

## REPORT ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE

July 24-28, 2011

2011 International System Dynamics Conference in Washington, DC (Crystal City)

**2011 WINTER PC MEETING February 14, 2011**

By Roberta L. Spencer on behalf of the Conference Team

The web **SUBMISSION SYSTEM IS OPEN** to accept conference paper and workshop submissions. Submission deadline is March 21. Full submission system instructions can be found at:

<http://www.systemdynamics.org/conferences/instruct/intro.html>.

- New Thread Definitions: Please visit [www.systemdynamics.org/conferences/instruct/thread\\_definition.html](http://www.systemdynamics.org/conferences/instruct/thread_definition.html)

The **REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION**: The registration brochure with accommodations form is available on the website and the hardcopy was mailed within January 19 - 21. The registration fee for the conference is set at \$500.

Hotel room reservations will be arranged through the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel directly.

Room Type	Per Night Cost of Room
<b>Run of House</b>	Prices are in US Dollars, taxes included
Single, Double, Triple, or Quadruple Occupancy	<b>\$186.32 USD</b>
<b>Student (and staff) Rooms</b> (25% of room block, subject to verification)	
Single, Double, Triple, or Quadruple Occupancy	<b>\$142.22 USD</b>

**CONFERENCE WEBSITE:** <http://www.systemdynamics.org/conferences/current/index.htm>

**PRECONFERENCE PLANNING:** An organizational meeting with the local team and a familiarization trip to the hotel occurred in February 2010. The Program Chairs met with the local team in June 2010. Follow-up conference calls as well as some face-to-face meetings have been held on a regular basis by the local team members.

**CONFERENCE BUDGET:** The budget planning is based on a range of estimates for attendance, from a low of 450 to a high of 600. We expect the conference to receive high attendance because of program, location, and a very active local team, but we recognize that a variety of factors may discourage attendance. The Conference Manager believes the current budget will allow for a good delivery of the main activities; additional amenities will be provided as additional resources are secured. We are in the process of filing for Virginia tax exempt status.

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM:** The conference will benefit from its location in the Washington, DC area by including plenary and convened sessions that focus on applications and impact in governance in the United States and worldwide. Of special interest will be sessions on health dynamics and policy; conflict, defense, and security; sustainability, including energy and climate; diverse issues in public and corporate policy; and K-12 education. We look forward to combining our international scope with the presence and contributions of people working in state and federal governments in the United States, including the U.S. Congress, the military and security branches, and administrative agencies.

**SOCIAL PROGRAM:** The social program includes an Informal Gathering on Sunday during and after registration, the Silent Auction, the Poster Symposium Buffet on Monday, and the Conference Banquet on Tuesday. Local tours may be arranged through Destination DC. Additionally there may be an opportunity for Washington National Baseball game discounted tickets. Other opportunities are being added.

**INFORMATION** on all important dates and deadlines, the PhD Colloquium, the Modeling Assistance Workshop, Poster Symposium, Newcomer Orientation Session, Thursday Workshops, topic Roundtables, Early Decision for Visa or Funding, Carbon Neutral Initiative, Scholarships, tourist information, and other topics is available on the conference website. Watch for future announcements regarding a variety of events.

**TRAVEL Information:** <http://washington.org>. Also, a "Survival Guide" will be produced by the local team.

**AWARDS:** Nominations are invited for the Jay W. Forrester Award, the Dana Meadows Award, and the System Dynamics Applications Award. Nominations are also invited for both external awards, the Barry Richmond Scholarship

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Award and the Lupina Young Researchers Award. New in 2011: the Environmental SIG is sponsoring a scholarship award for students and new researchers whose paper is about promoting carbon neutral practices. The Outstanding Service Award will be presented this year.

**CONFERENCE HOSTS:** Booz Allen Hamilton and Powersim Solutions

**CONFERENCE PARTNERS:** The Boeing Company and PA Consulting Group

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