

**Progress report of the
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We will follow the same model for the 2016 conference as we did for the 2014 conference. The conference site has been arranged; and the hotel rooms will be booked in the very near future for the International Conference of the System Dynamics Society 2016 in Delft. The main conference site will be the Aula Congress Center (www.tudelft.nl/en/about-tu-delft/contact-and-accessibility/housing-tu-delft/accessibility/building-20/) of Delft University of Technology. The Aula Congress Center consists of a grand lecture hall (1000 persons), 4 lecture halls (each 250-350 persons), the senate hall (100 persons), several commission rooms (each 20-60 persons), 2 levels, a reception room, a very large entree hall, and a large student restaurant.

The PhD Colloquium, Policy Council Meeting and Sunday other meetings, workshops, and further activities will be hosted at the Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management (300m from the Aula Congress Center). The faculty has 12 lecture rooms (up to 140 persons), 3 gaming and simulation rooms (36 persons each) that could be merged into a large room (160 persons in total), several meeting rooms, a Boardroom for the Policy Council Meeting, break out corners (8 x 6 persons), a cafeteria and a faculty bar.

A ‘volunteers in training’ program was set up in 2013-2014 and will continue in 2015-2016: System Dynamics students from Delft University of Technology will be trained as volunteers at this year’s conference in Cambridge.

We will avoid positioning posters in back areas, as they were not uniformly visited in 2014. We may consider having multiple poster sessions. Lunch will be included in the registration fee and we plan to offer a lighter option. A new venue for the banquet or a different format is being investigated.

The Congress Center team and an organization called Delft Marketing have agreed to support the local organizing team. Several meetings have been planned. Several hotels have been contacted. Negotiations will start soon with the nicest, cozy hotels in the historic center and a large modern hotel at walking distance from the conference site.

Regarding pre-conference planning, the Program Chairs and other volunteers, conference hosts, partners or sponsors have not yet been identified.