome of review**
- **10 April 2017**  
  Full paper submission (for conference)
- **10 April 2017**  
  **Full paper submission for SI**
- **7-9 June 2017**  
  IFKAD 2017 Conference
- **30 May 2017**  
  Notification of outcomes of reviews of full papers
- **31 July 2017**  
  **Final manuscripts submitted for KMRP**

**SUBMISSION**

Authors are requested to submit high-quality and original papers that have neither submitted elsewhere and nor are under consideration by other journals.

The special issue will contain a proportion of max. 50% of the best papers received and presented at the 12th edition of the IFKAD 2017 - International Forum on Knowledge Asset Dynamics in St. Petersburg in the corresponding track entitled “Logistics knowledge management: state of the art and future perspectives” (http://www.knowledgeasset.org/Tracks/?track=08) but also expressively encourages other researchers, who did not present in this event, to submit their articles.

**NOTE FOR AUTHORS INTENDING TO SUBMIT AND PRESENT AT IFKAD 2017**

Authors will be asked to submit expanded versions of their conference papers. When submitting for the *IFKAD 2017* conference, authors should also indicate at that time whether they are interested in submitting for this *KMRP* Special Issue. If submitting for the SI, the relevant email and attached paper should be copied to the SI editors when submitting the conference paper. Authors of selected papers will then be invited to submit a full paper version through the *KMRP* journal website for double-blind peer review.
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