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International Conference on Entrepreneurial Competencies in a Changing World (ECCW 2020)

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The International Conference on Entrepreneurial Competencies in a Changing World is a conference organized jointly by the Institute of Technology and Business in České Budějovice (VŠTE) and the Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Regensburg. ECCW 2020 was the fourth instalment of the event and the first to publish with *Web of Conferences*.

The theme of ECCW 2020 was the stabilization and development of small and medium-sized enterprises in rural areas. The aim was to gather and discuss innovative ideas contributing to the development of this field at the European level with the help of scientists and practitioners from many countries. We spoke with Vendula Velková who is part of the research support team at the VŠTE. She is also one of the ECCW 2020 editors and a member of the organizing committee.

A new beginning – how ECCW 2020 chose *Web of Conferences*

The organizing committee of ECCW 2020 wanted the event to be truly international and for the conference proceedings to be published open access by a good, international publisher. Ms Velková explained that colleagues from another faculty had already had a very positive experience with *Web of Conferences* and wholeheartedly recommended the service. "So, that's why we decided to go this way and it was for the first time, but we hope that we will continue in the future".

Indexations – a key factor

Indexations are very important to events and ECCW 2020 was no exception. The rules and conditions which apply to scientific research in the Czech Republic strongly encourage international cooperation and publishing in journals or conference proceedings which are indexed in reputable databases. "In the Czech Republic there are a lot of conferences. Scientists publish in many conference proceedings, so it's really difficult to have the best one. If we succeed, and if our proceeding is indexed, then we certainly will have many authors who will be willing to participate with us in future. So it will be really important step for us."

Ms Velková told us that they wanted to try indexation in Web of Science. The fact that *Web of Conferences* cooperates closely with Web of Science and sends proceedings for evaluation was a key part of the decision to publish with EDP Sciences.

Ease of process – a huge advantage for busy organizers

Conference organizers face a huge logistical challenge each time. The *Web of Conferences* team is very conscious of this and does everything it can to help organizers and minimize the impact of the publication process. Ms Velková was also head of the whole double-blind review process, so the event was “really demanding”. Thirty-four papers were published and the experience enabled the organizing committee to establish a good system in anticipation of increasing the number of papers in future.

“When I met my colleagues first, they were talking about the process and I was surprised that it was quite easy, quite simple. And I couldn’t believe that it really is so simple. But I must say that the communication with you, with your colleagues... there was no better place, I think. It was really simple, quick and nice.”

Building a mutually-beneficial partnership

Ms Velková was keen to highlight the practical benefits of working with *Web of Conferences*. She told us “For me, personally, it’s important to cooperate with a publishing house which is willing to help me. It’s not good to change it from year to year.”

They didn’t need any specific help, but “when I asked some questions, your colleagues replied really fast and it was important for me.” The *Web of Conferences* team prides itself on listening and responding to its clients and their needs, even when things happen very quickly. In the case of ECCW 2020, the publishing agreement was signed in August and the conference took place in November, so it was a relatively short, intensive period. At the end of this period, publication was accurate and on time.

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Vendula Velková, ECCW 2020 editor and organizing committee

“I know that there are many publishers who provide these services, but we decided for your publishing house because we had a good recommendation. So we decided not to try a completely new publishing house, but to choose the one which we know that really works.”

In summary – the highlights of working with *Web of Conferences*

When we asked Ms Velková to summarize ECCW 2020’s experience with *Web of Conferences*, she highlighted:

- Good, quick communication – there were no language difficulties
- Clear approach – based on a step-by-step process
- Everything was as expected – there were no surprises

We are delighted by this assessment and agree that an excellent, professional relationship has been established with Ms Velková and her colleagues which will see ECCW 2021 also published with *Web of Conferences*. It gives us great satisfaction to do our best on behalf of our clients and to communicate with each conference on an individual basis.

Read the proceedings

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Our thanks

We would like to thank Vendula Velková for her time and feedback and wish ECCW every success for 2021 and beyond.

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