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Message from the President

This month's President's Column is a bit different. Last month I wrote with Katherine McComas and Robyn Wilson about the challenges society faces from the the novel coronavirus and COVID-19. We continue to face significant challenges and a high degree of uncertainty in this evolving situation, and SRA will continue to do our part to help foster an evidence- based, risk-informed conversation.

In today's column I want to focus on a different aspect of SRA - our culture of collaboration and working together. We are a diverse society, spanning many different methods and application domains. Yet we work together well in a collegial, friendly manner, whether it is in planning an annual meeting or arranging a last-minute webinar to discuss the coronavirus outbreak. I was particularly heartened by the tremendous response to my email calling for participants for the coronavirus webinar. We could not accommodate everyone who was interested, but I want to thank all of you who responded. I also want to encourage us all to continue to work well together across methodological, application area, and disciplinary boundaries. This is part of what makes SRA so strong, and we can be an example for many other disciplines. Keep up the great work not just in the work we do but in how we go about doing it.

Sincerely,

Seth Guikema

Risk Analysis Perspectives on COVID-19 Outbreak Thursday, March 12 | 1pm ET

Coronavirus is hitting many hot buttons related to risk and poses challenges for risk assessment, risk perception, and risk communication. SRA will host an evidence-based [webinar](#) providing a risk-based perspective on COVID-19.

In a non-political discussion, SRA will draw new insights from a wide variety of risk experts who have studied either COVID-19 or related disease outbreaks and can offer fresh perspectives on the risks of COVID-19, risk related research currently underway, risk communication and practical information.

Panelists include:

- Mike Jackson, Ph.D., Kaiser Permanente and Affiliate Assistant Professor, Epidemiology, Washington Health Research Institute, University of Washington
- Charles Haas, Ph.D., LD Betz Professor of Environmental Engineering, Drexel University
- Christopher L. Cummings, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Strategic Communication, Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Christos Nicolaidis, Ph.D., Lecturer in Management Information Systems, Department of Business and Public Administration, University of Cyprus (UCY) and MIT
- Janet Yang, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Communication, University of Buffalo

- Cindy Jardine, Ph.D., Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Health and Community, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of the Fraser Valley
- S. Michelle Driedger, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, Max Rady College of Medicine, University of Manitoba

Moderator: Seth Guikema, Ph.D., President of the Society of Risk Analysis, University of Michigan

Register



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SRA 2020 Risk Science for Sustainability

December 13 - 17 · Austin, TX

Save the Date!

The submission portal for abstracts for the 2020 Annual Meeting will open later this month. All abstracts, including symposia and roundtables, and workshop proposals will be due by midnight ET on May 26, 2020.

2020 SRA Council Elections: Call for Nominations

The SRA invites nominations for the positions of:

- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Councilor (three openings)

All nominations must be submitted by **April 1** and should be accompanied by a nomination letter that describes the candidate's background in risk analysis, prior affiliations with SRA, etc.

Nomination letters should be sent to the Chair of the SRA Nominating Committee, terje.aven@uis.no, with copy to Jill Drupa (jdrupa@burkinc.com)

2020 SRA Award Nominations

SRA is currently seeking member nominations for the following awards:

Distinguished Achievement Award
Richard J. Burk Outstanding Service Award
Outstanding Practitioner Award
Chauncey Starr Distinguished Young Risk Analyst Award
Distinguished Educator Award
Fellow

If you would like to nominate an SRA member for an award, please submit a formal nomination letter that describes the candidate's background and rationale for why the candidate should receive this award, along with any supporting documentation or secondary support letters. Only current SRA members are eligible for awards and only formal submissions will be considered.

Deadline for submission is April 15. Please send nomination letters and supporting materials to the Awards Committee Chair, [Margaret MacDonell](#).

Registration for the SRA-E Benelux Chapter Meeting is Open! **Eindhoven, Netherlands, March 24, 2020**

Risks and (disruptive) technologies are closely connected. Technologies can reduce risks, but also introduce new ones. Socially disruptive technologies have a huge impact on our lives. Technologies like artificial intelligence, Internet-of-Things, gene editing, social robots and geo-engineering fundamentally change society. Artificial intelligence, for example, can reduce health and safety risks or improve user experiences, but can also lead to social disruption through discrimination and exclusion of specific groups of people, filter bubbles and privacy and security risks.

SRA-E invites you to its Benelux Conference 2020 on 24 March 2020, which focuses on the Risk-Technology Nexus, and particularly the trade-offs of potentially disruptive

technologies. This event is co-organized with the TU/e Center for Humans and Technology.

We welcome researchers, academics, practitioners and policy makers, and of course SRA-members, to join us as we share the latest insights and practices.

[Click here to register.](#)

Registration for the 2020 SRA-Europe Conference is Open!

Espoo, Finland, June 14-17, 2020

The Society for Risk Analysis – Europe invites you to its 29th Annual Conference at the Aalto University campus, Espoo, Finland, June 14-17, 2020 with the general subject “The Discipline(s) of Risk Science”.

The SRA-Europe Conference is open to all interested researchers and experts in the various fields of risk analysis. Industry representatives, governmental bodies and relevant public and private institutions are welcomed. Graduate students are also encouraged to participate.

[Click here to register for the Conference.](#)

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: April 15, 2020

Call for Papers: Risk Analysis and Crisis Management to 2019-Novel Coronavirus

SRA-China's official publication, Journal of Risk Analysis and Crisis Response, is currently editing a special issue: Risk Analysis and Crisis Management to 2019-Novel Coronavirus. Papers related to this topic can be submitted [here](#) until March 20. The special issue will be published in early April. Priority will be given to papers submitted on the following topics:

- Analysis of risk sources of 2019-novel coronavirus
- Risk analysis of 2019-novel coronavirus from a case to diffusion
- Crisis management of major infectious diseases based on Dynamic Risk Analysis
- Comparative study on the risk of 2019-novel coronavirus and severe acute

respiratory syndrome (2003-SARS)

- Scientific and technological support in the fight against 2003-SARS and 2019-novel coronavirus
- Introduction, development, evolution and countermeasures of 2003-SARS outside
- Application of big data and internet technology in risk analysis and crisis management of 2019-novel coronavirus

Be sure to select "2019-nCoV" in article type selection when submitting your paper.

SRA Member Spotlight: Rae Zimmerman, recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award.

Zimmerman's expertise includes infrastructure networks and interdependencies and human behavioral elements that influence these systems; risk perception and communication; security; and emergency planning for and risks associated with human and natural threats. Her work typically integrates social science, natural science and engineering. Her current research continues to focus upon critical infrastructure systems, their interconnectivity, and the risks and consequences of extreme events on those systems. Her recent



professional appointments and activities include being a member of the Transportation Research Board and Critical Transportation Infrastructure Protection standing committee and co-chair of its Physical Security subcommittee, and appointment member of the New York City Panel on Climate Change, and an appointed member of the National Academies committee on Pathways to Urban Sustainability.

Each month the SRA newsletter will feature one of its members and their work in the spotlight section. If you would like to nominate a member, please email [Melanie Preve](#).

Call for Chapters "Digital Services in Crisis, Disaster, and Emergency Situations"

We would like to invite all of you with research interests on the areas listed below to submit your work for

consideration to be published in the forthcoming book “Digital Services in Crisis, Disaster, and Emergency Situations”. We are asking for an abstract up to 1000/1500 words in English, until April 11, 2020.

Topics of interest:

- Digital services in Crisis, Disaster and Emergency planning
- Digital services in Crisis, Disaster and Emergency prevention
- Digital services in Crisis, Disaster and Emergency preparedness and mitigation
- Digital services in Crisis, Disaster and Emergency response and public policy
- Digital services in environmental Crisis, Disaster and Emergency
- Digital services in humanitarian Crisis, Disaster and Emergency
- Digital services in political Crisis and Emergency
- Digital services in nuclear Crisis, Disaster and Emergency
- Digital services in Resilience and social capital evaluation in Crisis, Disaster and Emergency situations
- Digital services Social vulnerability and resiliency in Crisis, Disaster and Emergency situations
- Instructional communication in Crisis, Disaster and Emergency situations
- Other topics related to digital services in the context of Crisis, Disaster and Emergency Situations

Please visit <https://www.igi-global.com/publish/call-for-papers/call-details/4552> for more details regarding this publication and to submit your work.

Dues for 2020 are now due and can be paid here:
<https://scienceserv.com/sra/membership/membership.php>

Upcoming Webinars

March 12, 1pm ET: [COVID19 Panel](#)

March 25, 11am ET: [Valuing Statistical Lives: Concepts, Current Practices and Challenges](#)

(rescheduled from February 5)

April 1, 11am ET: Hosted by the Decision Analysis and Risk SG

Looking for a change? Check out SRA's [job board](#) for new career opportunities in risk analysis

Due to concerns about coronavirus/travel, the SYPC Summer Workshop, originally scheduled for May 17-19, 2020, has been postponed.

Are you a member of another organization that could benefit from co-sponsoring an event with SRA?

For more information, and to apply for co-sponsorship, [click here](#).

More information will be shared when a new date has been confirmed.

Are you a regular contributor to an online publication or blog?

We want to help share your content! If you contribute to a publication, please email [Melanie Preve](#) and we'll be sure to share your pieces on SRA's social media channels.



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