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Dear colleague,

We are writing to inform you that the Congress of the International Network of Business and Management Journals (INBAM): “Creativity and Innovation in an International Context,” will be held in Valencia (Spain) in June, 2010. Eight editors of leading journals will participate in this 1st Congress. It is organized by the Editor Network INBAM and the Departments of Management from the Universitat de València (Estudi General) and the Universidad Politécnica de Valencia.

The Congress will take place at the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Business Administration of these two institutions from June 1<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) to June 4<sup>th</sup> (Friday), 2010. The following editors-in-chief have confirmed their presence and participation: Robert Blackburn (*International Small Business Journal*), David Audretsch (*Small Business Economics*), Theresa Welbourne (*Human Resource Management*), Slawek Magala (*Journal of Organizational Change Management*), Gary Akehurst (*Service Industries Journal*), Adrian Ziderman (*International Journal of Manpower*), Rick D. Hackett (*Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences*), and Linda Canina (*Cornell Hospitality Quarterly*).

The overall theme of the Congress, “Creativity and Innovation in an International Context,” will be broken down into subtopics, with a total of eight sessions, one for each journal resulting in sessions on innovation and creativity in relation to small and medium-sized enterprises (for the ISBJ), entrepreneurship (for SBE), human resource management (for HRM), organizational change (for the JOCM), services (for the SIJ), the organization of work (for the IJM) or the Virtuous Organization (for the CJAS), hospitality and tourism (for CHQ). In this way, the various areas can be adapted to the different streams of research and editorial policies of each journal and editor participating at the Congress.

The journal editor corresponding to each area will open the session with an outline of how to publish in that journal. Authors will then go on to present the papers chosen for each session.

One of the aims of the Congress is to select papers that, depending on the specialty of the journal and the quality of the papers, will constitute *special issues* of each of the eight journals.

The selection and review of articles will be carried out, firstly, by the INBAM and the Congress Advisory Committee; Those papers that do not reach the required standards of quality and rigour demanded by these journals, in terms of theoretical framework and methodology, will not be accepted for presentation at the Congress. Papers should be highly relevant, with a clear orientation to the overall theme of the Conference and/or the research focus favoured by the journals.

A maximum of 15 papers per session will then be selected for presentation at the Congress. A team of three will be responsible for each of the subtopics (presented in the sessions or areas) and they will serve as guest editors for the special issues.

Once the Congress has concluded, the guest editors for each session will decide which papers are to be recommended for inclusion in the *special issues* of the corresponding publications. Depending on the

quality of submissions, up to half of the best papers will be published in the *special issues* of these SSCI journals. This will make this and subsequent Congresses organized by the Editor Network of the International Network of Business and Management Journals (INBAM) quite unique. The issues will be published the year following after the Congress.

The deadline for submitting papers is 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009. The Congress webpage is accessible at <http://www.inbam.net>

With the best wishes,

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