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Obsolescence Management – The Key to Sustainability



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Introduction

Obsolescence can make its appearance in all sectors of business. With the increasing complexity of global supply chains, the risks of specific events having a big impact on short term and long term availability of goods and services increase; the Covid19 pandemic has shown this across industry sectors, from electronic components to medical PPE.

In Obsolescence Management, sustainability means that a company is able to deliver products and operate services for the required period of time, however long that needs to be; sustainability avoids wasting material and energy, and reduces the costs of achieving the required product life.

When obsolescence occurs, operations and services are at risk because the materials, spare parts, software and services needed are not available, leading to higher costs and more effort to find and introduce replacements, together with the scrapping of otherwise serviceable equipment which cannot be repaired any more.

Managing obsolescence is important to any organisation that claims to manufacture sustainable products, with damage to their reputation and brand if they are forced to obsolete a product.

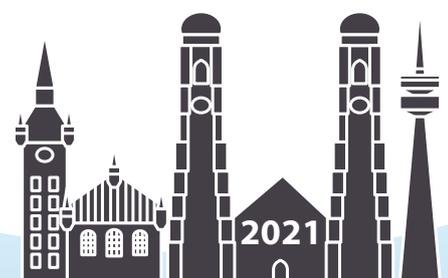
This conference will bring together obsolescence management professionals, solution providers and those who want to learn how to understand and reduce their exposure to obsolescence risk. Obsolescence Management is the key to sustainability and also to reducing the costs of long-term operation and maintenance.

This will be an exciting forum exploring the strategies, methods and tools for any kind of product or service; IIOM invite you to participate in our conference programme and workshops by submitting a paper to the Conference committee for selection. Early submission of abstracts for conference papers is recommended. **Please note that all papers and presentations must be in English.**

Location

The IIOM Conference, Exhibition and Workshops will be held at the Holiday Inn Munich City Centre in Munich, Germany, and just a few minutes' walk from the famous picturesque Munich old town with its historic buildings, museums, restaurants and shops.

Located in the heart of Europe, Munich offers the perfect mix between the traditional Bavarian culture, buzzing economy and high-tech companies. Many worldwide companies have their headquarters in Munich, as well as famous research organisations and universities. The beautiful green landscape of Bavaria with meadows, forests, lakes and the Alps is within easy reach so why not stay for a week or two's holiday while you are here.



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Obsolescence Management is a discipline across business sectors and where responsibility is spread across organisations and their supply chains. Good obsolescence management can extend the life of systems and products, and reduce lifecycle cost and impact on the environment.

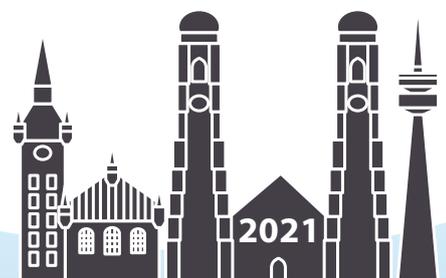
Papers are invited that correspond to the overall conference theme of:

Obsolescence Management – The Key to Sustainability

The theme is further expanded below, and papers are invited that should address one or more of the following topics:

- Successful implementation of IEC 62402:2019, and the associated challenges
- International perspectives on obsolescence management and sustainability
- Case studies where obsolescence was not managed, and the consequences
- Case studies showing innovative approaches to obsolescence management and sustainability
- The link between obsolescence management and the circular economy
- “Right to Repair” legislation and the “Right to Repair” movement
- Legislation restricting material use, and its impact on sustainability
- Supply chain resilience and market awareness
- Novel contractual arrangements for successful obsolescence management
- International trade barriers and agreements that impact on sustainability
- Obsolescence management process development in industrial and consumer sectors
- Obsolescence management in the world of automation, process control and robotics
- Latest obsolescence management tool capabilities

You are invited to submit proposals for papers that explore these topics, or others related to the discipline of Obsolescence Management.



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Submission of Papers

Abstracts of sixty to eighty words should be submitted before **30 September 2020** to admin@theiiom.org.

Selected presenters will be contacted by the **16 November 2020** and the Microsoft PowerPoint will be required by **12 April 2021**. Individuals selected to present at the conference will also be eligible for a significant discount on the conference registration fees.

Exhibition

A trade exhibition will be held at the Holiday Inn Munich City Centre close to the conference room. Conference refreshments, including lunches, will be taken in this area, maximising the opportunity for exhibitors and delegates to interact. Full details of the Trade Exhibition are included in the Exhibitor Information Document which will be available soon on-line at www.theiiom.org, or by contacting the Iiom Conference Administrators at admin@theiiom.org.

Sponsorship opportunities

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available for organisations to enhance their visibility at the conference. This is a great way to raise your company profile and to be recognised as an event sponsor. Please contact the Iiom Conference Administrators at admin@theiiom.org for further details or to register your interest.

Networking opportunities

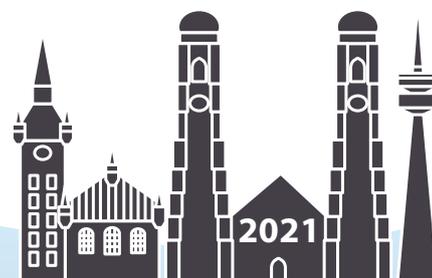
The value of networking within a relaxed atmosphere has been recognised in the selection of the conference venues. There will be a welcome reception on the evening of 25 May 2021 offering the opportunity to network with those that will share your goal to understand, manage and reduce obsolescence risk.

The Networking Dinner is planned to take place close to the hotel on 26 May 2021. This evening will be a traditional Bavarian themed dinner with entertainment.

In addition to this, there will be other networking opportunities during lunch and coffee breaks.

Partner Package

For those of you who wish to bring partners to the event, we will be putting together a Partner Package. More information will be available soon, please register your interest at admin@theiiom.org.





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