

**9th International Conference on Business Process Management
BPM2011**

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**University Blaise Pascal
Clermont-Ferrand, France**

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BPM Doctoral Consortium

Researchers working toward a Ph.D. in the area of Business Process Management (BPM) are invited to submit proposals for participation in a Doctoral Consortium to be held in conjunction with the 9th International Conference on Business Process Management in Clermont-Ferrand, France, on Sunday 28 August 2011.

The Doctoral Consortium has the following objectives:

- Provide helpful guidance on students' current research and future research directions
- Promote a spirit of collaborative research and the development of a community of scholars that will help individual students in their future careers as well as the BPM field as a whole
- Contribute positively to the BPM conference through interaction with other researchers

Eligible candidates are expected to report on the advanced status of their PhD research, but are at least 12 months from final submission of their thesis at the time of the Doctoral Consortium. We welcome submissions representing a broad spectrum of research areas relevant to BPM and from a variety of disciplines ranging from computer science to behavioral and organizational science. Consortium participants will benefit from the advice of senior researchers in the field and interaction with peers at a similar stage of their careers.

Important Details

- Submission: March 13, 2011
- Notification: May 13, 2011
- Camera Ready: June 12, 2011
- Consortium Date: August 28, 2011
- Submission Format: Single document containing a four-page extended abstract in Extended Abstract format including references, CV, and one-paragraph statement on the expected benefits from the participation in the doctoral consortium. A letter of recommendation from your advisor should be submitted separately by sending e-mail directly to the chairs by the March 13 due date.
- At the Conference: Accepted submissions will be presented both at the Doctoral Consortium, which is a venue open only to participants, and as a poster at the conference.

Message from the Doctoral Consortium Chairs

The BPM 2011 Doctoral Consortium provides an opportunity for doctoral students to explore and develop their research interests in an interdisciplinary workshop, under the guidance of a panel of distinguished researchers.

This is the second time a Doctoral Consortium is held in conjunction with the BPM conference. We will do our utmost to provide a friendly and supportive environment and to encourage a lively exchange of information and ideas that will help shape the BPM field over the next decade.

We invite students who like to benefit from this kind of feedback on their dissertation work to apply for this unique opportunity to share their work with students in a similar situation as well as senior researchers in the field. Candidates should be at least 12 months from final submission of their thesis at the time of the Doctoral Consortium.

Doctoral Consortium Chairs

Dr Anis Charfi, SAP Research Darmstadt, Germany

Prof Claude Godart, University of Lorraine, France

Prof Michael Rosemann, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia

Preparing and Submitting your Doctoral Consortium Proposal

Graduate students pursuing a PhD project who would benefit from detailed workshop discussions of their doctoral research should submit a single PDF file consisting of:

1. A 4-page (1 ½ line space 11- or 12-point font) extended abstract in English of your thesis work clearly specifying:
 - Originality of the work
 - Relationship of the work to fundamental issues and themes in BPM
 - Research methodology
 - Positioning of the Proposal against related work and state of the art
 - Results to date and their validity
 - Expected contribution of the work to BPM
 - The extended abstract should be preceded by a cover page containing:
 1. Dissertation title
 2. Stage of dissertation work (e.g., proposal defended or not) and expected dissertation completion date
 3. Candidate's name, university affiliation and contact information
 4. Faculty advisor's name, university affiliation and contact information
2. Your Curriculum Vitae (CV)
3. A one-paragraph statement of expected benefits from your participation in the doctoral consortium

4. A letter of recommendation from your primary dissertation advisor. This letter should contain a brief overview of your dissertation work and its importance, an explanation of how you will benefit from participation in the consortium, and an explanation of your status in the dissertation process at your institution (e.g., the expected thesis defense date).

All materials except the recommendation letter should be posted (as a single PDF file) by midnight (EST) on March 13, 2011 to the BPM 2011 Submission Web site (<http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=bpm2011>). Your file should be named lastname_dc.pdf, where lastname is your family name and it should exceed 5 Mb in size.

The recommendation letter, as a text file, should be sent via email to the chairs by midnight (EST) on March 13, 2011. Please ask your advisor to put “reference for” and your name in the e-mail subject line. Plain text recommendations are preferred. An email receipt of the letter will be sent to you and to your advisor.

Doctoral Consortium Review Process

Participants in the Consortium will be selected by the Doctoral Consortium Committee. In reviewing your application, the committee will take into account its originality, its potential for advancing the BPM field, and whether the work is at a stage where you can benefit from participation. Rejected submissions will receive written feedback. Confidentiality of submissions will be maintained throughout the review process.

Because of the competitive nature of the review process and limited space in the consortium, it is only to be expected that some very worthy applications will be rejected. Furthermore, we are unlikely to accept more than two students from the same institution.

Upon Acceptance for the Doctoral Consortium

Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection on May 11, 2011. Accepted doctoral candidates will receive instructions on how to submit publication-ready copy, and will receive information on the preparation of the presentation and poster.

Acceptance to the doctoral consortium is an honor; in turn, accepted candidates are expected to fully commit themselves to the success of the consortium by being open to new ideas and suggestions and providing ideas and suggestions to other participants.

At the Conference

All participants are expected to attend every session of the Consortium. Each student will present his or her work to the group with substantial time allowed for discussion and questions by participating researchers and other students. Furthermore, each student will present a poster at the conference.