

## TRADUÇÃO INGLÊS

### **FOREWORD**

We are currently living in the Age of Knowledge. Progress in information and communication technologies has constructed a society made of people and organizations connected throughout the planet. The importance of knowledge emerges. If the production of richness during the Industrial Age foregrounded traditional factors of production, labor, property and capital, at present, knowledge is the strategic factor for the organizations' sustainability.

Knowledge Management is evident in these conditions and within the perspective of economies based on knowledge. Knowledge is a complex matter, a section of which may be made explicit and codified, whilst the other section lies within people, in their experiences, in their life histories and perceptions. Methods, techniques, practices and tools for identification, mobilization and use of assets of information and knowledge are a must so that Knowledge Management, structured on people, processes and technology, may attain the organizations' aims.

Due to such evolution and demand of local and regional organizations, public and private, the program Knowledge Management in Organizations (KMO) was conceived and approved by the Coordination for the Updating of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES), an interdisciplinary area, with activities since 2014.

KMO aims at the needs of its area of economic, social, environmental influence and its specific factors, without being circumscribed by such spaces. Issues justify the establishment of an interdisciplinary program within the proposed aims. Interdisciplinarity merges research fields, transfers methods, produces new knowledge and forms differentiated professionals which are capable of coping with the complexities of current problems.

Within an interdisciplinary mode, KMO promotes teaching, research and supplementary courses, based on the concentration study area "Knowledge Management" and on research lines "Education and Knowledge" and "Organizations and Knowledge".