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Dear Reader,

Our newsletter provides you with information about recent developments in the European Project COLL-PLEXITY, in particular, about the progress in our project. Moreover, you will find relevant news about upcoming events in the field of complexity and collaboration research. We hope you will enjoy reading it.

Your COLL-PLEXITY team

### **Current state of the COLL-PLEXITY project**

We are glad to inform you that the project has successfully restarted after a project interruption of approx. 5 months due to some organisational concerns. As a consequence, the overall project duration has been extended until March 2009.

After the results of the analysis of the hypotheses from interdisciplinary network and system research could be concluded with a generic description model for collaborations (WP2), and the real-life problems related to collaborations have been incorporated into a problem description model (WP1), the resumption of work now focussed on adding the complexity perspective to these models (WP3). The expected outcome – a model of problem complexity and a complexity model for collaborative production systems – will be merged in the upcoming workpackage 4. The next newsletter will focus on the current results of workpackage 3.

### **Upcoming events**

**March 26, 2008\***: 10. Paderborner Frühjahrstagung „Reagible Unternehmen in dynamischen Märkten“ (Paderborn, Germany) [www.pbft.de](http://www.pbft.de)

**May 26-28, 2008\***: 41<sup>st</sup> CIRP Conference on Manufacturing Systems (Tokyo, Japan) [www.nml.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/cirpms08](http://www.nml.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/cirpms08)

**June 23-26, 2008\***: 8th IFIP International Conference on Information Technology for Balanced Automation Systems (BASYS 2008) (Porto, Portugal) [www.basysconference.org](http://www.basysconference.org)

**July 6-11, 2008\***: 17th IFAC World Congress (Seoul, Korea) [www.ifac2008.org](http://www.ifac2008.org)

**Aug. 24-30, 2008\***: 58th CIRP General Assembly [www.cirp2008.org.uk](http://www.cirp2008.org.uk)

**Sept. 14-19, 2008**: ECCS2008 - European Conference on Complex Systems (Jerusalem, Israel) [www.jeruccs2008.org](http://www.jeruccs2008.org)

\* COLL-PLEXITY is represented in this conference.

### **Call for Papers**

**October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008**: Organization Science, “The Genesis and Dynamics of Networks” (Paper submission deadline)

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