



## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008

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 almost finished Workpackage 4 and therefore finally can present a first draft of our Generic model of Complexity (GeMoC). After two years of intensive and comprehensive research in the field of complexity within networks and collaborations the project team designed the reference model by integrating the various results, in particular the problem model and the system characteristics. The building blocks of the GeMoC have been put together in the context of a vertical and horizontal integration.

We have already started Workpackage 5 which mainly aims at evaluating the model with the help of our industry partners. Therefore we have arranged a workshop serial, where we discuss the practicability and plausibility of the GeMoC. Based on the input from our partners the Schiesser AG and Virtuelle Fabrik AG we are adapting the model, especially by integrating tools, that are already in use and allow to address complexity related problems. The results of this field research are discussed and implemented in the context of a further workshop (steering committee meeting as well) in December 2008.

Furthermore we accelerate the endeavors to get a feedback from the scientific community. For this we are currently working on a joint paper, which combines the main results of the "COLL-PLEXITY" research project. Moreover the team fathoms possible publications and conferences in the nearer future.

### **Upcoming events**

**February 23-25, 2009:** COMPLEX'2009 – The First International Conference on Complex Systems: Theory and Applications (Shanghai, China), [www.complex-sys.org](http://www.complex-sys.org)

**May 1-4, 2009:** POMS Conference (Orlando, Florida, USA), [www.poms.org](http://www.poms.org)

**May 11-14, 2009:** EURAM Conference (Liverpool, UK), [www.euram2009.org](http://www.euram2009.org)

**June 14-17, 2009:** EUROMA Conference (Göteborg, Sweden), [www.euroma2009.org](http://www.euroma2009.org)

### **Call for Papers**

**May 1-4, 2009:** POMS Conference "Global Challenges and Opportunities" (Submission of extended paper: 15 January 2009), [www.poms.org](http://www.poms.org)

**June 14-17, 2009:** EUROMA Conference. Focus on interaction between academia and industry in Operations Management research. (Deadline for submission of extended abstract: 16 January 2009), [www.euroma2009.org](http://www.euroma2009.org)

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