Information Science and Information Systems Special Interest Group (iSIG)

Annual Report

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The Information Science and Information Systems Special Interest Group (iSIG) was created with the objective of advancing the application of system dynamics to the information science and information systems related problems. iSIG is oriented to encourage research, networking and advocacy within the system dynamics community and in other select academic and professional communities that focus on information science and information systems research and practice.

The iSIG was formally accepted to the System Dynamics Society on June 3, 2006, upon a vote by the society Policy Council. The main channel of communication between the society members who participate in the iSIG is the Yahoo group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sds_isig/.

There were 10 individuals who originally signed the petition to start the iSIG, and there are currently 18 members of the group, but we expect that that number will increase sharply after the poster session at the 2006 Conference. Current members of the iSIG are:

- Tarek Abou Ali - Maastricht School of Management
- Bahadir Akcam - SUNY Albany
- Karim Chichakly - isee Systems
- Vedat Diker - University of Maryland
- Will Glass-Husain - Forio Business Simulations
- Aseem Kapoor -
- Michael Kennedy - South Bank University

- Pericles Loucopoulos - University of Manchester
- Luis Luna-Reyes - Universidad de las Américas-Puebla
- Leonard Malczynski - Sandia Labs
- Oleg Pavlov – Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Boris Ramos - Escuela Superior Politechnica del Litoral
- Eliot Rich - SUNY Albany
- Tim Scheffmann - IBM BCS Consulting
- Jochen Scholl - University of Washington
- Wayne Wakeland - Portland State University

Our objectives for the next year are related to increase System Dynamics presence in the community of IS researchers, and to strengthen discussion and interchange of ideas inside the SIG. We will discuss during the iSIG meeting at Nijmegen some ideas related to these topics, such as:

1. How to get the most of our Yahoo Group? And Which are the conversations that we want to promote on it?

2. Which are the best ways to connect with the outside community of IS researchers?

    a. Conferences (HICSS, ICIS, AMCIS, etc.). We tried to start an AMCIS mini-track this year with little response.

    b. Journals (MISQ, ISR, CACM, etc.)

3. Advocate/promote/look for sponsorship for the development of an interchange language and help the vendors implement it.