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Welcome

Welcome to the 34th International Conference of the System Dynamics Society. This year the conference returns to the wonderful city of Delft, The Netherlands. Delft University of Technology is the conference host.

This year's program shows that the field of System Dynamics continues to thrive. Conference participants come from all over the world. Starting with the PhD Colloquium on Sunday; through plenary, parallel, and poster sessions Monday through Wednesday; and Thursday's workshops, you will have the opportunity to participate in conversations and presentations that discuss System Dynamics work of leading academics and practitioners.

The main theme of the conference, **Black Swans and Black Lies**, explores how System Dynamics modeling can be used to build resilience to shocks (the black swans part of the conference theme) and how appropriate organizational and institutional set-up of modeling projects can support the implementation of policies after the modeling project has ended (the black lies part of the conference theme). The conference program consists of invited and contributed sessions and workshops demonstrating the state of the art in the theory and application of System Dynamics. The online schedule gives direct access to brief author bios, photos, and presentation slides. Furthermore, the Model Expo returns to the conference providing an extremely interactive hands-on experience with models presented. The program schedule also includes exhibits, special sessions, a student colloquium, and Society business meetings. In addition, both Modeling Assistance and Publishing Assistance workshops are available.

During the conference there is also time for social and professional interaction in a relaxed setting. The Welcome Reception at the Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management at Delft University on Sunday, the Poster Symposium and Light Buffet at the Aula Conference Centre on Monday, the Conference Banquet at "*Beachclub Royal*" in Hoek van Holland on Tuesday, and the lunch buffets and coffee breaks at the Aula Conference Centre will provide such opportunities. Additionally, the Spouses' Lounge (the Hive Room of Delft University Library) offers a place for spouses, significant others, travel companions, and family members to meet, gather, and plan to do wonderful things in and around Delft. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and renew acquaintances. Activities include guided tours of both the historic center of The Hague and a Storm Surge barrier. Other excursions may include a tour of historic Delft (including church visits) and a visit to the Vermeer Centre.

This year, 28 Thread Chairs, supported by several hundred volunteer reviewers, screened and commented on around 320 submissions. In addition, several dozen volunteers worked many hours to ensure a successful conference; without their commitment our conference would be impossible. A very special thank you goes to all who helped.

In addition to all our sponsors, we are also very fortunate this year to have three conference partners, *Greenwood Strategic Advisors AG, Delft University of Technology and the Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management*. We sincerely appreciate the enthusiasm and support of all our sponsors.

We have confidence you will find the conference stimulating and rewarding. We ask that you bring to our attention anything that may help us to ensure the success of the current conference, as well as future ones. Thank you for attending!

On behalf of the conference committee, best wishes from,

Birgit Kopainsky, Andreas Größler, Erik Pruyt, C. Els van Daalen, Monique van der Toorn-Fennema, Jack Homer, Hazhir Rahmandad, and Roberta Spencer

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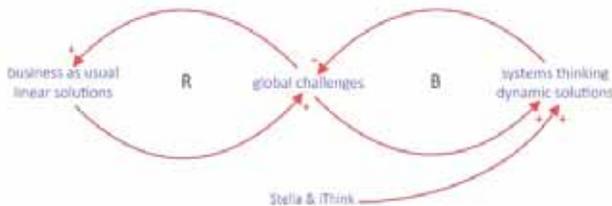
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