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"This book summarizes the challenges inherent in leading distributed teams and explores practices that are emerging to optimize distributed team performance"--Provided by publisher.

Big Data and Knowledge Sharing in Virtual Organizations

Virtual Teams That Work offers a much-needed, comprehensive guidebook for business leaders and managers who want to create the organizational conditions that will help virtual teams thrive. Each chapter in this important book focuses on best practices and includes case studies and illustrative examples from a wide variety of companies, including British Petroleum, Lucent Technologies, Ramtech, SoftCo, and Whirlpool Corporation. These real-life examples demonstrate how the principles identified in

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the book play out within virtual teams. Virtual Teams That Work shows how organizations can put in place the structure to help team members who speak different languages and have different cultural values develop effective ways of communicating when there is little opportunity for the members to meet face-to-face. The authors also reveal how organizations can implement performance management and reward systems that will motivate team members to cooperate across multiple boundaries. And they offer the information to determine which technologies best fit a variety of virtual-team tasks and the level of information technology support needed.

Building the Knowledge Society on the Internet: Sharing and Exchanging Knowledge in Networked Environments

Virtual teams are a new phenomenon and by definition work across time, distance and organizations. This text gathers academic research on real, work-based virtual teams. It presents practical research, insight and advice on how virtual team projects can be better managed.

Virtual Organizations

Computers mediate between individuals by providing channels of communication in the form of messaging systems; they act as brokers in matching buyers and sellers, employees and employers, resources and work processes, and so on. The social significance of computers as mediators and brokers has tremendous

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political and economic consequences. For managers, these consequences manifest themselves most clearly in the virtual organization, which is founded on the separation of requirements, for example, inputs such as components, from the ways in which requirements are met, or satisfiers, for example, suppliers and distribution networks. Separating these elements allows managers to switch easily from one way of meeting a requirement to another. Used systematically, switching brings huge increases in productivity but it also weakens traditional loyalties. Absent a sense of loyalty to persons or places, virtual organizations distance themselves from the regions and countries in which they operate. This process is undermining the nation-state, which cannot continue indefinitely to control virtual organizations. A new feudal system is in the making, in which power and authority are vested in private hands but which is based on globally distributed resources rather than on the possession of land. The evolution of this new political economy will determine how we do business in the future.

Hybrid Virtual Teams in Shared Services Organizations

[Administration (référence électronique] ; informatique].

Virtual Teams

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overview of all the critical concepts, technologies and issues in the area of virtual communities"--Provided by publisher.

Enhancing the Effectiveness of Team Science

Annotation Twenty essays present current research on knowledge management as related to effective design of new organization forms. The first section of the book covers frameworks, models, analyses, case studies and research on the integration of knowledge management within virtual organizations, virtual teams and virtual communities of practice. Themes covered in this section include business model innovation; design of virtual organization forms; net-based models; techniques for enabling knowledge capture, sharing and transfer; and collaboration and competition at intra- and inter-organizational levels. The focus of the second half is on key success factors that are important for realizing virtual models of business transformation. Topics include the role of organizational control systems, the role of internal and external employees and customers in creation of organizational knowledge, and information quality issues. Annotation c. Book News, Inc., Portland, OR (booknews.com).

Expanding the Knowledge Economy

The past half-century has witnessed a dramatic increase in the scale and complexity of scientific research. The growing scale of science has been

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accompanied by a shift toward collaborative research, referred to as "team science." Scientific research is increasingly conducted by small teams and larger groups rather than individual investigators, but the challenges of collaboration can slow these teams' progress in achieving their scientific goals. How does a team-based approach work, and how can universities and research institutions support teams? *Enhancing the Effectiveness of Team Science* synthesizes and integrates the available research to provide guidance on assembling the science team; leadership, education and professional development for science teams and groups. It also examines institutional and organizational structures and policies to support science teams and identifies areas where further research is needed to help science teams and groups achieve their scientific and translational goals. This report offers major public policy recommendations for science research agencies and policymakers, as well as recommendations for individual scientists, disciplinary associations, and research universities. *Enhancing the Effectiveness of Team Science* will be of interest to university research administrators, team science leaders, science faculty, and graduate and postdoctoral students.

Social Interactions in Virtual Worlds

Sections covered in this book include: defining virtual organizations and implications for human resource management; outsourcing human resources; job analysis and competency assessment; training and development; performance management;

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compensation; and negotiations.

Implementing Virtual Teams

In the foreword to this volume of conference proceedings for IFIP Working Group 8.4, it is appropriate to review the wider organization to which the Working Group belongs. The International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP) is a non-governmental, non-profit umbrella organization for national societies working in the field of information processing that was established in 1960 under the auspices of UNESCO. IFIP's mission is to be the leading, truly international, apolitical organization which encourages and assists in the development, exploitation and application of Information Technology for the benefit of all people. At the heart of IFIP lie its Technical Committees that, between them, count on the active participation of some two thousand people world-wide. These Groups work in a variety of ways to share experience and to develop their specialised knowledge. Technical Committees include: TC 1. Foundations of Computer Science; TC 2: Software: Theory and Practice; TC 3: Education; TC 6: Communication Systems; TC 7: System Modelling and Optimization; TC 9: Relationship between Computers and Society; TC 11: Security and Protection in Information Processing Systems; TC 12: Artificial Intelligence and TC 13: Human-Computer Interaction. The IFIP website www.ifip.org has further details. Technical Committee 8 (TC8) is concerned with Information Systems in organisations. Within TC8 there are different Working Groups focusing on

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particular aspects of Information Systems.

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Virtual Teams That Work

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Methods and Tools for Collaborative Networked Organizations

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Virtual and Collaborative Teams

In a 1945 speech, Winston Churchill stated, "We are shaping the world faster than we can change ourselves, and we are applying to the present the habits of the past." Was Churchill predicting the future of project management? Have we changed how we communicate and lead projects? Have leadership and management theories and models evolved to keep pace with today's business environment? *Leading Virtual Project Teams: Adapting Leadership Theories and Communications Techniques to 21st Century Organizations* addresses the challenges the virtual project management environment poses to traditional methods of leadership and communication. It introduces new approaches for adapting existing leadership theories to e-leadership as well as progressive tools and techniques to improve virtual project communications. The book begins by examining the factors affecting the movement from traditional work environments to virtual organizations. It considers the challenges of leading multicultural,

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global organizations and reviews what e-leadership means. Illustrating the application of both traditional and new leadership models and theories to virtual project management, the book includes best practices for: Managing and motivating the multicultural team Communicating in a distributed work environment Avoiding social isolation Cyber-bullying in the virtual environment and e-ethics Cultural management issues Explaining how traditional leadership theories and models can be applied to contemporary projects, the book details methods virtual project managers can use to enhance virtual communications. The final chapter describes the e-leadership skills and competencies project managers will need to ensure sustainable success in today's competitive business environment. This book provides the virtual project manager with the tools and techniques to improve e-leadership and communications. Complete with case studies that illustrate real-world applications to the virtual challenges presented in each chapter, the book is a suitable text for educational institutions looking to increase understanding of project management leadership and communications outside the traditional project environment.

Leading Effective Virtual Teams

In the past, managing workplace teams came with potential problems, but most could be easily resolved. Fast-forward to today's technologically linked world of virtual teams and it's a completely different picture. In today's world, teams aren't just the folks who report to you, along with the IT guy and the marketing

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whiz. Teams are spread across countries, time zones, languages, cultures, and more. And managing these disparate, far-flung teams is exponentially more complex and fraught with the potential to derail at any moment. A Manager's Guide to Virtual Teams is a road-map for bridging the logistical, cultural, and communication gaps that can prevent virtual teams from reaching their full potential--and a life-saver for anyone charged with delivering results from a dispersed team. Filled with self-study exercises, activities, and valuable advice based on the author's 20 years of consulting experience and hard-won wisdom from virtual team managers and members, the book explores the four most critical elements to team success: - Trust and Accountability: Uncover 10 crucial tips for creating trust within and across virtual teams. - Communication: Learn to navigate the unique challenges of the virtual world, especially in cross-cultural collaborations. - Conflict Management: Put the examples, case scenarios, and resolution strategies to work building a unified, focused team. - Deliverables: Find out how your virtual team can get work out the door faster and better. Technology has made virtual teams an everyday reality, but it hasn't reduced the potential for conflict and confusion--it has amplified the problem. A Manager's Guide to Virtual Teams brings much-needed clarity to the process of leading dispersed teams, and deep insights into how to tap into the team's collective energy to bring fast, effective results. Yael Zofi is the founder and CEO of AIM Strategies(R), Applied Innovative Management(R), a human capital consulting firm. With over 20 years of global consulting experience, she has worked with clients such as AT&T, Chase,

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CIGNA, General Electric, MetLife, Pfizer, Philips, Viacom, and Nokia. Her organizational development work focuses on helping leaders and their teams become more successful through organizational alignment. She has created many team-based assessment tools, facilitated global team strategy retreats, designed international talent management programs, and facilitated merger integrations with three global organizations.

Handbook for Strategic HR

Working Virtually

Collaborative Networked Organizations represent one of the most relevant organizational paradigms in industry and services. A large number of developments in recent years have turned Collaborative Networks into a pervasive phenomenon in all socio-economic sectors. The main aim of this book is to provide a comprehensive set of reference materials derived from the results of the ECOLEAD project in one organized volume. The ECOLEAD project, a large 4-year European initiative, involved 28 organizations (from academia, research and industry), from 14 countries (in Europe and Latin America). Three main types of results from ECOLEAD are presented: (i) Conceptual frameworks and models, (ii) Methods and processes, and (iii) Software tools and systems. Furthermore, the experience and lessons learned with a number of large pilot implementations in real-world running networks of enterprises are also

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included as an indication of the assessment/validation of the project results. Methods and Tools for Collaborative Networked Organizations provides valuable elements for researchers and practitioners involved in the design, implementation, and management of collaborative forms in industry and services.

Internet-Based Organizational Memory and Knowledge Management

"In today's networked societies, a key factor of the social and economic success is the capability to exchange, transfer, and share knowledge. This book provides research on the topic providing a foundation of an emerging and multidisciplinary field"--Provided by publisher.

Leading Virtual Project Teams

Provides an analysis of virtual communities, explaining their lifecycle in terms of maturity-based models and workflows.

Collaborative Networks:Reference Modeling

A proliferation of new technologies has lulled many into thinking that we actually have to think less about how we communicate. In fact, communicating and collaborating across time, distance, and cultures has never been more complex or difficult. Written as a series of bulleted tips drawn from client experiences

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and best practices, *Leading Effective Virtual Teams: Overcoming Time and Distance to Achieve Exceptional Results* presents practical tips to help leaders engage and motivate their geographically dispersed project team members. If you're a leader of any type of virtual team and want to help your team members collaborate more effectively, then buy this book. You will learn how to: Build trust and cultivate relationships, virtually, across your team Design and facilitate virtual meetings that are focused and engaging Influence without authority Motivate and galvanize a virtual team for top performance Blend asynchronous and synchronous communications for better virtual collaboration Navigate cross-cultural and generational differences in the absence of vital visual cues Assess skills, strengths, aptitudes, and preferences from afar Handle other tough issues that can trip up virtual teams The ideas in this book are based on Nancy Settle-Murphy's decades of experience working as a change management consultant, facilitator, and trainer for project teams around the world. Designed to be read section by section in any order, this book shares approaches and techniques to help you address some of the toughest challenges virtual team leaders face, including keeping team members engaged from afar.

Virtual Community Practices and Social Interactive Media: Technology Lifecycle and Workflow Analysis

COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS Becoming a pervasive paradigm In recent years the area of collaborative

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networks is being consolidated as a new discipline (Camarinha-Matos, Afsarmanesh, 2005) that encompasses and gives more structured support to a large diversity of collaboration forms. In terms of applications, besides the “traditional” sectors represented by the advanced supply chains, virtual enterprises, virtual organizations, virtual teams, and their breeding environments, new forms of collaborative structures are emerging in all sectors of the society. Examples can be found in e-government, intelligent transportation systems, collaborative virtual laboratories, agribusiness, elderly care, silver economy, etc. In some cases those developments tend to adopt a terminology that is specific of that domain; often the involved actors in a given domain are not fully aware of the developments in the mainstream research on collaborative networks. For instance, the grid community adopted the term “virtual organization” but focused mainly on the resource sharing perspective, ignoring most of the other aspects involved in collaboration. The European enterprise interoperability community, which was initially focused on the intra-enterprise aspects, is moving towards inter-enterprise collaboration. Collaborative networks are thus becoming a pervasive paradigm giving basis to new socio-organizational structures.

Distributed Team Collaboration in Organizations: Emerging Tools and Practices

Unleashing Personal Success and Organizational

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Performance in Today's Virtual Workplace Remote working is the new reality, and transactional work – provided by freelancers, contract employees or consultants – has increased exponentially. It is forecast that as much as half the labor force will be working independently and virtually by 2020. Most organizations are still grappling with how to effectively manage their virtual staff and how to effectively support and motivate them – an increasingly urgent task as more Millennials join the workforce, bringing changed attitudes to work satisfaction. This book, the fruit of the author's three decades of experience planning and implementing remote working environments, provides expert guidance for anyone planning a shift to remote working, managing teams of teleworkers, or themselves working in a virtual team. The author's key message is that, in an environment where there is no face to face and informal contact, virtual working requires the creation of a matrix of distributed teams, and that their success depends on the right preparation, changing corporate culture and rewards, and implementing appropriate strategies at the management level to create team cohesion and motivate team members. Working Virtually is for the executive leading changes in an enterprise that is preparing for virtual work or seeking to improve current performance. It offers tools to assess readiness, advice on creating appropriate reward policies, and strategies to adapt performance management processes to be more team-driven and technology leveraged. Working Virtually is written to and for the virtual leader who wants to establish high performing virtual teams. It provides an

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understanding of the roles and responsibilities of managing a virtual team, offering a wealth of advice on creating the conditions for collaboration, motivating team members, and identifying and defusing problems. Working Virtually is for the professional who works remotely from home, on the road, or in an office with remote colleagues. It is for anyone who wants to succeed in this new work environment by developing skills and networks to create a sustained and satisfying career path. With this new edition providing a 360° view of the roles and objectives of all stakeholders in the virtual workspace, this book uniquely provides readers with a rounded picture of the policies, processes, work habits, and commitments needed to achieve the shared goal of high performance remote teams. Goodreads Book Giveaway Working Virtually by Trina Hoefling Giveaway ends March 31, 2017. See the giveaway details at Goodreads. Enter Giveaway /div

Handbook of Research on Virtual Workplaces and the New Nature of Business Practices

Teams are the key to smart, flexible, and cost-effective organizations for the 21st century. However, advances in communication technologies have dramatically changed the nature of teamwork. Traditional, collocated teams are now giving way to distributed cross-boundary virtual groups linked through relationships and technology, reaching across space, time, and organizational boundaries. In their fifth book, Virtual Teams, Jessica Lipnack and Jeffrey

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Stamps, leading experts in networked organizations, take you beyond teams into the new world of work-at-a-distance, showing you how to effectively start, implement, and maintain virtual teams in your own organization. Today, virtual teams are an established feature of multisite and global companies such as Hewlett-Packard, Motorola, Bank of Boston, and Steelcase. Made possible by technologies like the Internet, intranets, and groupware, these teams are invaluable tools for organizations that need to bring together specialized groups of people to work on projects or comprise a spread-out business unit. The principles outlined in *Virtual Teams* provide an antidote to the high failure rate of teams. At the same time, as the authors warn, "It is harder for virtual teams to be successful than for traditional face-to-face teams. Misunderstandings are more likely to arise and more things are likely to go wrong." In this straightforward guide, Lipnack and Stamps provide a comprehensive framework that makes virtual teams accessible and practical. Beginning with a brief overview of exactly what virtual teams are and how they work, the authors show how they can be integrated into your business structure. Featuring insightful case studies from Eastman Chemical Company, NCR, Tetra Pak, and Sun Microsystems, this stimulating and hands-on reference offers essential information on:

- The basic virtual team principles: people, purpose, links
- The skills and technologies necessary for creating a successful virtual team
- Supporting the dynamics of the cross-boundary team
- Enhancing personal communications electronically
- Virtual team applications of the Internet's newest offspring, intranets
- Providing an in-

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depth look at an increasingly important teamwork tool, Virtual Teams gives you the materials you need to create and build a winning virtual team for your own organization. "If you want to see where organizational communications are going in the future, heed what these pioneers have written today." —Howard Rheingold, Author of *The Virtual Community* and Founder of Electric Mind "Lipnack and Stamps have written an important book for the 21st century corporation." —Regis McKenna, The McKenna Group, author of *Relationship Marketing* "This book provides a long overdue perspective on how to apply the discipline of real teams in the fast moving, increasingly dispersed information age of the future." —Jon R. Katzenbach, Author, *The Wisdom of Teams* "For those who want to lead the movement, catch up with it, or simply know where it is going, this book is packed with useful information and interesting stories." —Dee W. Hock, Founder and Chairman Emeritus, VISA "Virtual Teams provides valuable insights into global teamwork and management through network technologies now available to all companies, large or small." —Jim Lynch, Director, Corporate Quality, Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Encyclopedia of Networked and Virtual Organizations

The role of human resources is no longer limited to hiring, managing compensation, and ensuring compliance. Since the 1990s, a transformation has occurred. Companies are calling upon a new breed of HR professionals to behave as organization

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development consultants, helping to determine priorities in running the business, design how work gets done, craft strategy, and shape culture. A compendium of the best thinking on the subject, Handbook for Strategic HR includes 78 articles from the renowned OD Practitioner. It introduces readers to core organization development strategies and skills, giving them creative approaches, practical tips, and proven methods to help them:

- * See the big picture, think systemically, and strategically identify where best to foster change in their organization
- * Team up with consultants and senior-level staff in leading a change project
- * Put employee engagement to practical use and involve "minds, hearts, and hands" in the important work of the organization
- * Operate effectively in cross-cultural and virtual working situations

Comprehensive and practical, this forward-thinking book enables readers to become key partners in leading their organizations forward. This book is approved for HRCI Recertification Credit. See the SHRM store website for details.

Knowledge Management and Virtual Organizations

This book focuses on virtual teams, which are fraught with cooperation problems. It offers novel insights into how team members experience and overcome these problems by empirically studying hybrid virtual teams in Shared Services Organizations. It firstly enhances the reader's understanding of contextual challenges relating to cooperation and shows how members of such teams experience faultlines through distance,

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disconnection through reliance on communication technology and discontinuity through temporality of team composition. Secondly, it explores how they use 22 practices to overcome the cooperation problem, which can be categorized as strategies of identity constructing, trusting and virtual peer monitoring. Lastly, the study analyzes the role of technology, demonstrating that state-of-the-art media can facilitate, but not ensure the use of these strategies and practices. As such, the book has implications for both researchers and practitioners.

Pervasive Collaborative Networks

Virtual and Collaborative Teams is of importance to practitioners and researchers because it brings together in a single accessible source, a variety of current research and practice on the subject of virtual and collaborative teams. Geographic distance, technology, lack of social presence, lack of adequate training and lack of instructional resources are just some of the unique challenges faced by virtual teams. This book is a unique resource in that it provides a variety of research and practice from a wide range of disciplines, nationally and internationally. The essays blends theory and practice, encompassing quantitative and qualitative research, case studies, interview research and theoretical models.

Collaborative Networks and Their Breeding Environments

Praise for Developing and Enhancing Teamwork in

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Organizations "Few questions are more vital and important than teamwork, in an increasingly interdependent and connected world. This volume is a unique and essential reference for managers, scholars and anyone interested in enhancing team performance. The combination of vivid real-world examples with thoughtful evidence-based frameworks will make a lasting contribution to the study and practice of team-based management." —John Boudreau, Professor of Management and Organization, USC Marshall School of Business

"Excellent practice insights from leading practitioners and academics. A valuable contribution to our knowledge concerning how to create and manage teams." —Ed Lawler, Director of Center for Effective Organizations

Virtual Teams

The area of Virtual Organizations as a main component of the new discipline of Collaborative Networks has been the focus of research globally. The fast evolution of the information and communication technologies and in particular the so-called Internet technologies, also represents an important motivator for the emergence of new forms of collaboration. However, the research in many of these cases is highly fragmented, considering that each project is focused on solving specific problems. As such, there is no effective consolidation/harmonization among them in order to have an effective impact and facilitate the interaction among the involved experts. This book represents a contribution to the consolidation of the

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already vast amount of empirical knowledge and practical experience. A synthesis of results collected from the analysis of numerous projects and industry case studies is presented, with focus on: Principles and models, ICT infrastructures and tools, Implementation issues, and Case studies.

Connectivity and Knowledge Management in Virtual Organizations: Networking and Developing Interactive Communications

Successfully Launch and Operate a Virtual Project Management Office New technology and global businesses and organizations are making virtual project management offices (VPMOs) more important and more prevalent than ever. Successfully operating a VPMO requires project managers to employ additional skills and address different challenges from those necessary to operate a traditional PMO. For example, the virtual project manager must have effective soft skills to build trust among a dispersed team and to select the best forms of communication. He or she must also ensure compliance with the unique policies, procedures, and laws relevant to maintaining a VPMO. This book offers best practices for successful virtual projects and the most effective ways to create and implement a PMO in a virtual environment. It's a valuable resource for companies considering a VPMO and those already operating one. You'll find: - Proven implementation plans - Guidance for building a business case - Laws and ethics governing VPMOs - Tips and advice from experts Plus!

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Dozens of practical tools to use in launching a VPMO or improving an existing project management office.

Virtual Organization

Collaborative Networks: Reference Modeling works to establish a theoretical foundation for Collaborative Networks. Particular emphasis is put on modeling multiple facets of collaborative networks and establishing a comprehensive modeling framework that captures and structures diverse perspectives of these complex entities. Further, this book introduces a contribution to the definition of reference models for Collaborative Networks. Collaborative Networks: Reference Modeling provides valuable elements for researchers, PhD students, engineers, managers, and leading practitioners interested in collaborative systems and networked society.

Communication, Relationships and Practices in Virtual Work

Dear Reader This is a book about mobile virtual work. It aims at clarifying the basic concepts and showing present practices and future challenges. The roots of the book are in the collaboration of few European practitioners and - searchers, who met each other under the umbrella of the Swedish SALTSA programme (see next page) in January 2002 in Stockholm. The group was first called 'ICT, Mobility and Work Organisation' but redefined itself quickly as 'Mobile Virtual Cooperative Work' group. The change of the name reflects the development of reasoning in

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the group. We could not find much material on mobile work, certainly not systematic studies, - though a growing interest in mobile technologies and services could be found. Practices of telework and virtual organizations were better known, but we were convinced that the combination with mobile work was so- thing different and new. Our main target became to understand what it was all about. The next step was an expert meeting in October 2004 at Rånäs Castle again in Sweden. A wider group of experts was invited to present their views on mobile virtual work and ideas about book chapters from different perspectives of working life. Some of the expertise could be found through the network of the AMI@Work family created by the New Working En- ronments unit of the European Commission's Information Society Directorate-General. Also close collaboration was developed with the related MOSAIC program.

Mobile Virtual Work

This cross-disciplinary exploration of MMOs and other complex online worlds melds work from computer science, psychology and social science.

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processes in virtual organizations. It also examines new organizational forms which relies largely on networking and collaborations through the use of Internet technologies for knowledge flow"--

Developing and Enhancing Teamwork in Organizations

A research agenda for collaborative networks
Purpose. Many practical application experiments and pilot cases nowadays provide evidence on what works and what still remains as a challenge for collaborative networked organizations (CNOs). The fast evolution of the information and communication technologies and in particular the so-called Internet technologies, also represents an important motivator for the emergence of new forms of collaboration. However, most efforts in this area are highly fragmented, considering only some partial facets and not a holistic perspective that would be required. We are therefore at a point in which it is necessary to define much more consolidated and sustainable research strategies for a second phase of research and development in this area. This book addresses the main disciplines involved in CNOs. It further synthesizes the views and opinions expressed by a large number of visionaries from the main disciplines involved in CNOs, and offers a comprehensive set of recommendations for the establishment of a research agenda on collaborative networks. As recognized experts in their specific areas, different authors in this book have presented work that is backed by a large number of research results, each focusing on specific facets of

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collaborative networks, and coming out of a large number of international and national projects.

Seeking Success in E-Business

"This book compiles authoritative research from scholars worldwide, covering the issues surrounding the influx of information technology to the office environment, from choice and effective use of technologies to necessary participants in the virtual workplace"--Provided by publisher.

The Virtual Project Management Office

Many organizations worldwide are currently exploring the potential gains to be made from working with virtual teams. Although many different things are meant by use of 'virtual' (and indeed by 'teams'), usually it denotes groups of people with common purpose and goals working in different locations and often different time zones; they will be interconnected via a variety of telecommunications networks, perhaps including the Internet and intranet, video conferencing, shared white boards, as well as telephone, mail and e-mail. For organizations implementing such virtual teams there is a great need for guidance, in terms of the organizational structure and support which needs to be put in place. This book offers a practical guide to developing virtual teams, providing both an overview of what is involved and also a clear simple framework around which organizations can build their own implementation process. Although the different support technologies

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are discussed (at a generic level), the thrust of the book is on the organizational and human factors issues which must be addressed to make virtual teams a success. It contains detailed case studies to show how virtual teams work and where they can go wrong.

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Virtual Teams

Progress in collaborative networks continues showing a growing number of manifestations and has led to the acceptance of Collaborative Networks (CN) as a new scientific discipline. Contributions to CN coming from multiple reference disciplines has been extensively investigated. In fact developments in CN have benefited from contributions of multiple areas, namely computer science, computer engineering, communications and networking, management, economy, social sciences, law and ethics, etc. Furthermore, some theories and paradigms defined elsewhere have been suggested by several research groups as promising tools to help define and characterize emerging collaborative organizational forms. Although still at the beginning of a long way to go, there is a growing awareness in the research and academic world, for the need to establish a stronger theoretical foundation for this new discipline and a number of recent works are contributing to this goal. From a utilitarian perspective, agility has been pointed out as one of the most appealing characteristics of collaborative networks to face the challenges of a fast changing socio-economic context. However, during the last years it became more

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evident that finding the right partners and establishing the necessary preconditions for starting an effective collaboration process are both costly and time consuming activities, and therefore an inhibitor of the aimed agility. Among others, obstacles include lack of information (e.g. non-availability of catalogs with normalized profiles of organizations) and lack of preparedness of organizations to join the collaborative process. Overcoming the mismatches resulting from the heterogeneity of potential partners (e.g. differences in infrastructures, corporate culture, methods of work, and business practices) requires considerable investment. Building trust, a pre-requisite for any effective collaboration, is not straight forward and requires time. Therefore the effective creation of truly dynamic collaborative networks requires a proper context in which potential members are prepared to rapidly get engaged in collaborative processes. The concept of breeding environment has thus emerged as an important facilitator for wider dissemination of collaborative networks and their practical materialization. The PRO-VE'05 held in Valencia, Spain, continues the 6th event in a series of successful working conferences on virtual enterprises. This book includes selected papers from that conference and should become a valuable tool to all of those interested in the advances and challenges of collaborative networks.

Collaborative Networked Organizations

The Internet is quickly moving from a marketing tool in which businesses and organizations promote sales

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and awareness, to a core element of any information system architecture. The advent of the Internet as a fundamental infrastructure for the delivery of advanced business systems has opened up a wide range of questions for the design and development of such systems. Internet-Based Organizational Memory and Knowledge Management provides a multidisciplinary view of the wide range of ideas on innovative Internet information systems as they related to organizational memory and knowledge. Using the Internet as the primary architectural base, this book presents results and challenges of Internet-based knowledge management systems.

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