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## Announcement

# IAMOT—Top 50 list of researchers in the technology innovation management field

Due to expressions of interest from a variety of parties, we have decided to publish the following piece on the Award for Top Researchers presented in the field of Technology Innovation Management at the 2009 Annual Meeting of IAMOT. This is the second time these awards have been made by the International Association for the Management of Technology (IAMOT) who made the original awards to recognize the contribution of the most active researchers in the field of technology innovation management. The names and the current affiliations are offered below in alphabetical order. Individuals who are receiving this award for a second time have their names placed in a bold font. A brief explanation of the award and criteria is offered below.

Aiman-Smith, L.	North Carolina State University, Raleigh, USA
Akgun, A.E.	Gebze Institute of Technology, Turkey
Bierly, P.E.	James Madison University, USA
Calantone, R.J.	Michigan State University, USA
<b>Carayannis, E.G.</b>	<b>George Washington University, USA</b>
Chen, C.J.	National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan
Chesbrough, H.	University of California Berkeley, USA
Clarysse, B.	Imperial College London, UK
Coates, J.F.	Consulting Futurist, inc., USA
Cooper, R.G.	McMaster University, Canada
Cutler, G.	Deceased
Debackere, K.	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
Di Benedetto, C.A.	Temple University, USA
Farris, G.F.	Rutgers University, USA
Farrukh, C.	University of Cambridge, UK
Gassmann, O.	University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
Geels, F.W.	Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands
Griffin, A.	University of Utah, USA
Herstatt, C.	Technical University of Hamburg, Germany
<b>Hultink, E.J.</b>	<b>Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands</b>
Jeremy Howells	University of Manchester, UK
Kleinschmidt, E.J.	McMaster University, Canada
Kostoff, R.N.	The Mitre Corporation, USA
Kumar, S. R.	IBM, USA
Kurokawa, S.	Deceased
Leydesdorff, L.	University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Lichtenthaler, E.	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Switzerland
Lin, B.W.	Tsing Hua University, Taiwan
Link, A.N.	University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA
<b>Linton, J.D.</b>	<b>University of Ottawa, Canada</b>
Lockett, A.	Nottingham University, UK
Lu, I.Y.	National Sun Yat-Sen University, Taiwan
<b>Lynn, G.S.</b>	<b>Stevens Institute of Technology, USA</b>
Maccoby, M.	Maccoby Group, USA
Mangematin, V.	University of Grenoble, France
Nagamatsu, A.	Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan

Park, Y.	Seoul National University, Korea
Phaal, R.	University of Cambridge, UK
Porter, A.L.	Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
Probert, D.	University of Cambridge, UK
Roberts, E.B.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
Salter, A.	Imperial College London, UK
Shyu, J.Z.	National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan
<b>Sohal, A.S.</b>	<b>Monash University, Australia</b>
Song, M.	University of Missouri Kansas City, USA
Tsai, K.H.	National Taiwan Ocean University, Taiwan
Von Hippel, E.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
Von Zedtwitz, M.	Peking University, China
<b>Walsh, S.T.</b>	<b>University of New Mexico, USA</b>
Wang, J.C.	National Taipei University, Taiwan
<b>Watanabe, C.</b>	<b>Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan</b>
Wright, M.	Nottingham University, UK
Wu, H.L.	National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

## Some background on the award

The above listed are the second group of recipients to receive this award. The original award was created by the International Association for the Management of Technology (IAMOT) to recognize the contribution of the most active researchers in the field of technology innovation management. While the importance of innovation and technology management are discussed widely and frequently by governments, professional associations, business groups, and management and engineering faculties, the systematic recognition of participants and active organizations in this field is seriously lacking. It was noted that while many rankings existed for Business Schools, research and capabilities in technology innovation management was one of the few areas that was overlooked by these systems. Consequently, the award initiated under the leadership of Tarek Khalil for awards in 2004 is being continued five years later by IAMOT's current president Yasser Hosni in a partnership with Elsevier and MANCEF.

## What the award is based on?

To identify both established and up-and-coming researchers in the field of Technology Innovation Management, a focus was placed on the number of publications in the most prestigious peer-reviewed specialty journals over a five-year time span. There was a consensus amongst the working group at IAMOT that while top notch researchers may choose other outlets such as book

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**Table 1**

List of journals used to determine awardees for 2009 Technology Innovation Management Awards.

Journal	Impact factor (2007)
Research Policy	2.21
Journal of Product Innovation Management	1.60
Technovation	1.00
IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management	0.96
Technological Forecasting and Social Change	0.89
Technology Analysis and Strategic Management	0.64
R&D Management	0.60
Journal of Engineering and Technology Management	0.53
Research Technology Management	0.48
International Journal of Technology Management	0.36

chapters and general management journals for their research, people with excellence in and a commitment to the field of Technology Innovation Management will tend to publish in the top specialty journals.

While there are dozens of specialty journals, only 10 (Table 1) at the time were listed on the science and/or social science citation index. For the 2009 award, the number of times a researcher published in all of these journals over the most recent five years was considered. The result is a list of about 50 people who represent approximately 1% of the research community. An examination of these names shows that the representation covers a spectrum. There are younger researchers, who if they continue on this trajectory will become major contributors to the field. At the other end of the spectrum, there are highly influential senior researchers who have already made seminal contributions to the field and continue to actively contribute to our field.

While the current award is based on ten journals, it is anticipated that the 2014 award will include a larger number of journals as the *Journal of Technology Transfer* is in the process of being indexed. Congratulations go out to Professor Al Link the Editor of the *Journal of Technology Transfer* who is also one of those recognized by the 2009 research award.