Innovative forms of Organizing

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Appendix:

The INNFORM Survey Instrument

Organising for the 21st Century

This survey is part of an international project examining organisational changes as we approach the next century. Researchers from seven leading universities in Europe and Japan are working on detailed case studies and international surveys to identify key issues for the organisations of tomorrow. The research is funded in this country by the Economic and Social Research Council, Coopers & Lybrand and the consortium companies of the Centre for Corporate Strategy and Change, Warwick Business School.

The survey has just eight short sections:

- Restructuring
- Empowering
- Networking
- Managing Information
- Managing People
- Managing External Relationships
- Managing Strategic Change
- Competing

We greatly value your input. In return, we promise you an executive summary of key findings together with an invitation to join in a series of conferences on **Organising for the 21**st **century** to be held both in the UK and abroad over the next two years.

All questions require answers which most closely approximate the situation for the organisation as a whole.

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Throughout this questionnaire, you are requested to give information about your company for 1996 and 1992. This is so that we can accurately measure any organisational changes which have occurred during this period.

Most questions require you to tick the appropriate box. Otherwise, please provide a number to the best of your knowledge. If you are unable to answer a particular question, please write 'N/A'.

All responses will be confidential and no individual or company will be identified in the analysis.

Jo	b Title		
1.	Please indicate your job title		
Re	estructuring		
2.	How many senior managers reported with no intervening level in 1996 <u>and</u> i	•	ef executive
	with no intervening level in 1990 <u>una</u> 1	1996	
		1992	
3.	How many organisational levels were with the lowest level of profit responsible 1996 and in 1992? <i>Please count the longer</i> .	oility and the chief	
	Ŭ	1996	
		1992	
4.	Approximately how many profit centr in 1996 <u>and</u> in 1992?	es did your organi	isation have
	III 1990 <u>and</u> III 1992?	1996	
		1992	
5.	How many employees were there on and in 1992?	the head office pay	roll in 1996
	und in 1772.	1996	
		1992	
6.	Please indicate where your head office central functions such as human resour <i>Please tick the one which most closely apple</i>	rces and/or finance	are located?
	a) One building or site		
	b) In several locations nationally		
	c) In several locations internationally		
7.	Please indicate the extent to which you was formally organised along each of tand how it was organised in 1992. For which most closely applies for each of the tand	the following lines it each item please tick	in 1996

				Emphasis	3		
		None 1	Little 2	Moderate 3	Much 4	Great 5	
a) Products and/or services	1996 1992						
b) Geographical regions	1996 1992						
c) Functions (eg marketing finance)	1996 1992						
d) Project-based structure	1996 1992						
8. To what extent has your company re-engineered its business processes in the last five years? Please tick the box which most closely applies. None Little Moderate Much Great 1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5 9. To what extent has this re-engineering been successful? Please tick the box which most closely applies. Level of success							
		None	Little	Moderate	Much	Great	
		1	2	3	4	5	
Empowering							
10. To what degree can subu operating activities (eg process, changing main sclosely applies for 1996 and	modif suppli	ying a jiers)? P	product	ion or oper	ating		
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2 Some discretion to ac HQ takes most respo	t but						
for decisions 3 HQ has equal respon with the subunit for o		,					

	4	Subunit managers had discretion to act but H some involvement		_				
	5	Total discretion, action solely the responsibilithe subunit						
11.	То	what degree can subur	its ac	t with d	liscretion	in making	g strateg	ic deci-
	sio	ns (eg long-term stra	tegic	plannii	ng, majo	r investm	ent app	
	Ple	ase tick the box which m	ost clo	sely app	-	•		
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	7	discretion to act but F		_				
		some involvement	~					
	5	Total discretion, action						
		solely the responsibili	ty of					
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14.		it managers as specifi		-				
		ree of importance for e						
	org	anisation as a whole for	<u>each</u> c	of the tw	o time pe	riods.		
						Importan	ісе	
				None	Little	Average	Much	Great
				1	2	3	4	5
	a)	Gross profit	1996					
		•	1992					
	1. \	D-1	1000					
	b)	Return on sales	1996 1992	H	H		H	
			1552					
	c)	Return on investment	1996					
			1992					

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d) Cash flow	1996 1992						
e) Cost levels	1996 1992						
f) Customer satisfaction and/or retention measures	. 1996 1992						
Networking							
13. To what extent do the following vertical linkages exist between the corporate headquarters and subunits (profits centres, divisions or subsidiaries)? For each item please tick the box which most closely applies for 1996 and for 1992.							
				Importan	ice		
		None 1	Little 2	Average 3	Much 4	Great 5	
a) Linkages to share R&D knowledge between HQ and subunits	1996 1992						
b) Linkages to share marketing information between HQ and sub							
c) Linkages to share corporate financial information between HQ and subunits	1996 1992						
d) Linkages between HQ and subunits to	1996 1992						

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co-ordinate joint promotional and/or advertising campaign	s							
e) Linkages between HQ and subunits to share corporate-wide news (events, initiativ promotions, etc)	1996 1992 es,							
f) Linkages between HQ and subunits to share skills and resources (eg technical personnel)	1996 1992							
14. To what extent do the following horizontal linkages exist between subunits (profit centres, divisions or subsidiaries)? For each item please tick the box which most closely applies for 1996 and for 1992.								
				Importar	1се			
		None 1	Little 2	Average 3	Much 4	Great 5		
a) Production linkages between subunits	1996 1992			_				
				_				
between subunits b) Linkages to share R&D knowledge	1992 1996			_				

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e) Linkages between subunits to co-ordinate joint promotional and/or advertising campaign	1996 1992 s					
f) Linkages between subunits to utilise common distribution channels	1996 1992					
g) Linkages between subunits to share skills and resources (eg technical personnel)	1996 1992					
15. Approximately what per	centag	ge of vo	our tota	l sales (in t	erms of	value)
was traded within the fir	-	-				
				1996		%
				1992		
						/0
Managing Informa	ition)				
16. To what extent does you item please tick the box wh	-	-	-			
				Emphasis	5	
		None 1	Little 2	Moderate 3	Much 4	Great 5
a) A common strategy for information technology	1996 1992					
b) An information technology system	1996 1992					

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c)	for the sharing and exchange of data (eg e-mail, Lotus Notes) An electronic data	1996	- -						
C)	interchange (EDI) with suppliers and/ or customers	1992							
d)	Company-wide in-house journals	1996							
e)	Company-wide newsletters	1996							
Mar	naging People								
_	17. Approximately what percentage of your company's employees were university graduates in 1996 and in 1992? Please tick one for each year.								
	1 2		3	4	5				
	<10% 10–19)% —	20–29%	30–29%	40+%	6 			
1996						_			
1992									
sp	oproximately what per end on staff training k one for <u>each</u> year.	_				-			
	1 2	20/	3	4	5				
	< 0.9% 1–1.19	9% —	2–3.9%	4–6.9%	7+%	· 			
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We	oproximately what peere covered by trade 192?	_							
				1996		%			
				1992					

20.	Please indicate which of company used during what extent these practorganisation since 1992	1996? <i>1</i> tices ha	Please tie ve beco	ck all that me more	apply. The or less in	nen indi nportant	cate to
					nportance	.,	92
		Used in 1996	Large decline 1	Small decline 2	No change 3	Small growth 4	Large growth 5
	a) Internal labour market (planned transfer of people and skills between subunits)						
	b) Managerial development events (corporate-wide seminars, training)						
	c) Corporate-wide mission building						
	d) Managerial/ professional teams (managers/ professionals brought together across subunits to collaborate on a project)						
	e) Cross-company conferences (employees brought together across subunits to share and disseminate information)						
	f) Internal networks (communication channels established between subunits for the purposes of knowledge transfer)						

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firms in your sector in			i ty compare v tick one for <u>ea</u>				
1 A lot higher H 1996	2 igher	3 The same	4 Lower 2	5 A lot lower			
	22. In the last five years how many changes of CEO (or equivalent top person with executive authority) has your organisation had? Number of CEO changes:						
	993	1994	1995	1996			
Managing External Relationships 23. Has the extent of company-wide outsourcing changed between 1992 and 1996? Please tick the box which most closely applies.							
		Еэ	ctent				
	Great decreas 1		No change Incre	Great ase increase 4 5			
	decreas	e Decrease	change Incre	ase increase			
24. If any functions utilis apply otherwise pleas	decreas 1	e Decrease 2 company are	change Incre	ase increase 4 5			
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	c) Human resources							
	d) Customer/after- sales services							
	e) Purchasing/ procurement function							
	f) Information technology							
	g) Training							
	h) Marketing							
	i) Manufacturing							
	j) Other (please specify)							
25.	Have you engaged in any alliances (long term part joint ventures) over the la	nersh	ips and	Yes		No		
	IF NO, please go to Q27 IF YES, please indicate the Please tick up to three.	e prir	nary pu	rpose(s) f	or such a	lliances.		
	a) Access to markets							
	b) Access to technology							
	c) Access to products							
	d) Cost reduction							
	e) Access to expertise							
	f) Faster response to man	ket d	emands					
	g) Flexibility to meet vari demand (reduce risk)	iable						

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26. Approximately what proportions of total assets were deployed in strategic alliances in 1996 <u>and</u> in 1992? <i>Please tick for <u>each</u> year</i> .
1 2 3 4 5 1-10% 11-20% 21-30% 31-40% >40% 1996
Managing Strategic Change
27. How would you describe the range of businesses your company had in 1996 <u>and</u> in 1992? <i>Please tick the one which most closely applies for <u>each</u> year.</i>
1996 1992
a) A single core business (<i>ie</i> 95–100% of sales from
type of business) b) A dominant core business (ie 70–94.9% of sales from one
type of business) c) A set of related businesses (ie no dominant core business and 70%
or more of sales from businesses related by technology or markets) d) A wide range of businesses
(ie no dominant core business and less than 70% of sales from businesses related by technology or markets)
28. In how many countries did your firm have operating businesses (eg producing products/services) in 1996 <u>and</u> in 1992?
1996
1992
29. What percentage of your sales was outside your domestic market in 1996 and in 1992? <i>Please tick one for each year</i> .

ı	1 None	2 1–20%	3 21–40%	4 41–60%	5 61–80%	6 81–100%
1996 <u> </u>						
Comp	eting					
					company's	
1996 [1992 [1 1–9%	2 10–19%	6 20	3 –29%	4 30–40%	5 40+%
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[0–20%	21–40%	6 41	-60%	61–80%	81–100%

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34. Approximately what percentage of your company's turnover did your company spend on research and development activities in 1996 <u>and</u> in 1992? <i>Please tick one for <u>each year.</u></i>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	None	<1.0%	1.0-2.9%	3.0-4.9%	5.0-9.9%	≥10%
1996						
1992						
PLEASI	E TURN OVER 1	FOR THE FINA	AL QUESTIONS			
35. How would you assess the financial performance of this company compared with other companies in the same industry/sector Please tick as appropriate. 1 2 3 4 5 A lot higher A little higher About the same A little lower A lot lower						
wi	ith what it w	vas 5 years 2	ago? Please	e tick as app 3	performanc oropriate. 4 little lower	5

Thank you		
Please feel free to write any commen questionnaire and/or the research project	•	nave about this
Many thanks for your co-operation in compl Please return this questionnaire in the freepo	0	led.
Would you like to receive an executive summary of the results of this survey?	Yes	No
Would you like to receive an invitation to our conference to be held in November 1997?	Yes	No