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Knowledge has been described as a critical competitive asset of organizations. The most important strategy in business is converting knowledge into intellectual capital and leveraging it for competitive advantage. The International conference on Knowledge Management in Organizations (KMO) provides an international forum for presentation and discussion of research on information and knowledge management, as well as recent advances on data and knowledge bases. The aim of the conference is to identify challenging problems facing the development of future knowledge management systems, and to shape future directions of research by soliciting and reviewing high quality, applied and theoretical research findings. The conference calls for papers that offer provocative, insightful, and novel ways of viewing KM from a wide variety of perspectives especially towards new trend in knowledge management. Authors are invited to submit original, unpublished research papers that are not being considered for publication in any other forum. Papers cannot exceed 8 pages in length. One author per paper is required to register and attend the conference to present the paper if accepted for publication. Authors of selected papers will be asked to expand versions of accepted papers in a special issue of International Journal of Web Engineering (IJWET), published by Inderscience.

Topics of interests include but are not limited to the following areas:

- Application of knowledge representation techniques to semantic modeling
- Design methodologies for KM
- Data and knowledge sharing
- Domain modeling and ontology-building
- Knowledge discovery in databases and data mining
- Development and management of heterogeneous knowledge bases
- Technologies and tools for KM
- Inter-institutional collaboration and information exchange
- Operating in the global knowledge economy
- Cross-cultural aspects of global KM practices
- The use of semantic web for KM
- Use of web services for KM
- How to bring together KM, distance learning, and human performance enhancement to build an integrated learning organization
- Adaptation of KM in organizations
- How to build and maintain viable KM architectures and thriving communities of practice
- Intelligent and ubiquitous KM
- Networking with knowledge
- Shared knowledge in business networks
- KM for SME
- Business intelligence and data warehousing
- Evaluation of KM

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Important dates:
- Full Paper Submission: March 13, 2006
- Authors Notification: April 3, 2006
- Final Paper Submission and Registration: May 15, 2006
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Slovenia is a small, beautiful European country on the sunny side of the Alps which geographically and politically has always been a part of Central Europe. Everything in Slovenia is in abundance: the majestic Alps with their glacial valleys, rivers, and lakes, plenty of forests, mysterious karst caves, the warm Adriatic. From the steep slopes of the Alps you can reach the world of olive and vineyards in less than two hours. Slovenia’s natural features and cultural and historical sites offer plenty of variety for a holiday. Maribor lies close to the Austrian border in the middle of Slovenia’s wine-growing region and is surrounded by the vineyards to its north and east and by mountains [with ski slopes] to its south and west. It is proud to be the city of the world’s oldest (over 400 years) vine-tree, recorded in the Guinness Book of records. Drava river flows through the town. At its banks called Lent, the youth (by age and by heart) of Maribor and vicinity socializes in many pubs and restaurants. The history of Maribor is rich and is reflected in many buildings dating way back to 13th century. The town has also a modern face - University, theatre, shopping centers, recreation - all within a walking distance. The conference will take place in the Hotel Habakuk conference center.