

**Society for Risk Analysis (SRA)  
Conferences and Workshops Committee:  
Subcommittee for Workshops at the Annual Meeting (WAM)**

***Criteria for Judging Workshop Proposals***

**Required**

The following conditions must be met for workshops at the SRA annual meeting.

1. ***Truth in advertising***: The title of the workshop and its description for marketing purposes must fairly and accurately represent the scope of the workshop.
2. ***Non-commercial***: the workshop must be consistent with the Society's mission, scholarly and educational, not focused on a commercial product or service.
3. ***Balance***: the workshop must be intellectually balanced, presenting issues, particularly controversial ones, from more than one viewpoint. The balance of viewpoints should be compatible with the advertised title, scope and purpose of the workshop.
4. ***Financially viable***: the workshop fee must be reasonable and the workshop budget must address the expectation that income (fees) will cover expenses, preferably with a reasonable margin.

**Desired**

The following attributes are considered desirable, but no one attribute is required nor is any one strictly preferred. Accepted workshops would be expected to excel with respect to more than one of these criteria.

1. ***Introductory***: the workshop provides a framing introduction to risk analysis or a specific topic, primarily directed at new members and for current members seeking a broader view of risk analysis or understanding in a new area.
2. ***Breadth of appeal***: the workshop is expected to be of interest to a wide array of SRA members and potential new members.
3. ***Timeliness***: the workshop addresses a topic of recent and continuing interest among SRA members
4. ***Expertise***: the workshop instructors are experts in the fields relevant to the content of the workshop.

5. **Teaching quality:** the workshop instructors are known to be skilled communicators and teachers.
6. **Interactive:** the workshop encourages interaction by the participants, facilitated by the instructors.
7. **Multi-disciplinary:** the workshop provides an integrating, multi-disciplinary treatment of concepts and issues.
8. **International:** the workshop represents international perspectives, or is of interest to an international audience.
9. **Previous performance:** the workshop has been presented in the past and was well attended/favorably evaluated by participants.

#### **Additional Consideration**

1. **Programmatic fit:** In some cases (e.g., when space is venue-constrained), where workshops are otherwise equally desirable, the committee may choose to approve one workshop over another to provide overall disciplinary balance in the continuing education offerings at the SRA annual meeting.