

# Newsletter of the European BPM Round Table

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## New session of the European BPM Round Table

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BPM is one of the key challenges in every organization. Especially in the digital world, IT plays an important role to foster innovations in business processes.

Against this background, the 2nd European BPM Round Table is dedicated to the topic "Business Process Management – Driving Innovation in a Digital World". The event is hosted by [Prof. Dr. Jan vom Brocke](#) on May, 15th, 2014 at the University of Liechtenstein.



Renowned experts in the field of BPM from will elaborate on the topic from different viewpoints. Apart from globally acknowledged researchers, also highly experienced practitioners, e.g. from the main event sponsors Hilti, Camelot ITLab, and Swarovski, will provide insights on today's process management, stimulating valuable discussions. For more detailed information on speakers and schedule, please visit the [event website](#).

The European BPM Round Table was initiated and first organized by the Eindhoven University of Technology in 2012. The idea emerged from several local BPM Round Tables that were established in Europe in the last years, as for instance in the

Netherlands and Liechtenstein. The objective of these Round Tables is the exchange of knowledge and experience - as well as networking - between experts from business, administration, and science on a broad level.

### 2nd Liechtenstein BPM Workshop

Following the 2nd European BPM Round Table, [Dr. Theresa Schmiedel](#) and Sarah Zelt will organize the 2nd Liechtenstein BPM Workshop which takes place on May, 16th, 2014. Researchers and practitioners will then discuss topics on the "Nature of processes", addressing the fact that specific types of processes require specific management approaches.

## Spotlight on Berlin: retrospective & outlook

By *Juliane Siegeris*

The [BPM Offensive Berlin](#) (BPMB) is a local user group of berlin bpm-enthusiasts. Most of the members have been intensively engaged in BPM-research in the past and aim to stay in the community and keep alive a scientific discussion about the

topic. This is reached by regularly organizing workshops tackling questions with a strong connection to interesting research problems. The workshops take place at different sponsor sites in Berlin and are free to attend for anyone interested in the given topic.

The workshops that were held in 2013 discussed questions like the applicability of agile process





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*“With the first workshop in 2014 something different will be tried.”*

## Spotlight on Berlin (continued)

the applicability of agile process methods, central versus distributed bpm-governance or specific modeling requirements in the health-area.

The last workshop aimed at the comparison of different possibilities to model data within BPMN-models. The impulse talk was given by Katja Hubl (SAP). In the subsequent discussion it was first tried to gather the various modeling possibilities (event descriptions, artifact states, gateway inscriptions, hidden attributes of activities). Afterwards it was discussed how the different ways of notation relate to the purposes of modeling (transparency and communication versus automation). A further aspect of the discussion was the (automatic) generation of process information out of pure data models, as they can be

found for instance in internal SAP system descriptions.

With the first workshop in 2014 something different will be tried. The new format starts at the assumption that tool developers and vendors come across interesting questions quite often, but do not tackle them due to other priorities or lack of resources. On the other hand, there are a lot of young researchers searching for interest-

ing problems to be solved. In the announcement for the workshop, we encourage the developers to release the problems from their drawers and present them in short blocks of ten minutes maximum. We hope that the discussion afterwards will become lively and fruitful. The event will take place in the same location and right after [ZEUS-2014](#). So, researchers will be there. Fee free to get in [touch](#) for further information.



## Call for your insights: BPM 2014 in Haifa



BPM 2014 will be the 12th conference in a series that provides the most prestigious forum for researchers and practitioners in the field of BPM. This year, the conference will be organized in Haifa, Israel.

An important part of the conference is the *industry track*. During this track, real-life applications of BPM principles and technologies are presented and discussed. The emphasis is on how innovations from research centers find their way to the work floor or, just as interestingly, how real-

world issues shape the BPM research agenda.

The conference provides many other opportunities for practitioners to sample what's going in the BPM space: there is a demo track that showcases new technologies, various hands-on tutorials will be provided, and world-class keynotes are part of the program. If you are involved in the application of innovative principles or technologies to streamline business processes, operations or services, consider to submit a paper to

the industrial track. We would love to receive your work, whether it involves a case study, your reflection on the state-of-the-art or the launch of a revolutionary, new idea.

Prospective authors may want to check out the [web-site](#). The deadline to submit an abstract is March 14, after which the full paper should be submitted by March 21. See you in Haifa!

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