BPM Conference Organization invites researchers and practitioners to contribute to shaping the BPM methods and technologies. Submit your paper, come to Rio and take the opportunity to share and learn the most up-to-date knowledge about BPM.

Taking place at the Othon Palace Rio Hotel in stunning Copacabana Beach in September 18-22nd, Rio de Janeiro welcomes BPM 2106 just after the Olympic Games! Copacabana attracts people from all over the world with its cosmopolitan shops, fine and typical restaurants, bars, art fairs, great cinemas and theaters. Besides having all the charm of Copacabana and being close to the main sights of the Wonderful City, such as Corcovado and Sugar Loaf, the conference venue is next door to another famous beach, the charming Ipanema Beach.

Besides the main conference with presentation of high quality scientific papers, BPM will host 10 Workshops (see inside), Demos, Tutorials and the Industry Track, which innovates this year by having panels and discussion sessions. As co-located event, it is our pleasure to announce the Latin-American Workshop on BPM, and also the Big Data Summer School in partnership with UFRJ and EMC Research (to-be-confirmed).

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See you in Rio!
We are excited to announce that 10 workshops will be held as a preamble to the conference on 19 September. Some of these workshops are well established, having been held already for several years. They address long-standing challenges such as how to seamlessly incorporate social and human aspects into process improvement and innovation methods, or how to leverage data analytics techniques for process and decision management. More than half of the workshops however will be held in their first edition this year. These latter workshops address emerging concerns such as sustainability, or seek to tap into emerging opportunities raised for example by the ongoing convergence of runtime analysis and (predictive) monitoring.

As in previous editions, workshops will seek to promote preliminary or work-in-progress research that has not yet reached its full level of maturity, but that has a clear goal and approach, and provides promising insights or preliminary results.

In line with their open-ended nature, different workshops will put in place different submission rules and solicit different types of contributions. Prospective authors should check the individual workshop web pages for additional details. All workshops however share the same deadline for submission of contributions: 27 May 2016.

See [http://bpm2016.uniriotec.br/?page_id=491](http://bpm2016.uniriotec.br/?page_id=491) for more information.

Marlon Dumas and Marcelo Fantinato
BPM’2016 General Workshop Chairs
PAPERS WANTED FOR BPM 2016!

Are you working on your BPM paper? Well, with less than a month left to the
deadline (7 March for abstracts, 14 March for full papers), time is running out!

What type of papers are we looking for? First, as usual, we seek papers in
the traditional areas of interest of the BPM conference, such as business pro-
cess modeling, analysis, execution and mining. However, this year we have a
particular interest in advancing the state of the art in business process improve-
ment and innovation. Why that? Because we have all been working on all
sorts of areas in BPM, but now it’s time to come up with something that really
helps people achieve the ultimate goal of BPM: improving business processes.

Second, to show that we are not only
good at math (read: to show that
there’s much more than technology in
BPM), we solicit work on the manage-
ment aspects of the discipline, such as
BPM strategic alignment and govern-
ance. Why on earth? Well, now more
than ever this sort of research is needed
as organizations have (finally!) reached
high levels of BPM adoption, so they are
no longer playing with one toy BPM
project at a time, but have to manage a
portfolio of interrelated projects at dif-
ferent levels of complexity: a “BPM pro-
gram”.

Finally, let’s face it. Our community is
sometimes too focused! Thus, we en-
courage work that expands the hori-
zons of the discipline by embracing
emerging and interdisciplinary aspects
of BPM, such as decision management
and BPM, collective adaptive processes
and mobile processes.

We’ve nicely grouped what may seem a
wild mix of interests in six thematic are-
as. We did it so you don’t get confused!
So make sure you choose one of these
themes when submitting your paper:

- BPM in a broader context
- Emerging areas of BPM
- Management aspects of BPM
- Process identification and modeling
  foundations
- Process analysis and improvement
- Process execution, monitoring and
  intelligence

Check out the content of each theme in
full Call for Papers at http://
bpm2016.uniriotec.br/?page_id=139.

Here’s a quick recap of the dates:
- Abstract submission: 7 March, 2016
- Full papers submission: 14 March,
  2016
- Notifications: 13 May, 2016
- Camera ready papers: 12 June, 2016

See you in Rio!

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PROCESS DISCOVERY CONTEST AND BPI CHALLENGE @ BPM 2016

Next to the annual Business Processing Intelligence Challenge (BPIC), BPM 2016 will feature a new contest: the Process Discovery Contest organized in collaboration with the IEEE Task Force on Process Mining.

The Process Discovery Contest is dedicated to the assessment of tools and techniques that discover process models from event logs. The objective is to compare the efficiency of techniques to discover process models that provide a proper balance between “overfitting” and “underfitting”. A process model is overfitting (the event log) if it is too restrictive, disallowing behavior which is part of the underlying process. This typically occurs when the model only allows for the behavior recorded in the event log. Conversely, it is underfitting (the reality) if it is not restrictive enough, allowing behavior which is not part of the underlying process. This typically occurs if it overgeneralizes the example behavior in the event log.

The contest is not restricted to any modeling notation and no preference is made. Any procedural (e.g., Petri Net or BPMN) or declarative (e.g., Declare) notation is equally welcome. The context is not restricted to open-source tools. Proprietary tools can also participate. The Process Discovery Contest is organized by Josep Carmona, Massimiliano de Leoni, Benoit Depaire and Toon Jouck. The winner will be announced on during the BPM 2016 conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. See http://www.win.tue.nl/ieeetfpm/doku.php?id=shared:process_discovery_contest for details.

The Process Discovery Contest complements the traditional Business Processing Intelligence Challenge (BPIC) focusing on the analysis of real-life events logs rather than process discovery using a hidden ground truth model. In this challenge, participants can analyze a real-life event log using whatever techniques available, thereby focusing on one or more of the process owner’s questions or proving other unique process-related insights. The challenge will be posted via http://www.win.tue.nl/bpi/2016/challenge.
BPM 2017 IN BEAUTIFUL BARCELONA!

The 15th International Conference on Business Process Management (BPM 2017) will be held in Barcelona, Spain, in the period September 10th – September 15th. Josep Carmona will be the General Chair.

In 2017, the BPM conference will visit Spain for the first time.

The city of Barcelona is a well-known city in Europe and around the World. It became rather famous after the Olympic Games of 1992. It is a city with an excellent public transport, buses, metro, tramlines and taxis. Barcelona’s International Airport is one of the main Spain’s connection points with Europe and the rest of the world. Barcelona is a cosmopolitan city with excellent infrastructures that include a wide range of hotels and a limited number of inexpensive student accommodations located in the university campuses in Barcelona.

The city itself is a cultural and shopping metropolis and offers a comprehensive variety of attractions to the accompanying persons. Apart from Gaudí’s world famous buildings like Sagrada Familia, Pedrera and Parc Güell, Barcelona offers unique museums from world-class artists like Picasso, Miro and Tapies. Finally, Barcelona restaurants are delicious and well known around the world, offering a variety of food possibilities from Mediterranean to international cuisine.

Besides the main conference there will be workshops and several co-located events. More information will be provided at BPM 2016 in Rio.

We look forward to see you in Barcelona after Rio de Janeiro!!
To encourage and support researchers from communities related to BPM, this year, there is a presubmission shepherding program for first-time submitters to BPM (none of prospectus authors may have ever published at BPM). The goal is that first-time submitters get the opportunity to receive feedback on the draft of the paper before the actual BPM submission deadline. This process is intended to be lightweight up to two rounds of reviews. See http://bpm2016.uniriotec.br/?page_id=336 for more information. The deadline is February 19th 2016.

The workshop Algorithms & Theories for the Analysis of Event Data (ATAED’2016) is a satellite event of both Petri nets 2016 and ACSD 2016. The workshop aims to attract papers related to Process Mining, Region Theory and other synthesis techniques. The deadline for papers is April 15th, 2016. The workshop is supported by the IEEE Task Force on Process Mining. See http://www.fernuni-hagen.de/ataed2016/ for more information.

The Special Issue of BISE on Business Process Management (BPM) Use Cases has been published in the Feb. 2016 issue (see http://link.springer.com/journal/12599/58/1). Next to an editorial by the editors, six BPM papers and an interview are included. The initiative resulted from the panel discussion at BPM 2013 in Beijing.

The book Questioning BPM? Edited by Paul Harmon and Roger Tregear includes 110 answers to 15 key questions. The answers were provided by 33 BPM thought leaders. See http://www.mkpress.com/QBPM/ for more information.