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Preface

NordDesign 2020, the 13th biennial NordDesign conference, took place from August 11-14, 2020. This year's conference, "Balancing Innovation and Operation," was organized by the Section of Engineering Design and Product Development in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU). Following the previous NordDesign conferences in Helsinki (1996), Stockholm (1998), Copenhagen (2000), Trondheim (2002), Tampere (2004), Reykjavik (2006), Tallinn (2008), Gothenburg (2010), Aalborg (2012), Helsinki (2014), Trondheim (2016) and Linköping (2018), 2020 marked the second time that the conference came to Copenhagen. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the organizing committee decided that the conference would be offered online only.

The NordDesign conference series aims to serve as a Nordic complement to the large European and American Design Society conferences within the fields of Engineering and Product Design, and also welcomes participants from other countries. Oversight by the Nordic Scientific Advisory Committee, consisting of representatives from the main technological universities in the Nordic region, ensures the quality and continuity of the conference series.

2020 conference theme: Balancing Innovation and Operation

Industrial companies today must launch increasingly innovative products and services faster than ever, while simultaneously increasing operational efficiency. On the innovation side, key questions relate to true user experience, circularity, and implementation of electrification and digitalization of products, as examples. Concerning operations efficiency, key questions relate to automation, modularization and manufacturing footprint, among many others. The way product and service development is executed very much influences both innovation and operational efficiency, and this is the overall theme that was explored from numerous perspectives during NordDesign 2020.

2020 NordDesign conference sessions

This year's conference theme called for evidence-based academic work on topical issues on design, product development and innovation to strengthen both our theoretical understanding and the connection between theory and practice.

Upon the call for submissions, the organizing committee received 76 full paper drafts. After a double-blind review process, 70 papers were invited for revised submission, and a final 61 papers, representing 12 countries, have been accepted and are included in these proceedings.

The organizing committee categorized and organized the papers into sessions that reflect the following themes: Circularity & Sustainability; Prototyping; Modularity; New Technology; Robust Products and Processes; Teaching and Education; Collaborative Design; Design Studies; Big Data, Early-Stage Design; Design Support; and Requirements Management.

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