

Announcement

Norbert Szyperski

Technology and Innovation Management Research Award 2017

(Founder: Szyperski Stiftung and FGF e.V.)

To commemorate and appreciate the FGF founding father, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Norbert Szyperski, deceased in May 2016 (FGF obituary at <http://www.fgf-ev.de/nachruf-prof-dr-dr-hc-norbert-szyperski/>), the FGF commends with the support of the Szyperski-Stiftung on the occasion of the 21st Interdisciplinary Annual Conference on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and SMEs a "**Norbert Szyperski Technology and Innovation Management Research Award 2017**". The prize, which is themed in the area of innovation and technology management, is endowed with 1.000 euros.

The FGF e.V. is aware of the importance of innovation as it represents a key, critical success factor for the long-term sustainability of companies. Innovations and new technologies ensure long-term competition and enhance the survival chances of companies.

Selection procedures:

The award-winners will be determined in a two-step selection process. In the first stage, the results of the double-blind review process (developmental review) will be considered.

Selection criteria for scientific contribution proposals are:

- Use / relevance for entrepreneurship research and practice
- Conceptual strength
- Methodology
- Originality / novelty
- Intelligibility

In the second stage, the authors (individual authors or team) of the three best works of this review process are nominated for the "Technology and Innovation Management Research Award 2017". Out of these nominated works the award-winner will be selected by a three-member jury.

Submission guidelines:

- Your **full paper** (approximately 30 pages + literature notes) should be submitted as a single PDF-document until **May 24th 2017** (extended) by email to the following address: submission-gforum2017@fgf-ev.de.
- Please send your full paper submission without the author's name (blind manuscript) and a manuscript with the author's name on the title page. Entries can be submitted in German or English. We will inform the authors in mid-July 2017 about the acceptance of their proposals.
- The submission of the scientific contribution should ideally be divided as follows:
 - Problem (research gap / objectives)
 - Theoretical foundation
 - Methodology / empirical research context
 - Results
 - Implications for entrepreneurship research and practice

Presentation of the nominated works and recognition of the winners

Nominated authors (individual authors or teams) are invited for presentation at the G-Forum 2017 (presentation by at least one author is required). The announcement of the winner and the prize presentation take place at the dinner reception of the G-Forum 2017 in Wuppertal on October 5th 2017.

For further information please contact our managing director Ulrich Knaup by e-mail at knaup@fgf-ev.de.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Wuppertal!