Editorial

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Looking to provide a channel of communication to disseminate the knowledge of how to manage in a creative and innovative environment, between academics/researchers and managers the subjects developed in this special issue assume a particular emphasis in nowadays organisations. Focused in the areas of creativity and innovation in management

and engineering with a particular emphasis in human resource management and production engineering, this special issue seeks cultural and geographic diversity in studies of human resource management and engineering and uses that have a special impact on organisational communications, change processes and work practices, reflecting the diversity of societal and infrastructural conditions.

Creativity management and engineering, worldwide, is facing enormous challenges by sweeping political, social and economic changes. Whether we are a manager, an engineer, a policy maker, a strategist, a practitioner, or a researcher, we need to know what is happening, on both national and international environments, to be able to understand and develop effective responses to meet these new demands and challenges.

This special issue is designed to increase the knowledge and effectiveness of all those involved in creativity management and engineering whether in the profit or non-profit sectors, or in the public or private sectors. Indeed, able to be used by academics, researchers, human resource managers, managers, engineers, and other professionals in related matters with creativity and innovation in management and engineering areas, and in order to contribute to a better understanding of this subject, the purpose of this special issue entitled 'Creativity management and engineering' is to present a collection of examples illustrating the state-of-the-art of some interdisciplinary developments that have been made in these scientific areas.

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