

Editorial

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The contributions to this special issue of the International Journal of Technology Management are all based on selected papers presented at the European Conference on Management of Technology held at Aston University, Birmingham, UK in June 1995. This conference was held on behalf of the International Association for Management of Technology (IAMOT) and was the first of the association's major conferences to be held outside North America. The overall theme of the conference was 'Technological Innovation and Global Challenges'. Altogether more than 130 papers were presented within four sub-themes and twenty seven topic sessions.

This special issue draws on papers within five different topic sessions: 'Small firm linkages'; 'The global company'; 'New technology based firms'; 'Financing innovation'; 'Technology and development'. Together they cover a wide range of issues around the common question of accessing resources for innovation in small and medium sized enterprises. They present a global perspective on this important subject with authors from The Netherlands, Canada, USA, Ireland, France, Finland, Brazil and UK. A wide range of subjects are covered including the move away from public support for innovation, the role of alliances and networks, linkages to larger enterprises and the social implications associated with small enterprise innovation in developing countries.