

Editorial note

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You have in your hands the first issue of the IET journal. It is one of the main projects at the research centre that involved the existing four research lines: a) Innovation Systems and Foresight Analysis; b) Quality and Innovation; c) New Forms of Work Organisation and Telework; and d) Ergonomy and Security. As a very recent research centre some of our aims were achieved, mostly in 2005 (when the financial support from the Ministry of Science took place): the organisation of an international seminar (September), the support for the organisation of international workshops (IWOT9 also in September, and WORKS project on "Policy, Institutions and Social Dialogue" in November), the annual meeting of master and PhD students on "Work and Technology" (May).

Besides these events, and the research activity (translated into several articles, thesis and books published), the journal could aggregate several excellent original articles. They are, either from researchers of IET, either from invited articles, evaluated and several presented at IWOT9. They are present by alphabetical order and obey not to other specification. The first one from Conny H. Antoni (Univ. Trier, Germany) analyses the effects of team task structure on team climate for innovation and team outcomes. José Miquel Cabeças and Isabel Lopes Nunes (both from FCT-UNL, Portugal) present the topic of fisheries safety management concept. From US comes the article of Daniel B. Cornfield (Vanderbilt University) on professions and inter-disciplinary teamwork in socially embedded bureaucracies. The article of Edeltraud Hanappi-Egger (Univ. Wien, Austria) is about the diversity in teams, and investigates the hidden mental models among university students as sources of conflict or of creativity. From Heinz-H. Erbe (Tech. Univ. Berlin, Germany) is the work on human-human collaboration in virtual teams. A case from Finland is presented by Riitta Lavikka (Univ. Tampere, Finland) in the article about teamwork and gendered work cultures. A research group of the IET quality and innovation line (Rogério Puga Leal, Paula Oliveira, José Mendonça Dias and Zulema Lopes Pereira) presents their results in the article on the Portuguese perspective of training needs in TQM. From members of other IET research line (on ergonomics and security), Isabel Lopes Nunes and José Miquel Cabeças (FCT-UNL), present their article on noise management at work. An article on one integrated approach for TQM implementation in SMEs was developed by Zulema Lopes Pereira and Leonilde M. Pedroso. Paula Urze, Sónia Barroso, António B. Moniz (all from IET), wrote an article on the practices and trends of telework in the Portuguese industry, based on the results of surveys in the textile, metal and software sectors. Maija Vähämäki (from the Turku School of Economics and Business Administration, Finland) presented the results of her study on democratic dialogue and collective learning in the context of self-managed teams. And, finally, Tobias Woll (IET) presented an article on the gap between knowledge and action, based on a study for his doctorate thesis on obstacles, restraints and deficits during the execution of refurbishments. The last article from Paulo Bonifácio, is an study from a research student of Electronics and Computers Engineering on renewable power sources, specifically about solar solutions. The last parts of the journal are about activities of IET members, like the information on integration in academic juries and conference reports.

We hope that this first issue can reveal the scientific policy of the research centre and present some of the activities held in this last period. Is a propose, to report the activities of the centre members, and to give a working space to new research results and reflections, developing the scientific debate on enterprise and work innovation at an international level.