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TRACK: Technologies, Tools and Demos

CALL FOR PAPERS

FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON

Studies of Command and Control Systems

Session ID: TechToolsDemos1

Motivation

Information and communication technologies are an essential component of command and control systems today. Optimism about the effect of such technologies is high. However, research on how people actually use new technology in command and control and the effects of this is limited and develops at a more modest pace. This session invites both qualitative and quantitative studies of how new technologies affect the way command and control is exercised.

Research Area

In the context of command and control, efforts to improve knowledge about the effects of new technology should be encouraged. This includes case studies, methodological contributions, (quasi-) experimental and field studies, quantitative and qualitative studies, as well as replications of earlier studies, which can be of help in analysing, designing, evaluating, and understanding command and control. The common focus is people working in dynamic situations using various technologies to support the task of command and control. Studies may concern individual decision makers as well as teams or organisations.

Topics

A non-exhaustive list of example topics for this session:

- *Simulator studies*
- *Microworld/Scaled World Studies*
- *Studies of exercises/role-playing*
- *Field tests of C2 systems*
- *Methods of evaluating C2 systems*
- *Case studies/Field studies of C2 systems*

Type of contribution:



This session allows academic and practitioner contributions

- **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.
- All submissions must be submitted through the ISCRAM 2009 conference paper submission web page at www.conftool.com/iscram2009. Instructions for the ConfTool system can be found on 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.



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Important ISCRAM 2009 Dates:

- Call for special session proposals: September 9 (revised date)
- Deadline special sessions proposals: September 20
- Call for papers: September 25
- 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.