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Living lab track in ISPIM 2015 Conference and Technology Innovation Management Review

Special issue on “Living Labs and User Innovation”

Technology Innovation Management Reviews seeks original manuscripts for a Special Issue on “Living Labs and User Innovation” scheduled to appear in 2015/2016. The Special Issue is dedicated to the exploration and analysis of conceptual and theoretical foundations of living labs—adopted by private sector, public sector entities, and governments. Papers developing the role of openness and closedness for identifying and elaborating the interrelationships of living labs and other forms of open innovation are strongly encouraged. We will also welcome papers that help to clarify the factors that predict or assess the effectiveness of output in living lab networks, and explore the living lab structures for developing and validating products, services and systems innovation in various industrial contexts and stages of development.

Living labs are physical regions or virtual realities, interaction spaces, in which stakeholders form public-private-people partnerships (4Ps) of companies, public agencies, universities, institutes, users and others that follow the philosophies of open and user innovation to collaborate for improving, developing, creating, prototyping, validating, and testing of current or new technologies, services, products, and systems in real-life contexts (Leminen et al., 2012). They are used for the development of people and communities for the use of innovation, i.e. that contribute to environmental and social improvements as well as economic development.

Papers based on empirical research into living labs initiatives in different countries and/or regions or online will be considered as long as they clearly address the theoretical bases for and/or implications of such initiatives for various stakeholders including private sector (innovators, entrepreneurs, SMEs, large companies, etc.), public sector (financiers, universities, policy makers, etc.) and user communities as well as for improving the effectiveness of innovation output in living labs.

Topics of interest

Possible topics include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Theoretical insights from living lab research
- Living labs as innovation ecosystems and networks
- User-driven and user centric innovation in living labs
- Orchestration of living labs and living lab players
- Management of living lab networks
- Innovation and process drivers in living labs
- Scales and instruments for the measurement of living labs benefits
- IPR issues with users in living labs
- Metrics and key measures for the analysis of living labs
- Openness and closeness in living lab networks
- Living labs and other forms of open innovation
- Innovation paradoxes in living labs
- Entrepreneurship and business models in living labs
- Other issues related to the living lab strategy and policy
**Paper development and submission**

Authors are invited to submit original work to the living lab track at the ISPIM2015 conference [http://conference.ispim.org/] that has neither appeared in, or is under consideration by, other journals. Initial submissions should follow the guidelines of ISPIM conference outlines. Authors of the living lab track that are selected for further development will be invited to submit a full paper version to the Technology Innovation Management Review [http://timreview.ca/]. All submitted papers will undergo a double-blind peer review. Authors who are encouraged to submit full papers should observe a paper length of approximately 3000 words of text.

The guest editors of the special issue on living labs are Adjunct Prof. Seppo Leminen, Doctoral candidate Dimitri Schuurman, Prof. Mika Westerlund, and Prof. Eelko Huizingh.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the guest editors.

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**Schedule**

Interested authors should note the following timetable for the Special Issue:

- **9 January 2015** Submission of Outlines to ISPIM 2015 conference
- **6 February** Acceptance Notification to ISPIM2015 conference living labs track
- **1 May 2015** Final Submissions to the ISPIM2015 conference
- **1 July 2015** Invitations to submit full papers to Technology Innovation Management Review
- **15 August 2015** Submit the revised version
- **1 October 2015** Preliminary acceptance/rejection of papers
- **15 November 2015** Final acceptance of paper
- **15 December 2015** Publish papers in Technology Innovation Management Review

**References:**


