



ISCRAM2009
**The 6th International Conference on Information Systems for
Crisis Response and Management**

**Gothenburg, Sweden
May 10-13, 2009
<http://www.iscram.org>**

TRACK: Tools, Technologies and Demos

CALL FOR PAPERS

Introduction of track:

When all is said and done, Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management is about putting effective tools and technologies in the hands of people with critical needs in critical situations. In recognition that many effective tools and technologies are created outside research settings, the ISCRAM 2009 conference call for papers to surface intellectually stimulating work that contributes to the field but whose evolution has favored practical application over rigorous scientific grounding. This track offers practitioners, technology developers and researchers the opportunity to showcase working technologies, and discuss the technical, social or political challenges that were encountered in implementation or deployment.

Track topics

This track focuses on paper submissions on working technologies. Topics might include, but are not limited to, technologies oriented toward support for particular needs:

- Communication, collaboration, cooperation or partnering
- Information management, analysis or visualization
- Privacy, safety or security
- Resource discovery or distribution
- Surveillance, monitoring, alerting or notification
- Austere, fragile or deep-field environments
- Inter-agency, cross-cultural or multi-national operations
- Planning, training or evaluation
- Operations management or decision support
- Specialized domain needs, e.g., public health, humanitarian action, conflict situations

Or, submissions might focus on design, development, deployment or evaluation strategies:

- Using crises to push technology design or development
- Developing, supporting or sharing free and open-source software
- Converting field implementations to robust mature technology

- Using ad hoc volunteer resources to develop, deploy and evaluate critical technologies

Special Sessions

In addition to the general track, this track also includes the following special session:

- Studies of Command and Control Systems

For detailed information regarding special sessions, please consult each Special Sessions' Call for Papers.

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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.

Important ISCRAM 2009 Dates:

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| • 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.