

Call for papers

Submission deadline: March 15, 2009

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the CENTERIS' 2009 - *Conference on ENTERprise Information Systems* – aligning technology, organizations and people, to be held in Ofir, Portugal, organized by the Polytechnic Institute of Cávado and Ave and the University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro.

This is the place where, from 07 to 09 October 2009, under the *leitmotiv* of Enterprise Information Systems, academics, scientists, IT/IS professionals, scientists, managers and solution providers from all over the world will have the opportunity to share experiences, bring new ideas, debate issues, introduce the latest developments in the field.

The Conference will take place in Ofir, Esposende, Portugal, in one of the most beautiful landscapes of the North of Portugal. Esposende is located in a wonderful historic and cultural region with the uninterrupted tradition from the early ages, with three locations/zones proclaimed as UNESCO cultural World Heritage within 100 km: Historic Centre of Guimarães, Historic Centre of Porto and Alto Douro Wine Region.

About the conference

CENTERIS' 2009 will address the largely multidisciplinary field embraced by the Enterprise Information Systems (EIS), from the social, organizational and technological perspectives. The 3-day conference follows an innovative format, previewing scientific sessions, tutorial and technical sessions, and simultaneously exhibitions by solutions providers and product presentations. There will also be a social program that will enable participants to get to know each one and informally exchange information, contacts and experiences, discuss projects, and incubate partnerships.

All accepted papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings Book (full texts) to be published by a renowned publisher and on a CD-ROM.

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Authors of a selection of around 25 papers will be invited for enhancing and extending their papers for inclusion in a book to be published by IGI-Global, to be released by early 2010. Depending on the number of high quality papers accepted, the Organization can consider the edition of two books, instead of one.

According with the reviewers' recommendations, authors of selected papers will be invited to enhance the paper for publication in:

- A Special Issue of the *Information Resources Management Journal*(IRMJ);
- *International Journal of Enterprise Information Systems* (IJEIS);
- *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research* (JTAER);
- *International Journal of Information Technologies and Systems Approach* (IJITSA)
- The emerging *Information and Communication Technologies for the Advanced Enterprise: an international journal*(ICT'ae);
- Other journals to be identified later.

Themes/Recommend topics

The conference intends to attract original, pertinent and relevant contributions on the technological, organizational and social dimensions of the largely multidisciplinary field of Enterprise Information Systems, which includes ERP, CRM, eMarketplaces, extended ERP, etc.

Recommended topics include, but are not limited, to the following:

- 1.- The technological dimension, addressing:
 - Enterprise information systems' design, application, implementation, and impact;
 - Competitiveness and market share among solution providers;
 - In-house development, off-the-shelf solutions and open source solutions;

- The new market of open source solutions and services delivery;
- Reliability, maintenance and dependency on solution and services suppliers;
- IT/IS (out)sourcing;
- Parameterization and flexible adaptation;
- Information systems integration and enterprise information integration;
- ERP integration of functions and virtual/ extended/ networked enterprises;
- Management of legacy systems;
- EIS in SMEs;
- EIS in large companies;
- eBusiness;
- Electronic Marketplace solutions;
- Enterprise portals;
- Business Process Modelling;
- Global and regional realities of EIS adoption;
- Strategic use of EIS;
- EIS subsystems (CRM, SCM, etc.);
- IT management;
- Emerging technologies;
- Information systems architectures.

2.- The organizational aspect, including:

- Enterprise architecture design, modeling and integration;
- Collaboration and networked and virtual organizations;
- The impact on the internal status quo;
- Problems of information sharing and migration of processes;
- Management of change.

3.- The social aspect, covering:

- The resistance to change;
- IT human resources;
- Trust and confidence in new technology;
- Training needs.

Important dates

Deadline for abstract submission (optional): Jan. 15, 2009

Deadline for paper submission: March 15, 2009

Notification of acceptance/rejection: June 15, 2009

Revised version / camera ready: July 15, 2009

Submission Procedure

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit on or before January 15, 2009 an abstract explaining the mission and concerns of the paper to be proposed. This procedure is optional, but recommended for organizational purposes.

Papers shall be submitted electronically at the Conference webpage (<http://centeris2009.eiswatch.org>) until March 15, 2009. Submitted papers will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis, and authors will be notified of the review process results by June 15. Authors of accepted papers can receive recommendations to revise their manuscript according to the reviewers' comments and should submit the revised version until July 15, 2009.

Papers must be written in English. Each paper should not exceed 5,000 words or 14 pages considering the format available for download at the conference webpage (<http://centeris2009.eiswatch.org>).

Hotel and travel arrangements

The Conference will take place at AXIS OFIR Beach Resort Hotel in Ofir, Esposende, Portugal, a 4-star Hotel located in one of the most beautiful landscapes in the North of Portugal. The Atlantic coast of Esposende is part of the Natural Park of the North Coast, a protected area of great beauty. The Hotel Axis Ofir is located 35 km North of the Oporto International Airport " Francisco Sa Carneiro" .

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For more detailed information, please visit <http://centeris2009.eiswatch.org>