
Editorial Note

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During 2007 IET was in a re-structuring process itself once was promoted a more intensive focus on the areas of enterprise and work innovation. After a first experience of organisation of different research lines, the IET Scientific Board approved the approach to start from 2007 a new form of organisation based on a common framework, where research groups can be taken as seeds for the development of more autonomous research lines from 2010.

The common IET research group is dedicated either to the study of organisational innovation processes from re-structuring and changes in the relation with the market (through mergers and new competition relations) and with technology, or to the methodologies and foresight analysis techniques. It will also organise the study of the enterprise networks with a special focuses on global networks (multinationals) and local and regional networks. These activities were done in collaboration with national and international institutions. The analysis of workplace MSD-multiple skeleton diseases will be continued under the frame of job analysis in the field of Safety and Health at Work. This will include the study of manual handling, Office Ergonomics and service and retail sectors. This type of analysis is also done in the thematic of work innovation studies.

Thus, the main activities of IET in this year 2007 was the starting of a new regular publication from IET (the "IET Working Papers Series"), and the organisation of the 2nd Annual Meeting of Post-Graduation Research. Here was also published the Proceedings of this 2nd Annual Meeting. It took also place the 4th conference on Human Factors and Productivity: challenges in industrial engineering (12th January 2007, FCT-UNL) and the Post-Graduation IET Seminar on "Sociology of innovation: selected issues" (Prof. Birgit Blättel-Mink, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany), from 17 until 25 October 2007 at FCT-UNL. Finally, is worth to mention the preparation of this edition of the IET journal.

The opening article was developed by José Miquel Cabeças (from FCT-UNL and member of the scientific board of IET) on an approach to health and safety in the European Union forestry operations. It focuses mostly the hazards and preventive measures in this economic sector.

The second article is authored by Maria Conceição Cerdeira (from ISEG-UTL and researcher at SOCIUS), and is about the concept "flexicurity". It analyses the core features of the Portuguese debate on this concept and policy implications associated to it.

Finally the article from Linda Nierling (research at ITAS-Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe) as an innovative approach on the theme of recognition of work

The last pages of this issue are dedicated to some academic activities of IET members during this last year. It contains information on integration activity in academic juries, a conference report (authored by Margarida Paulos and António Brandão Moniz on a new phase of the research on restructuring of work in the knowledge society dedicated to the Third WORKS General Assembly in Sofia, Bulgaria) and the summary of the latest graduation of an IET member: a PhD in the field of economics of innovation.