

## **Tackling challenges of the future with new approaches**

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As with all walks of life, editorial processes have also been influenced by the current COVID-19 situation during the spring of 2020. Authors, reviewers and editors alike have been struggling with additional tasks of organizing research and teaching in this new environment. At CIJ we have also been struggling with these challenges, in addition to upgrading to a new publishing system.

But now, we have finalised the issue 1 of the volume 4 of the Journal.

In this issue, the first manuscript of Dinkova and Sharma investigates usability of seismic technology spill-over application into another field, namely medical imaging. Dinkova and Sharma find that spill-over application follows similar patterns of the traditional innovation journey as suggested by the literature with some minor modifications.

In the following manuscript, Sibona et al. explore the usability of the engaging and rewarding business model construct in advancing the application of digital technologies in innovating new practices for farming sector.

In the third manuscript, Brophy et al. investigate the creation of an open innovation ecosystem with an orchestrator. They find that stakeholder identities are important sources of barriers towards value delivery of the ecosystem.

The two last manuscripts explore the softer side of the innovation process. In the first one Bettini et al. suggest that courses teaching innovation process should carefully manage course expectations to alleviate the course related stress of students. In the final manuscript of this issue, Adam et al. find that personality types have a natural inclination towards certain tasks in the innovation process, but also that these types are not necessarily the best ones to perform these same tasks. These notions build interesting avenues for future research.

The special circumstances of the post COVID-19 situation emphasise the importance of innovating new solutions with cross-disciplinary approaches and these manuscripts in their part also have shown interesting ways towards the future of innovating. We hope that these manuscripts will inspire new approaches and experiments in tackling challenges of the future globally.