Opening Keynote Overview:
Contemporary enterprises face the challenge of transforming their businesses to adjust to current strategic necessities including innovation and creativity, adaptation and trust by the Internet generation, lifelong learning and knowledge management. Most importantly, these challenges require a thorough understanding of available knowledge in order to adapt business processes and practices designed to lend support to innovative projects, new markets and effective distribution channels. Simultaneously, contemporary consumers no longer perceive themselves as passive, but desire to fulfil their needs through self-design, self-configuration, self-production, and self-distribution of products. Their new role as both consumers and producers, i.e., prosumers, encourages enterprises to find innovative ways to leverage the consumers’ knowledge, ultimately resulting in better products and services for the marketplace.

Main Topics:
- Consumers as a knowledge source in enterprises
- Prosumption as a new business model
- Prosumption application in business practice
- Models of prosumption adoption in enterprises

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