

**7th European Conference on
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Call for Papers - Mini Track on Online Leadership

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The concept of online leadership is new and hence has received minimal attention from organisational behaviour researchers. Leadership research has been directed almost exclusively to face-to-face and verbal situations. The question is how to inspire and lead employees who are physically dispersed and with whom the major communication medium is electronic. By extension, can people be influenced to create new ventures? Or are such people entrepreneurs and virtual leadership has no role to play in creating new ventures?

To increase knowledge in the field of leadership and identify relationships between virtual leadership, entrepreneurship and new ventures, scholarly and practical context papers are invited to this mini track aimed at debating, but not limited to, the following questions:

- What is online leadership and how does it differ from traditional organizational leadership?
- How leadership changes when relationships are by network interactions?
- What is the role of virtual leadership in the process of nurturing an entrepreneurial and creative culture, subculture, new ventures?
- Does virtual leadership provides on-the-job support, encouragement, and reinforcement to new ventures?
- Does gender play a role in being a successful virtual leader, particularly around creativity, entrepreneurship and new ventures?
- Can virtual leadership be supportive of creative decision making that gives customers new or improved goods and services?
- What are the challenges for online leaders, particularly around developing and maintaining trust?
- Are online leaders characterised by vision, foresight, providing encouragement, trustworthiness, dynamism, positiveness, and proactiveness?
- What leadership skills are required in deciphering the emotional components of messages?

Publication opportunity

Papers accepted for the conference will be published in the conference proceedings, subject to author registration. The proceedings have an ISBN and a list of accreditations is posted on the conference website.

Submission details:

Abstracts: All submission types (other than product demonstrations) require a 300-500 word abstract in the first instance, to be received by **17 March 2011**. Please read the guidelines at <http://academic-conferences.org/abstract-guidelines.htm>

Submission: Only accepted by online form submission at <http://academic-conferences.org/ecmlg/ecmlg2011/ecmlg11-abstract-submission.htm>

Full paper: Only required for academic submissions once the abstract has been selected, no more than 5,000 words to be received by **5 May 2011**. Papers should be submitted as .doc or .rtf file attachments by email to the Conference Manager, Carol Sheasby (carol.sheasby@academic-conferences.org)

Important information:

The selection panel of the conference committee will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline to ensure that the proposed paper is relevant to the Conference. The authors of abstracts, which describe a relevant paper, will receive a notification of abstract acceptance. All full papers will be blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, that the standard of English is adequate and that the paper is appropriately referenced. Papers that are accepted will be published in the conference proceedings providing at least one author registers and presents the work at the Conference (see the registration section of the conference website for more information about registration). Due to the large number of papers expected for this conference, the committee only allows an author to present one paper. Therefore if multiple papers are accepted for presentation different co-authors need to present each paper.

All full papers will be double-blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate and the paper is appropriately referenced.

Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline:	17 March 2011
Notification of abstract acceptance:	24 March 2011
Full paper due for review:	5 May 2011
Notification of paper acceptance (with any changes):	14 July 2011
Earlybird registration closes:	28 July 2011
Final paper due (with any changes):	11 August 2011
Final author registration and payment date:	1 September 2011

This call for papers and full details of the conference can also be found online at <http://www.academic-conferences.org/ecmlg/ecmlg2011/ecmlg11-home.htm>