100 years of graphical business process modelling? This sounds like a misprint, but it isn’t! On 5-9 December 1921, Frank B. Gilbreth & L. M. Gilbreth presented a new concept named “Process Charts” at the Annual Meeting of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers. They described the notation as “a device for visualizing a process as a means of improving it.”

This anniversary is a good opportunity to look back on the past 100 years, to review the present, and to take a view towards the future.

What has been achieved? Which challenges still remain? In a special issue of the EMISA Journal, we invite researchers as well as practitioners to discuss the history, current state and future of business process modelling.

**Topics of interest** for this special issue include, but are not limited to:

- the history of graphical modelling techniques in general and of business process modelling in particular,
- different approaches to visualize processes,
- suitability of business process models for the communication between business experts, process experts and software experts,
- limits of past and current modelling techniques,
- use of graphical models for analysis and improvement of business processes,
- theories and theoretical approaches to graphical business process modelling,
- challenges such as flexibility, complexity and maintainability,
- automatic business process discovery, analysis and implementation,
- patterns and best practices,
- success and failure stories and conclusions for the future

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