Author guidelines – extended abstracts

The review process

The annual Continuous Innovation Network conference aims to provide a forum for presenting and discussing papers that make a strong theoretical and empirical contribution to the conference theme and topics, and continuous innovation in the widest sense of the word.

Submitting an extended abstract (750-1000 words) is an important step in the process of developing a paper that meets the conference expectations. The abstract will be reviewed by two scholars in a double blind process aimed at giving you feedback on how your research can be improved before you submit your full paper.

In order to make the review process as transparent as possible, the following guidelines are provided.

Submission criteria

Before you submit your abstract, you should make sure that the abstract meets all of the criteria listed below. The reviewers will pay attention to these criteria when assessing your abstract. The criteria concern:

- The conference theme/topics.
- Theoretical and empirical background and relevance.
- Research objective, problem and/or hypotheses.
- Research design.
- Expected contribution.
- Keywords.
- Length.
- References.

Please use these criteria as headings in your abstract.

The conference each year has an overall theme and several topical session tracks related to the theme and (continuous) innovation in the widest sense of the word. In structuring your abstract you need to ensure that the abstract fits the theme of the conference and is suitable for one of the identified session tracks. Please indicate in which section track you feel your research is placed best. Note that a high-quality abstract might be rejected if it is outside the scope of the conference.

The background section of your abstract needs to reflect the theoretical and empirical considerations...
behind your research. Draw on literature that is relevant to studies of continuous innovation and adjacent fields. Include clear and explicit references to theory – this allows for a clear positioning of the contribution of the paper. Address the question why the research is important from a practical perspective. Clarify the significance of your research: is it new and large enough, is it interesting and important, for whom (researchers, practitioners)?

The research objectives, problem and/or hypotheses should be clearly stated. Be very explicit in saying what the paper aims to achieve.

Your research design must describe the methods you use in the research, and provide information about your sample, the variables used, methods of data collection, and the analytical techniques you use.

The abstract should clearly point out the expected contribution of the research to continuous innovation theory and practice.

Please provide three to five keywords that are specific and reflect what is essential about your research.

The length of the body (i.e. not counting the references) of your abstract should be between 750 and 1000 words.

A complete list of references should be provided at the end of the abstract. Abstracts without such a list will not be accepted.

Abstracts will be accepted for review on the understanding that the submitted manuscript is an original work and has not been copyrighted, published, or accepted for presentation at any other conference.

We look forward to reviewing your research and to welcoming you to Budapest!