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SHORT BIO

I was born in New Zealand, spent much of my childhood in Kenya, worked in UK and Singapore, and am now resident in The Netherlands. I have 20 years experience as a military officer (Royal Air Force, UK and Singapore), 17 years in the international IT industry based in The Netherlands, and 6 years to date as the NLDA's Professor in Operational ICT. For 9 years I also gave an annual, two-month, Honours-level course in Advanced ICT for Planning and Control as a visiting professor at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. My bachelor degree was in aeronautical engineering, and my PhD in artificial intelligence. My research interests are in network-enabled Command & Control (C2) systems from a social-technical viewpoint, specialising in business process models, intelligent planning, and agent-based architectures. I am currently responsible for the bachelor-level academic education of Dutch military officer cadets and midshipmen in Information Systems, for a research programme (currently 4 PhD students, with 2 more starting later this year) in collaboration with 4 universities and with the NATO C2 Center of Excellence, and for the management of a team of 7 lecturers.

PREVIOUS ISCRAM ACTIVITIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

I have taken part in all ISCRAM conferences since 2004. As well as presenting and reviewing papers, I have organised a session (2006), given a tutorial (2007), and twice taken part in the Best Paper selection committee. I have been a member of the ISCRAM Association since it was founded.

AMBITIONS AND PLAN AS AN ISCRAM BOARD MEMBER

After election, I intend to strengthen the mutual knowledge and experience in the military and civil crisis response and management domains. There are benefits to be gained in operations, in scientific knowledge, and in developing software-based products and services. Operationally, military forces and civil organisations (Ministries of Defence, Foreign Affairs, and Overseas Development, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, suppliers, and the media) increasingly need to cooperate and collaborate with one another. The scientific body of knowledge gains when principles identified in one domain are also applicable to another. In the longer term industry will access a larger market by developing and supplying products and services that are applicable across multiple domains. I will focus on enabling the ISCRAM community to realise these benefits.