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**2nd Special Focus Symposium on ICESKS: Information,
Communication and Economy Sciences in the Knowledge
Society**

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The Symposium's Material Focus

Information on the venue

Conference dates: 13th - 15th November 2008. Conference location: Hotel "Kolovare" in Zadar - Croatia (Hrvatska) (http://www.hotel-kolovare-zadar.htnet.hr/kolovare_eng.htm). The weather in Zadar at this time is usually "very good". Social program will offer on the 14th November 2008 (at 19^h) one dinner, and on the 15th November 2008 (at 10^h) one day trip by bus to Old City of "Nin" with "domestic lunch" (Dalmatians national foods and fish).

Symposium's purpose

The aim of the Symposium is to bring together experts in Information Communication and Economy Sciences with a different background to discuss the current developments in the Knowledge Society. The changing landscape involves quite complex issues not so easy to grasp by an individual expert. The aim is further not to go into detailed technicalities, but to discuss the complexity at level that is understandable by non-experts and enables the discussion of the Knowledge Society complexities to the mutual benefit of all participants. Papers accepted by two independent reviewers will be published in the Conference Proceedings. The conference intends to attract professionals, students and academics alike.

The Situation

Information, technology and communication processes with economy are the basics for modern knowledge society development. We are living in the era of digitalization which will surely cause changes to mankind on individual and social level. Though, we are still seeking to maintain development, social sensibility, eco consciousness, ethics and quality. The paradigms in modern economy and finance are on the brink to change (cf. Ross 2005): the major assumptions of neoclassical finance are obviously not consistent with the facts and figures characterising reality grasped by the data and methods available today. Two aspects need to be addressed: the one is the decision-making based on the rational man assumption and the other is the no arbitrage assumption. The first ignores the circumstances caused by the decision-making by individuals; the necessity to regard these behavioural aspects led to behavioural finance. The importance of behavioural/psychological aspects was already underlined by scholars like von Hayek a long time ago. Von Hayek's arguments, however, suffered from the absence of a formal treatment. The eschewal of formal tools also endangered the behavioural finance approach. Discrete choice models do offer a methodology to treat psychological aspects formally. The no arbitrage assumption ignores the existence of and the effects generated by markets: the major deficiencies might be characterised by the neoclassical procedure to search for arbitrage opportunities by methods that are grounded on the assumption that there do not exist arbitrage opportunities. The importance of markets has been known long before the predominance of the neoclassical paradigm. The appropriate term has been catallactics – quite in use since the 1920s – and has been rediscovered by those dissatisfied with the shortcomings of the neoclassical theory. We apply the term catallactics, even if our call is meant to encourage particularly, but is not limited to, the submission of papers addressing both aspects with a combined methodology. The life on the Earth was and will be put under limits of mutual relationship, interaction, transaction and by creating networks. Co-orientation is helping us to bring more and more communication events in synchrony. If the synchrony increases in the narrower area within the shorter time pattern, it is likely to expect it will continue to expand into whole society. Information, communication, ICT (Information and Communication Technology) with economy and other technology and knowledge will be circularly connected, and globalization processes will accordingly influence their development. Maybe, it will not be like that?

- 1) Does globalisation mean disappearance of the individuality or not? Does the globalisation intensify individual consciousness?
- 2) How are globalization process related to knowledge society?
- 3) What are the relations among information technology, networking and stakeholders?
- 4) What is virtual knowledge?
- 5) Who created the virtual knowledge - the interdisciplinary teams or «knowledge workers»?
- 6) What are the positions of e-business, e-communication and e-knowledge in a networked world?
- 7) What kind of the influences the digitalization makes on social processes in the society?
- 8) Is it possible that communication affairs synchrony creates the procedures and standards of symbolic global communication?

- 9) What is going on with the dynamics of education within distance learning, lifelong learning, management education and training, informal learning?
- 10) How shall we navigate economy, information and communication complexity in the modern knowledge society?
- 11) What is modern interactive agent-based modelling of dynamic market processes?
- 12) How to do human learning and decision-making on markets?
- 13) What is the emergent impact of market microstructure on market outcomes?
- 14) Which are non-equilibrium asset pricing with evaluation of discrete activities, etc.?

At least **four issues** could be differentiated. They are of course intertwined:

Firstly, a more technological issue: Wrapping the huge amount of ICT data into XML based mark-up languages thus achieving the data processing speed required. Standardization is a necessary precondition. However standards are as good as far as they are accepted by the knowledge society. What is the relation to relevant ISO standards that are proposed too? Will there be a convergence to unique standards in the modern knowledge society? Secondly, a more regulatory issue: The regulatory bodies in the modern knowledge society have to provide rules and regulations that ascertain fair working and living. Various regulatory bodies have to fix the data and information (or knowledge) that is appropriate to determine best working and living environment in the modern knowledge society. The evaluation could be refined when relying on the complete or incomplete set of data and information (or knowledge). The switch from the investigation of the data and information (or knowledge) to the investigation of the modern knowledge society models will provide more reliable picture about the modern knowledge society performance. Computerized and other artificially established rules enable best knowledge society environment surveillance. Computerized and other artificially established analytical models have the big advantage that the surveillance of best working and living environment in the modern knowledge society has been possible quite reliably. It is an open question until now, which data and information (or knowledge) describing the real modern knowledge society situation has to be included in the model that is necessary to evaluate best practice. Recent remarks of the various regulatory bodies and practice indicate that the more data are implemented the more reliable the result seems to be. Thirdly, which data and information (or knowledge) should be exploited by models to make working and living environment in the modern knowledge society as best as possible? Event data and information (or knowledge) relies on the causal structure of individual model events. The prevailing procedures in modelling the modern knowledge society environment seem to rely on pure statistical figures, mainly correlations, but they have to be extended into more reliable cause and effect structures. Fourthly, which data and information (or knowledge) structure gives an exchange a competitive edge to attract the best modelling practice in modelling the modern knowledge society environment? Those models which have the most advanced techniques both with regard to speed of data and information (or knowledge) processing and modern knowledge society environment matching will succeed.

The issues to be discussed

Regarding these explanations, papers dealing with a broad range of topics related to the general issues sketched above are welcome. The following list is a guideline, but not exhaustive.

Today, we are witnessing that companies' success is not measured only by profit. The following issues should be related as well:

- 1) Navigating organizational complexity with communication and ICT managers
- 2) Tangible outcomes from managing intangibles
- 3) Dynamics of organizational change, business ethics and communication culture
- 4) Navigating organizational and social changes with developing human character
- 5) The influence of co-orientation, integration, transaction and interaction process within the organization on communication modalities
- 6) Shall globalization process not create information and communication chaos in a networked world?
- 7) The changing role of economy, information (ICT) and communications technology

Call for Papers

Papers that address any of the above listed issues are invited. An abstract of approximately 200 words should be submitted for evaluation. All proposals will be judged on the basis of their scholarly quality, originality and potential for further discourse. Abstracts may be submitted electronically (Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF forms) or by mail not later than Sept. 2nd, 2008 to:



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Review Process and Conference - Symposia Proceedings

All submitted on time abstracts will be peer-reviewed. Final (full) papers (a camera-ready electronic version, including appendices and literature) should not exceed 15 single-spaced typed pages (or approximately 30000 characters) and have to be prepared according to the Instruction to Authors given at the website <http://www.ecnsi.hr/en> and <http://www.ufzg.hr>. All submitted on time, selected (positively reviewed papers - by two independent referees) and presented papers for which the registration fee was paid, will be published in PreConference-Symposia Proceedings and distributed at the Symposium.

Important Dates

Abstract due by:	Sept. 02, 2008
Notification of Abstract acceptance due by:	Sept. 09, 2008
Early Registration forms due by:	Sept. 16, 2008
Full paper (camera-ready Final paper) due by:	Sept. 23, 2008
Notification of Final paper acceptance due by:	Sept. 30, 2008
Final version of Full paper last due by:	Oct. 07, 2008
Symposia (at €CNSI-2007 Conference) dates:	November 13th-14th, 2008

Registration fee (covers all conference: events, materials and refreshment)

- Full participation fee - with (discount by) Early Registration is EUR 300
- Full participation fee - without (discount by) Early Registration is EUR 350
- Reduced fee (for students, for special occasions, etc.) is EUR 100 with (discount by) Early Registration; or EUR 150 without (discount by) Early Registration

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Three best presented papers will be awarded. Other special awards are possible.

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- one (1) small conference room (hall) with capacity up to 20 participants

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- few apartments, with small capacities (up to 6-7 participants)

Hotel Conference equipment: flipchart with papers and markers, LCD projector with canvas, equipment for graphic scope, acoustics, and wireless microphone, etc.

These Hotel Conference prices include usage of all Hotel KOLOVARE conference rooms with equipment and minimally two coffees daily service.