

Report VP Membership, Policy Council Meeting Winter 2015

Since the 2014 Summer Policy Council Meeting there are three topics to report on:

1. the case repository;
2. contact with SIGs;
3. handover VP Membership tasks.

The case repository (<http://cases.systemdynamics.org/>) is online since November 2011. Navid Ghaffarzadegan was responsible for the submission system in the past, and currently this role is taken up by Weijia Ran. Étienne Rouwette and Kim Warren had a large role in inviting potential contributors to send in cases. Kim Warren has volunteered to be the Cases keeper and is now leading the initiative. He reports to the VP Membership.

In my opinion, the contacts between SIGs and SD Society are few and not intensive. The SIG and Chapter meeting at the summer conferences are attended by representatives of most SIGs, but during the rest of the year there is little email or other contact. Two emails on the annual reports, using the SIG representative mail addresses at the SD Society website, resulted in reactions of only three of ten SIGs. My recommendation is that the new VP Membership attempt to start a conversation with the SIGs to learn more about their status and, if relevant, how the Society may help them. The three annual reports that were sent in are the supplementary files.

On January 1, 2015 Özge Pala has taken over the role of VP Membership from Étienne Rouwette. The handover is not completed yet as Özge is on temporary leave from her university.

Étienne Rouwette, 8 February 2015