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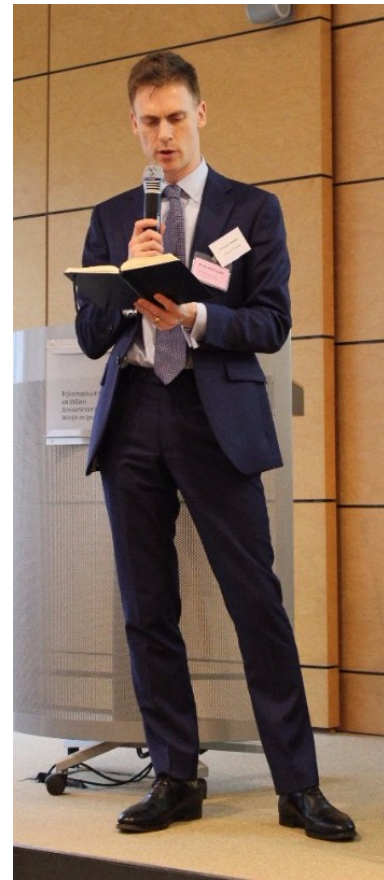


Photo: Councilor Frederic Bouder at the SRA-Benelux Meeting



CALL FOR
ABSTRACTS

SRA 2017
RISK ANALYSIS

The Profession · The Practitioners · The Research

December 10 - 14 · Arlington, VA

The Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) invites your abstracts for presentations at the 2017 SRA Annual Meeting in Arlington, Virginia, USA, December 10-14.

We welcome contributions on any topic related to risk assessment, risk characterization, risk perception, risk communication, risk management, risk governance, and policy relating to risk, in the context of risks of concern to individuals, to public and private sector organizations, and to society at a local, regional, national, or global level. This includes in particular assessment, communication and management of resilience, safety and security related issues, and approaches and methods supporting decision making, like decision analysis and cost-benefit analysis.

The theme of the conference “*Risk Analysis – the Profession, the Practitioners, the Research*” highlights the important role risk analysts have in tackling risk problems and improving the science and practice of risk analysis.

**Abstracts are due no later than May 31, 2017,
midnight EST.**

[Click here for complete submission guidelines and to submit your abstract.](#)



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Continuing education workshops will be offered on Sunday, December 10 and Thursday, December 14 in either 4 or 8 hour sessions. We are looking for proposals for workshops that meet basic member training needs. This year we especially encourage proposals aimed at improving the foundations and/or practice of risk analysis (Risk analysis fundamentals, risk assessment, risk perception and communication, risk management & governance, or solving real risk problems & issues).

[Click here for complete workshop submission guidelines and to submit your proposal.](#)

Continuing education workshop proposals are due no later than June 7, 2017.

Save the Date!

Upcoming Webinars

An additional email will be sent to all members with a registration link

May 23 at 5:30pm ET: *Advancing the Science Webinar Series 3rd Installment: Bovine Milk Microbiota*

If you or your specialty group is interested in hosting a webinar, please contact [Robin Dillon-Merrill](#). All of our past webinars are available [here](#) for members.



[Register today](#) for the 26th SRA-E Annual Conference June 19-21, Lisbon, Portugal

This year's theme is *New Challenges, New Threats: Resilience and Adaptation in a Risky World*. **View the full scientific program [here](#).**

EISG Student Merit Competition

The EISG encourages students to participate in our annual Student Merit Competition when registering for the 2017 SRA Annual Meeting. More information can be found on our [website](#).



Student Spotlight: Heimir Thorisson, PhD student at the University of Virginia. Check out his profile on the EISG [website](#).

If you would like to nominate a student for next quarter's spotlight, contact

[Allison Reilly](#).

8th Conference on Decision and Game Theory for Security

GameSec 2017 will take place at Tech Gate Vienna from October 23-25. The submission deadline is June 29. For more information, and to submit a proposal, visit the conference [website](#).



The Open Philanthropy Project is currently accepting pre-proposals for risk assessment projects in the biosecurity and pandemic preparedness fields.

The Project is prepared to fund projects at the \$25K-\$1M level.

The submission deadline is May 12.

For more information and to make a submission, visit their [website](#).

DRSG 2017 Student Competition

The DRSG student merit award is given to a graduate student conducting research on dose-response assessment. In addition to signifying peer recognition of the student's scientific accomplishment, the award includes a registration fee waiver for the SRA Annual Meeting, a plaque and an honorarium. To be considered, submit your abstract for presentation at the 2017 SRA Annual Meeting by May 31. **To view requirements for student merit award applicants and the applicable judging criteria, visit the DRSG [website](#).**

Are you a risk manager? Are you supporting a risk manager?

The Applied Risk Management Specialty Group will support several presentations at SRA 2017. Key aspects of the paper may include: practical difficulties of making effective risk management decision advice in the real world, effective ways you found to address those difficulties, any evidence that your organization's/client's risk management has improved due to your analysis/advice, interesting metrics you used to assess that improvement, lessons learned and paths forward. You can include procedural devices (e.g. Red Teams, External Review) but please no papers limited to procedural devices only. We especially encourage papers developed, in whole or in part, by "real world" risk managers.

When you [submit](#) your abstract, please designate the Applied Risk Management specialty group.

Risk Policy and Law Specialty Group Wants to Support Your 2017 Annual Meeting Presentation

Please reach out to this year's group chair, [Kirk Hartley](#), no later than Monday, May 15, if you have a proposal you would like the RP&L group to consider, as we intend to support one or more presentations at SRA 2017. The RP&L group is also interested in collaborating with other specialty groups on panels that cross group lines.

Examples might include risk analysis strategies for rapidly emerging technologies (e.g. AI diagnostics), or risk analysis for susceptible populations (e.g. persons in certain age groups or with inherited genetic mutations that some may argue will leave them "more susceptible to low dose toxins" in the workplace). Note also that the amended TSCA "scoping" documents are due out on June 19 and likely will provide fertile grounds for risk analysis topics. Finally, last week's US House vote on health care, and other related draft bills, highlight the re-emergence of issues regarding risks related to the growing abundance of genetic information, and how to understand, manage and regulate (or not) personal, financial and other risks related to health conditions and genetic data.

SRA has officially joined Facebook! Please be sure to like and follow our new [page](#) and invite your friends and colleagues to do so as well. If you would like to post something on the page, please email [Melanie Preve](#) with

your request. Be sure to also follow SRA on Twitter, @SocRiskAnalysis.

Each month the Communications Committee selects an article from the journal for further media coverage. Last month's selected article featured a new study on airport security procedures.

Study Reveals What Air Travelers Will Tolerate for Non-Discriminatory Security Screening

Mounting anti-terrorism security procedures and the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) screening processes have launched numerous debates about the protection of civil liberties and equal treatment of passengers. A new study published in Risk Analysis has successfully quantified how much potential air passengers value equal protection when measured against sacrifices in safety, cost, wait time, and convenience.

The study, "Valuing equal protection in aviation security screening," examined how much American travelers valued the principle of equal protection by quantifying the "equity premium." The equity premium included the following components: monetary costs defined as a screening fee that passengers were willing to pay per flight; wait time defined as the length of time in minutes that passengers had to wait to complete security screening; convenience defined as the proportion of passengers without contraband who are mistakenly singled out for further scrutiny; and safety defined as the acceptable percentage of passengers who board with contraband that was not detected during screening (known as the "miss rate"). Read the full press release [here](#).

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is looking to support workshops and Research Coordination Networks for interdisciplinary thinking related to the following NSF Big Ideas:

- Harnessing the Data Revolution for 21st Century Science and Engineering
- Navigating the New Arctic
- The Quantum Leap: Leading the Next Quantum Revolution
- Work at the Human-Technology Frontier: Shaping the Future

For more information on the topics, financial awards, and to submit a proposal visit the NSF's [website](#). The NSF is prepared to begin funding projects immediately.

Proposals are due by May 15.



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