



***ISCRAM2009***  
**The 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Information Systems for  
Crisis Response and Management**

**Gothenburg, Sweden  
May 10-13, 2009  
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**TRACK: Human Computer Interaction**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON**

**Requirements and Solutions for Information Overload in  
Emergency Preparedness and Management**

**Session ID: HCI1**

**Motivation**

There seems to be little doubt that practitioners and academics in this field are facing information overload. The number of documents created that might have useful information for a given individual is far in excess of what they can review. For this session we are interested in the following types of papers:

1. Case studies which determine what the requirements are for users, as individuals or teams, of interactive systems that aid users in pinpointing what would be useful for them
2. Practitioner Examples of situations where they or their organization encountered difficulties in obtaining needed information in a timely manner
3. Evaluation studies of existing systems that point out how they could be improved
4. New approaches to the design of interactive systems for users in this field.

Papers proposing new methods should be illustrated by use of some real data from the field of emergency preparedness and management.

**Topics**

Any phase or mission of emergency preparedness from planning to recovery and including such areas as mitigation are valid topic areas for examination. We heartily encourage pragmatic practitioner papers as well as method and design academic papers for this session



### **Type of contribution:**

- **Academic contribution:** we invite researchers from academia or research labs to present their research or research-in-progress papers. Prospective presenters submit a regular research (or research-in-progress) paper.
- **Practitioner contribution:** we invite practitioners to present their practice or experiences in information systems development, use or needs. Prospective presenters submit a short practitioner paper or a Powerpoint presentation along with an abstract.

### **Important Notice:**

- All submissions must be formatted according to the ISCRAM 2009 formatting guidelines. Templates and instructions are published on [www.iscram.org](http://www.iscram.org).
- All submissions must be submitted through the ISCRAM 2009 conference paper submission web page at [www.conftool.com/iscram2009](http://www.conftool.com/iscram2009). Instructions for the ConfTool system can be found on [www.iscram.org](http://www.iscram.org).
- All papers and presentations will go through a double-blind review process, leading to a decision of (conditional) acceptance or rejection.
- Accepted papers will be included in the ISCRAM 2009 program and published in the official proceedings if and only if
  - (1) the paper is formatted according to the instructions,
  - (2) the authors sign the copyright transfer form and
  - (3) one of the authors registers for the conference and pays the registration fee before the cut-off date for early registration.
- Authors who have multiple papers accepted can only register for and present one paper at the conference; co-authors need to register separately.

### **Session Chairs:**

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### **Important ISCRAM 2009 Dates:**

- Submission deadline: January 11, 2009



- Notification of conditional accept: February 16, 2009
- Final submission revised paper: March 1, 2009
- Final author notification: March 9, 2009
- Early registration deadline: March 22, 2009
- Conference: May 10-13 2009

### **About ISCRAM:**

The ISCRAM Community is a worldwide community of researchers, scholars, teachers, students, practitioners and policy makers interested or actively involved in the subject of Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management. At its annual international conference alternating between the US and Europe, the ISCRAM Community gathers to present and discuss the latest research and developments in this growing area during an interactive and stimulating 3 day program. The ISCRAM Community also organizes an International Summer School for PhD students and ISCRAM-CHINA, an annual conference for ISCRAM research in China. All information on ISCRAM can be found at <http://www.iscram.org>

This year the conference will be held from 10-13 May at the Göteborg University located in Gothenburg, Sweden. The conference will be hosted by the Viktoria Institute and the IT-university of Gothenburg. All details on this conference will be made available via the ISCRAM website mentioned above.