## **Editorial**

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## 1 Introduction

This special issue of the *International Journal of Technology Management* focuses on the impact and relationships between three important disciplines: technology management, operations management and supply chain management.

The technology, operations and supply functions in organisations have changed dramatically over the past decade. The extent to which companies are outsourcing both production and services is increasing rapidly and buyer-supplier relationships and partnerships have developed to such an extent that the boundaries between organisations and functions are blurring. At the same time it has been argued that more collaborative relationships are beneficial to all parties.

Managing technology, operations and supply chains has never been a stable process and the many developments and changes that have taken place in recent years make this an even less stable process in the future. At the same time each field of study has expanded in terms of the quality and quantity of research while, at the same time, the research issues have broadened.

Papers were sought for this special issue of the *International Journal of Technology Management* that explored the interfaces between two or more of the disciplines and the guest editors have contributed a paper that is aimed at exploring the relationships between all three of them as a key to understanding the developments of these fields and the potential synergies between them.

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