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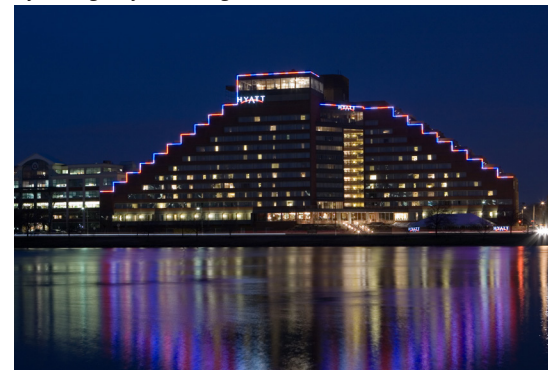
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Deadlines and Key Dates

February 2, 2017	Opening date for paper submissions and workshop and session proposals
March 22, 2017	Deadline for paper submissions and workshop and session proposals
May 11, 2017	Notification of acceptance
May 31, 2017	Presenter registration deadline—papers of unregistered designated presenters will be removed from the program
June 7, 2017	Tentative program schedule available
June 20, 2017	Conference registration fee increase
July 16, 2017	PhD Colloquium Policy Council Meeting
July 17, 2017	Cambridge Conference Opening!

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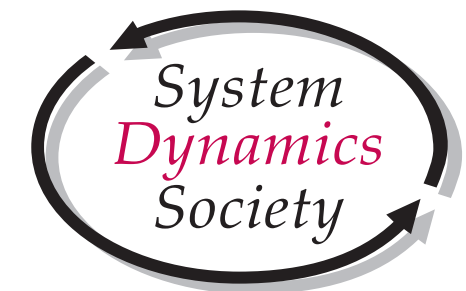**Other Anonymous Sponsors**

Call for Papers

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60th Anniversary Celebration
Preliminary
Conference Information
Call for Papers, Workshops, and Sessions

System Dynamics Society

Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
July 16 – 20, 2017

Hosted by:
System Dynamics Group
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Sloan School of Management**
Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

Overview

2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of the field of System Dynamics. It is thus fitting that we hold the 60th anniversary conference in Cambridge, next to the MIT campus where Jay Forrester developed the field. Today, System Dynamics is used around the world, from K-12 classrooms through doctoral programs, in scholarly research across many disciplines, and in applications from organizational change to climate change, from medicine to management. We will celebrate the accomplishments of the past six decades and explore future directions by showcasing the best work in dynamic modeling being done today.

The annual System Dynamics conference brings together people from around the world to share important research and application results. The program includes plenary presentations that showcase important work in the field, parallel and poster sessions that present the most current research and applications, and a full day of skill-building workshops covering topics from basic software use to advanced analysis techniques. Panel discussions, special interest group sessions, student colloquia, a modeling assistance workshop, a publishing assistance workshop, vendor exhibits, and demonstrations round out the program. The conference schedule provides time for social and professional interaction.

Program

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. We welcome all research and documented consulting activities in System Dynamics, including applications of the methodology to solve real-world problems, new technical and software developments, and productive integration of complementary methodologies.

The conference schedule is organized by thread so as to create coherent sessions for presentation.

The tentative list of threads for 2017 is:

- Business
- Economics
- Environment
- Health
- Human Behavior
- Information and Knowledge
- Learning and Teaching
- Methodology
- Operations
- Public Policy
- Resources
- Security
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Strategy

Who should attend?

Academics: *Communicate your results and find out about research being conducted around the world.*

Consultants: *Demonstrate the power of System Dynamics in client work and see what others are doing.*

Practitioners: *Show what is being done in your organization and learn what is happening elsewhere.*

Graduate Students: *Share your research, get feedback, and meet potential collaborators.*

Educators: *Let people know what you are doing and see what is being done with students at all levels.*

Managers/Policy Makers: *Tell others what you value and discover new directions for your organization.*

Paper Submissions

Submit papers and supporting materials to *conference.systemdynamics.org*.

Papers may be submitted from February 2, 2017 to March 22, 2017. They will undergo a double-blind review and must be in sufficient detail for the referees to judge their meaning and value. Submissions must be in English, should be 5-30 pages in length (maximum 2 MB file size), and follow the submission requirements on the conference website. Abstracts are not accepted!

Provision of models (maximum 2 MB file size in addition to the paper) and other supporting materials to aid the review process is strongly encouraged and will be a factor in paper evaluation.

The Program Committee selects papers for inclusion in the program and determines the form of presentation (though authors may request presentation as a poster at the time of submission). Acceptance notices will be sent by May 11, 2017.

Authors retain the copyright to all submitted work and, by submitting, grant permission for inclusion of their title, abstract, and paper, if provided, in the conference record. Each paper must have a designated presenter and normally one individual can be a designated presenter for at most two works. Presenters not registered by May 31, 2017 will have their papers automatically removed from the schedule. All attendees, whether presenting or not, must register for the conference.

Workshop/Special Proposals

Proposals for workshops and tutorials are welcome and can be submitted online between February 2, 2017 and March 22, 2017.

Special proposals for plenary or parallel sessions, panel discussions, roundtables, and other pre- or post-conference activities are encouraged. Please provide a clear description and, when appropriate, include the names of speakers and the titles of papers that would be part of the session. Proposals should be sent to *progchair@systemdynamics.org*.

Good work in System Dynamics is often relevant to multiple communities. The conference promotes the diffusion of knowledge generally and System Dynamics particularly. Work that has been submitted to, accepted for, or already presented at another conference, or accepted but not yet published in a journal, will be considered. An article already published in a journal in English should not be submitted.

Real-World Practice

System Dynamics is aimed at solving important practical problems. We welcome people interested in such real-world applications. If you have ideas for sessions and workshops focused on addressing practical issues in specific commercial or scientific fields, please contact us.

Conference Venue

Cambridge offers an exciting setting where visitors from around the world mingle in the shadow of two of the world's premier educational institutions: the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University. Cambridge is often referred to as "Boston's Left Bank," offering many cafes, bookstores, and boutiques. The Hyatt Regency Cambridge hotel overlooks the Boston skyline and is situated along the scenic Charles River. Boston is a welcoming city renowned for its cultural facilities, educational institutions, sports teams, and its significance in American history.