ISCRAM2010

Defining Crisis Management 3.0

7th International Conference on
Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management

May 2-5 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Seattle Washington USA

Ph.D. Colloquium
Sunday May 2, 2010

Call for Applications

Overview

The goals of the Ph.D. Colloquium of the ISCRAM 2010 conference are three-fold:

- to develop and sustain a network of young scholars conducting high quality research in the area of Information Systems for crisis response and management.

- to support the next generation of crisis management researchers by addressing issues relevant to the progression of a research career

- to allow participants to discuss their research with leading specialists, scholars and peers in an international setting.

Accomplishment of these goals is supported through a one-day program – taking place immediately prior to the main ISCRAM conference. The colloquium is targeted at PhD students seeking careers as researchers in academic settings. The colloquium will consist of discussions, presentations and shared activities centred on the following topics: the Ph.D. process, building and utilizing your research community, advancing your career, opportunities for publishing your work and funding your future research.

Up to twelve students will be accepted for the colloquium. They will be joined by faculty mentors and senior doctoral students from the USA and Europe who are actively involved in the ISCRAM community:

- Julie Dugdale, University of Grenoble, France

- David Mendonca, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA

- Starr Roxanne Hiltz, Distinguished Professor Emeriti, Information systems NJIT, USA

- Sophia Liu, University of Colorado at Boulder, USA

- Murray Turoff, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Information systems NJIT, USA

- Nitesh Bharosa, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

Students accepted for the colloquium are also eligible to present their work during a poster session, to be held both at the end of the doctoral colloquium and during the main ISCRAM conference itself. The poster template will be available later. This will offer students the valuable opportunity to receive feedback and perspectives on their research from recognized experts in the field and other senior doctoral students.

Students who submit papers to the ISCRAM conference itself (and who are named as first author) will be eligible for the Mike Meleshkin Award for best PhD Student paper.

New for 2010: Students presenting their work during the conference will also be assigned a 'mentor' who will give feedback to the student after their presentation on content, further work, presentation style, etc.

Eligibility

- Doctoral students who, at the time of the colloquium, have not yet defended their dissertation are eligible to apply.

- Student participants must register for the main conference (a student rate is available).

Logistics

The colloquium is a one day event on the 2nd May 2009, immediately prior to the ISCRAM main conference, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Seattle, USA.

A website will be available where accepted students can view the research interests of other participants, download the poster template and raise issues that they would like to discuss during the Colloquium, etc.

The main airport is Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. There are numerous direct flights from European and North American cities. For further information on travel and on Seattle in general, see: http://www.seattle.gov/html/visitor/

How to Apply

To apply, send an email to phdcolloquium@iscram.org by 1st February 2010. Put "doctoral colloquium application" in the subject line, include a brief note in the body of the message stating that you are applying to the colloquium, and attach a single file containing the following items:

- An abstract of less than 250 words summarizing your proposed research and its potential significance to the ISCRAM topic.

- A research statement of 750 to 1500 words describing the proposed thesis research in greater detail (e.g., methodology, any interim results, expected contributions). Note that the word limit does not include references but does include tables and figures.

- A personal statement of less than 250 words describing what you expect to contribute to and receive from the colloquium.

- A current curriculum vitae. List institutions attended and degrees received, including any degrees in progress. Also list publications, grants awarded, teaching and service activities, and any other information you feel is pertinent.

- A digital photo. This will be used for the photo roster if the application is successful.

Note: the abstract and research statement must be formatted in accordance with the Word template for papers submission, which is downloadable from ISCRAM website (see http://www.iscram.org).

The file name should be your last name, and the file format should be Adobe PDF.

Important Dates

01 February 2010	Applications due
15 February 2010	Decision on applications. If successful, participants should prepare a poster of their work
Early March, 2010	Early registration deadline
02 May 2010	Ph.D. Colloquium
03-05 May 2010	ISCRAM main conference (including poster session)

Further details of ISCRAM2010, as they become clear, will be published on www.iscram.org and through its discussion and mailing lists.

Questions and Further Information

Additional information about the colloquium may be found at www.iscram.org. Any questions should be sent to the Doctoral Colloquium Chair (Julie Dugdale) at phdcolloquium@iscram.org.

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. Full information on ISCRAM can be found at www.iscram.org.

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