

# **System Dynamics Society - Winter Policy Council Meeting**

## **VP Meetings Report by Len Malczynski**

### **Accomplishments**

1. Maintained and expanded the Newcomer Orientation session at the ICSDS. Engaged on-site help for the current conference default sites (Cambridge, MA and Delft, The Netherlands).
2. Encouraged software vendors to announce and link to the Cambridge 2013 conference through a directed email.
3. Encouraged submission of proposals for new conference sites. Presented a workshop with Roberta Spencer for potential future conference hosts. Have received two expressions of interest, Riga, Latvia and London, United Kingdom.

### **Plans**

1. Make the Newcomer Orientation a responsibility of the VP Meetings.
2. Make the "Want to host the conference?" a permanent ICSDS workshop.
3. Ask software vendors to again link to the ICSDS from their homepage.
4. Participate in the conference proceedings quality discussion and gauge the impact on conference attendance.
5. Engage assistant VP in discovering new conference sites and proposals.

### **Issues**

1. Concerned with the effects of the publication of proceedings decision on conference health.
2. Concerned with the 'Supporting' documents portion of the conference proceedings. Separate study ongoing.