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3rd Workshop on “**SME Innovation Processes**”

Challenges Beyond the Crisis

Urbino - Università degli Studi “Carlo Bo” - Facoltà di Economia

16-17 September 2011

The International Journal “*Piccola Impresa/Small Business*” and the “*Associazione per lo Studio della Piccola Impresa*” (ASPI) are pleased to invite you to submit an abstract/ a paper for the “**SME Innovation Processes 3rd Workshop**” on the theme ***Challenges Beyond the Crisis***.

The Workshop will be hosted by the Faculty of Economics at the University of Urbino “Carlo Bo” in **Urbino (Italy)**, during the period **16-17 September 2011**.

Both theoretical and empirical papers are encouraged - either in Italian or English - in all areas of management and economics.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

We are pleased to announce the keynote speakers for this event:

Robert Blackburn, Kingston Business School
Editor in Chief, the International Small Business Journal

Thomas M. Cooney, Dublin Institute of Technology
President, the European Council for Small Business (ECBC)

KEY DATES

Deadline for abstract Submission:	20 March 2011
Abstract Notification of Acceptance by:	05 April
Full paper submission:	20 June
Reviewers' comments by:	20 July
Final paper submission (for inclusion in CD rom) :	05 September
Workshop Dates:	16 – 17 September 2011

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

We kindly invite you to format your abstract/paper following the **Authors' Guidelines** published on our website (www.rivistapiccolaimpresa.it). Submission should be made directly, by sending an email to: aspi2011@uniurb.it

PUBLICATION PLAN

All accepted papers will be included and published in the *Workshop Proceedings* with ISBN number. Selected "*best papers*" will be published in the *Piccola Impresa/Small Business* special issue.

Thank you for your interest and for further information please visit: <http://www.rivistapiccolaimpresa.it/>

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Giancarlo Ferrero, University of Urbino "Carlo Bo", Editor in Chief, *The International Journal Piccola Impresa/Small Business*

Prof. Massimo Ciambotti, University of Urbino "Carlo Bo", President, *Associazione per lo studio della Piccola Impresa (ASPI)*

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Abstract characteristics, the submission procedure, acceptance of abstracts

Abstracts must:

- be no longer than 5,000 characters (including spaces);
- highlight the research objectives, research methodology followed, results foreseen/conclusions reached, and main theoretical/bibliographical references;
- be rendered anonymous for the evaluation process; therefore authors are kindly requested to insert the author's or authors' name(s), his/her/their university affiliation(s) and an email address on a separate page from the abstract or paper being submitted;
- be sent in electronic form (.doc or .pdf file) to the following address: aspi2011@uniurb.it by 20 March 2011.

The Workshop Scientific Committee will evaluate the abstracts received and will send authors written notice of acceptance by 5 April 2011.

Papers: characteristics, the submission procedure, and publication

Papers should be prepared following notification by the Workshop's Scientific Committee of abstract acceptance, and must:

- Be no longer than 20 pages (including graphs, tables, charts, notes and the bibliography), with a page length of 2,200 characters each (including spaces), and Times New Roman font type, a font size of 12/12 for the main body, a font size of 11/11 for the infra-text body, and a font size of 10/10 for text dedicated to notes;
- Sent in electronic format (.doc. o .pdf files) by 20 June, to the following email address: aspi2011@uniurb.it

Papers submitted will undergo a double-blind referee process. The referees' results will be communicated to authors by 20 July. Authors must send in the final versions of their accepted papers by 5 September.

Papers accepted will be put onto an ISBN-bearing CD-ROM entitled "SME Innovation Processes. Challenges Beyond the Crisis".

Upon conclusion of the Workshop, the Scientific Committee will be responsible for selecting the papers to be published.

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