

CALL FOR INTEREST

Hosting ISCRAM 2021 Conference

The Board of the ISCRAM Association is preparing for the organization of ISCRAM2021, the 18th International Conference on Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management. The Board wishes to invite people and organizations that are interested in organizing the event to reply to this call for interest. The proposed conference venue for ISCRAM 2021 should be in **the European Continent**, and it should take place in period **mid-April / end of May**. ISCRAM has grown from an attendance of 72 people in 2004; for the last four years we have had an average of over 250 participants. The conference itself is a three-day event (Monday to Wednesday), preceded by a day of doctoral colloquium, workshops and tutorials on Sunday – with the possibility to move workshops during the conference to foster interactions between practitioners and researchers. To encourage networking, ISCRAM conferences offer a range of social events.

Submissions:

We strive for excellent submissions in all fields related to ISCRAM topics.

- ISCRAM papers are published in open source proceedings that are indexed by Elsevier and DBLP. To ensure highest quality, target acceptance rates for long research papers should be around 35 %.
- We also encourage submission of Insight and Short Papers reflecting the state of the art and presenting topics particularly relevant in practice
- Specific actions to engage with and attract practitioners: extended abstracts and specific communications from practitioners are expected in the call for papers as a 3rd type of contributions
- Paper submissions are complemented by workshops, tutorials, demos and panels.

If you are interested, please:

- Send a notification of intent to iscram.events@gmail.com saying: "I, <name>, <affiliation> confirm, as a point of contact for my organization, that we have the intention of preparing a proposal for organizing the ISCRAM2021conference." Please include your contact information.
- By sending your notification of intent, you are stating that you are willing to prepare a proposal within the timeframe set out below. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline RIZZA and Marcos BORGES, ISCRAM Events Committee chairs, at iscram.events@gmail.com. We will also provide a Survival Guide for Organizers of ISCRAM events to support you and your team through all phases. To find out more about ISCRAM Events, please visit our website: <http://www.iscram.org>

Based on the received notifications, the ISCRAM Board will decide on the official invitations to submit a complete proposal. Invited candidates will be assisted by an ISCRAM liaison person to help them prepare the document.

- The proposals are reviewed by a selection committee chosen by the Board of the ISCRAM Association, then the Board makes a final decision based on the committee's recommendations.
- The selected organization and venue will be announced at the ISCRAM2019 Conference (in Valencia, Spain) and presented in detail at the ISCRAM2020 Conference (in Virginia, USA).
- All candidates will receive initial feedback on their intent by the beginning of March 2019.
- At least one representative of the selected proposal is expected to attend the ISCRAM2019 conference and meet with the ISCRAM Board at that time.

Time line:

- Deadline for the notification of intent: 1 March 2019
- Official invitation from ISCRAM Board to submit a proposal: 8 March 2019
- Deadline for the submission of completed proposals: 12 April 2019
- Selection of ISCRAM2021 host and venue: 3 May 2019
- Announcement at ISCRAM2019: 21 May 2019