INTRODUCTION

Vinod Gupta School of Management, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur is going to organize the Management Doctoral Colloquium and Research Scholars Day (MDC & VRS 2015) for doctoral students in the area of management during February 11-12, 2015.

The colloquium will provide outstanding gathering for doctoral students in various areas of management who want to pursue a career in academics and research with an opportunity to discuss their dissertation research with other doctoral students and leading academicians in the field of management. All topics and methodological approaches within the broad field of management comprising of finance, data analytics, marketing, human resource management, strategic management, operation and supply chain management etc. will be considered. It will mostly proceed in parallel tracks based on the topical and/or methodological angle of participants' work as well as on the stage of the dissertation process. Students will get an opportunity to discuss their work with their fellow students and faculty, who are renowned experts in the corresponding field.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Participation in the colloquium will enormously benefit students who are dealing
with aspects and issues related to the themes of this conference. Research papers and cases based on research, experience, or promising ideas focusing on any of the stated objectives and themes of the any management are invited. The papers will be selected on the basis of their potential to contribute towards the theme of the conference. All papers will be assessed by a panel of experts based on their research proposals. The application materials should be submitted as a MS word document positively which includes the following five sections:

1. A short introductory statement explaining the applicant’s interest in the colloquium, the current stage of their research work, the name(s) of their advisor(s)/supervisor(s).
2. A research statement of no more than 500 to 700 words describing their dissertation project.
3. A curriculum vitae (CV), documenting their key scholarly achievements to date.
4. An email letter from your supervisor sent to colloquium convenor indicating that they support your application to the colloquium and that they agree that your research is at an appropriate stage for participation. These letters should also make reference to how you might benefit from the Doctoral Colloquium and how they expect that you might benefit the other students in this group experience.

The papers must be sent via e-mail to

mdc2014@vgsom.iitkgp.ernet.in

Authors of all papers accepted for the conference will be required to give copyright declaration in the format to be supplied later. The selected papers will either be published in a special issue of an Econ Lit- indexed journal or in an edited volume by a reputed publisher. Detailed information about the submission guidelines can be found at the following link:

http://www.som.iitkgp.ernet.in/mdc2014/

**REVIEW CRITERIA**

The paper/abstract must give a clear indication of the objective, methodology, major results, implications, and key references. All papers will be blind reviewed and only those papers approved by the reviewers will be selected. The criteria for evaluation by the reviewers are as follows:

**Relevance:**
Does the subject of the paper appeal to the interest of the conference attendees?

**Methodology:**
Does the paper use appropriate method(s)?

**Originality:**
Does the paper add new findings, insights, or knowledge to the body of literature?

**Research:**
Does the paper compare and weigh the material against the work of others?
Conclusions:
Are the conclusions are sound and justified as per the problem discussion?

Policy/ Managerial Implications:
Are the policy implications relevant and useful for the problem demonstrated?

BEST PAPER AWARD:
All submissions will be considered for five best paper awards for all the five core streams. These include:

- Accounting/ Finance / Economics
- Organizational Behaviour/ Human Resource Management
- Operation Management/ Logistics/ Supply Chain Management
- Marketing/ Business Strategy/ Business Laws
- Data Analytics/ Systems/ Soft Computing

The winners will be given citations at the conference and their full registration fee will be refunded.

Note:
Letter of invitation/ acceptance letter can be used for obtaining permission from your institute will be sent on request.

REGISTRATION FEE

For IIT Kharagpur Students:
No Registration Fee

For Outside IIT Kharagpur:
INR 500

Registration fee (non refundable) includes accommodation, conference materials, refreshments, lunch and dinner on colloquium days.

Registration fee for accompanying spouse is Rs. 500/- with additional accommodation charge. The spouses will be entitled to all conference facilities except conference kit.

MODE OF PAYMENTS

Payments can be made through electronic fund transfer. For this, the bank details are as follows:

Account Name:  CEP-STC, IIT Kharagpur
Account Number: 95562200002955
Bank Name: SYNDICATE BANK
Bank Branch Name: SRIC, IIT KHARAGPUR
Branch Code: 9556
IFS Code: SYNB0009556
Bank Address:
IIT Kharagpur, Kharagpur- 721 302, PASCHIM MIDINIPUR DIST. (WEST BENGAL), INDIA
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Payments can be made through crossed demand draft drawn in favour of "CEP-STC, IIT Kharagpur", payable at State Bank of India, IIT Kharagpur (Bank Code: 0202) and sent to the convenor of the colloquium.

Note: We prefer electronic money transfer. Please submit a copy of money transfer record with details of bank name, amount, transaction number and date. The bank proof must be attached with registration form.

CERTIFICATE

Certificate will be issued to each participant from the Office of Dean (CE), Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India.

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