

## Announcement

### Norbert Szyperski

## Technology and Innovation Management Research Award 2026 (endowed by the Szyperski Stiftung)

In memory and recognition of Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Norbert Szyperski, the founding father of the FGF, who passed away in May 2016, the FGF e.V., with the support of the Szyperski Stiftung, announces the “**Norbert Szyperski Technology and Innovation Management Research Award 2026**,” endowed with €2,000, on the occasion of the **29th Interdisciplinary Annual Conference on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and SMEs (G-Forum 2026)**

The award, which is open to all topics within the field of technology and innovation management, is aimed at all authors who submit a **full paper proposal** (max. approx. 30 pages plus references) for presentation at the G-Forum 2026 in Cottbus.

#### Procedure for the selection of the award winners

- The award winner will be determined through a two-stage selection process.
- In the first stage, the results of the double-blind review process conducted by the G-Forum Review Board (developmental review) will be taken into account.

The selection and evaluation criteria for scientific paper proposals are:

1. Relevance/usefulness for Technology and Innovation Management research
2. Relevance/usefulness for Technology and Innovation Management practice
3. Conceptual strength
4. Methodological approach
5. Originality/novelty
6. Comprehensibility

In the second stage, authors of the three best papers from this review process will be nominated for the “**Norbert Szyperski Technology and Innovation Management Research Award 2026**”. From the nominated papers, the final selection of the award winner(s) will be made by a three-member jury.

#### Submission guidelines

- Please submit a manuscript **without** author names (blind manuscript)
- Submissions may be made in **German** or **English**.
- The submission of the **scientific contribution** should ideally be structured as follows:
  - Research problem (research gap/objectives)
  - Theoretical foundation
  - Methodology / empirical research context
  - Results
  - Implications for entrepreneurship research and practice

#### Submission format

Full-paper proposals can be submitted as a **PDF document** via our [conference tool](#) from now until **May 10, 2026**. Authors will be informed about the acceptance of their paper proposals approximately in **mid-July 2026**.

#### Presentation of nominated papers and award ceremony

The nominated authors (individuals or teams) will be invited to present their work at the G-Forum 2026. Presentation by at least one author is mandatory. The announcement of the winner(s) as well as the award and certificate presentation will take place during the G-Forum 2026 social evening in Cottbus on September 17, 2026.

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