

Knowledge Management—Empowering Organizational Innovation and Development Postprint

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Abstract

Farewell, 2020; farewell, extraordinary 2020. The novel coronavirus, for the first time, made us feel its ferocity and ruthlessness. Yet we pulled through, achieving an initial victory in combating the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though COVID may likely become the new normal hereafter, we are no longer fearful, no longer helpless. In 2021, we will surely face changes with composure, and we will surely walk every step of the path with perseverance.

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Preamble

As we bid farewell to 2020—an extraordinary year—the novel coronavirus confronted us with its ferocity and relentlessness for the first time. Yet we endured, achieving an initial victory in our response to the pandemic. Even if COVID-19 becomes a persistent reality, we face it without fear or helplessness. In 2021, we will confront change with composure and steadfastly forge ahead.

In 2020, *Knowledge Management Forum* withstood the pandemic's test; our publication schedule remained uninterrupted, and the journal's academic quality and influence continued to grow. Throughout the year, we received 138 submissions and published 37 articles (an acceptance rate of 26.81%), thanks largely to our editorial board members. On July 16, 2020, the *Knowledge Management Forum* editorial office and the School of Information Management at Central China Normal University successfully co-hosted the “2020 Knowledge Management and Knowledge Services Academic Symposium” online, with over 200 participants. A special conference issue was subsequently published.

WeChat subscriptions grew steadily, reaching 2,290 users. We published 79 articles on WeChat and 57 posts on Weibo. *Knowledge Management Forum* entered the CNKI China Academic Journal Impact Factor Annual Report for the first time, placing in the Q3 zone (ranked 33rd among 46 journals). While

this positioning is not yet ideal, it represents significant progress, indicating that the journal has entered the academic community's awareness and joined the mainstream academic research system.

The School of Information Management at Central China Normal University serves as the journal's academic supporting institution, providing substantial assistance and support. *Knowledge Management Forum* is an academic journal in the field of knowledge management that is interdisciplinary, online-only, open access, and rigorously peer-reviewed, and is indexed in the internationally renowned open access platform DOAJ.

The journal emphasizes academic frontiers and industry leadership, focusing on publishing research related to knowledge production, creation, organization, integration, mining, sharing, analysis, utilization, and innovation. Our content encompasses theories, methods, tools, technologies, applications, policies, solutions, and best practices, actively promoting innovative development in the knowledge management field.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) established its Knowledge Management Section in 2003 to promote deeper understanding of knowledge management in the library and information field, track the latest developments, help libraries apply knowledge management practices, and enhance librarians' knowledge management skills. Internationally, there is also the specialized academic journal *Journal of Knowledge Management*. *Knowledge Management Forum* serves as an academic exchange platform rooted in China's knowledge management landscape.

In today's era of digitalization, networking, knowledge-driven transformation, and intelligence, government agencies, innovative enterprises, universities, research institutions, and library, information, and archival organizations are all increasingly connected with knowledge and knowledge management, and need to prioritize knowledge management as a strategic development area. Those who excel at leveraging knowledge management will gain the initiative, dominance, and priority in development.

In 2021, *Knowledge Management Forum* needs your attention and support, as well as the joint efforts of editorial board members, reviewers, authors, and readers. *Knowledge Management Forum* is a journal worth anticipating! Thank you for being with us along the way.

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