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Conference Chair: **Dr Gillian Green,** University of Bolton, UK
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Mini track Call for Papers: **Innovations in Research Data Management Principles and Praxis**
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Good data is need for good business and management and good research data management (RDM) is required wherever research takes place. The importance of managing research data effectively and efficiently is being emphasised by national and international external drivers, in particular:

- research funder requirements (e.g. ESRC Research Data Policy. http://www.esrc.ac.uk/_images/Research_Data_Policy_2010_tcm8-4595.pdf)
- regulatory compliance e.g. Freedom of Information and Data Protection
- a general societal drive for greater openness, transparency and accountability.

Additionally, developments in digital technologies have changed the way research is done, providing new opportunities for doing research and also presenting challenges for managing research data and information.

This track will share developments in supporting and promoting good RDM including infrastructure, systems and tools, training and implementation strategies. It will also facilitate debate about future directions in RDM and implications for the HE sector.

Key topics include:
- infrastructure i.e. policy and procedures, human and technical
- systems and tools e.g. citing, linking and integrating research data; data management plans
- knowledge, skills and training for researchers and research support staff
- services
- impact of RDM on research strategy and policy & implications for all research stakeholders

Case studies relevant to RDM in the business and management context are particularly welcome as are papers on other relevant aspects of RDM.

Publication opportunity

Papers accepted for the conference will be published in the conference proceedings, subject to author registration. The proceedings have an ISBN and details of the proceedings accreditations are listed on the conference website.

Selected papers will also be considered for publication in a special issue of the Electronic Journal of Business Research Methods. – http://www.ejbrm.com/. The journal is listed several international lists. Full details are available on the conference website.

As well as full academic papers, the following submissions are welcomed:
Work in Progress/Posters: Researchers are invited to submit current projects which are either at the proposals stage or are work in progress. Participants will be asked to vote for the best poster and a prize will be given for the poster receiving the highest number of votes.

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PhD Research: Doctoral Candidates are invited to submit papers describing their research. A prize will be awarded to the best PhD paper presented at the conference.

Case Study Submissions: Submissions should be written to publishable standards.

Non-Academic Contributions: Contributions from individuals and organisations working in the field. These contributions can take the form of a presentation or a demonstration.

Round Table Proposals: Topical subjects proposed for discussion.

Product Demonstrations and Exhibitor Opportunities: If you are contributing to the conference in any of the above categories you can also request the opportunity to give a product demonstration. If you would like to exhibit and/or demonstrate a product at the conference we suggest that you apply for one of our exhibitor packages.

Submission details

Abstracts: All submission types require a 300-500 word abstract in the first instance, to be received by **9 December 2011.** Please read the guidelines at http://academic-conferences.org/abstract-guidelines.htm

Submission: Only accepted by online form submission at http://academic-conferences.org/ecrm/ecrm2012/ecrm12-abstract-submission.htm

Full paper: Only required for academic submissions once the abstract has been selected, no more than 5,000 words to be received by **27 January 2012**. Papers should be submitted as .doc or .rtf file attachments by email to the Conference Manager, Julia Hawkins (julia.hawkins@academic-conferences.org).

All full papers will be double-blind reviewed by members of the conference committee to ensure an adequate standard, that the proposed subject of their abstract has been followed, that the paper is of a suitable length, the standard of English is adequate and the paper is appropriately referenced.

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline:	**9 December 2011**
Notification of abstract acceptance:	**16 December 2011**
Final copy of full paper due:	**27 January 2012**
Notification of paper acceptance (subject to any requested changes):	**6 April 2012**
Earlybird registration closes:	**20 April 2012**
Final paper submission (with changes):	**4 May 2012**
Final author registration date:	**25 May 2012**

Further details about the conference can be found on the conference website.

This pdf is an abbreviated call for papers. The full call for papers is online at http://academic-conferences.org/ecrm/ecrm2012/ecrm12-call-papers.htm