

Moved by Deborah Campbell that the International and Intra-national Conflict (IINC) Special Interest Group be formally accepted into the System Dynamics Society. This motion has been formally made on the PC voting website.

The primary goal of the proposed IINC SIG is to link together those SD researchers with an interest in building models of international and intra-national conflict, including such topics as e.g. wars, balance-of-power negotiations, insurgencies, and terrorism. There has been a great deal of work in quantitative models of international relations and political science relating to this area. However, with few exceptions, these models exclude feedback dynamics, limiting their explanatory power. Hence, we would like to leverage the SIG to build a critical mass of SD researchers interested in this area to: (1) promote dissemination of new SD work in the area of conflict modeling throughout the SD community; (2) help bridge the gap with researchers from other fields interested in these topics; and (3) more effectively influence policy makers.

Twelve members have signed on and two people (Ed Anderson and Len Malcynski) will serve as the leaders of the group, responsible for reporting to the Policy Council.

The six Society members (all in good standing) who have confirmed by email that they would like to form the IINC SIG are:

1. Ed Anderson
2. Len Malcynski
3. George Backus
4. Tarek Abdel-Hamid
5. David Ford
6. Rogelio Oliva

Discussion by all is of course encouraged and appreciated on the PC Listserv. Please send comments, questions and discussion items to the Policy Council Listserv at SDS-PC@LISTSERV.ALBANY.EDU.

Discussion will continue until voting begins on Feb 28.