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Deadlines and Key Dates

- February 1, 2013** Opening date for paper submissions and workshop and session proposals
- March 19, 2013** Deadline for paper submissions and workshop and session proposals
- May 8, 2013** Notification of acceptance
- May 15, 2013** Final abstracts due for printed Abstract Proceedings
- May 29, 2013** Presenter registration deadline—papers of unregistered designated presenters will be removed from the program
- June 7, 2013** Tentative program schedule available
- June 24, 2013** Conference registration fee increase and deadline for hotel reservations
- July 21, 2013** PhD Colloquium
Policy Council Meeting
- July 22, 2013** Cambridge Conference Opening!
- August 16, 2013** Deadline for final papers for Web Proceedings

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Overview

The annual System Dynamics conference brings together people from around the world to share important research and application results and to build the community of those active in the field. For 2013 we return to the Cambridge-Boston area, just minutes from MIT where Jay Forrester conducted his groundbreaking work. The conference, with a theme of *Creating the Future from Within*, will emphasize prospective studies with a focus on internally generated dynamics.

There will be plenary presentations showcasing important work in the field along with parallel and poster sessions making available the most current research, applications, and work in progress. There is a full day of skill-building workshops covering a range of topics from basic software use to advanced analysis techniques.

In addition, there will be panel discussions, special interest group sessions, student colloquia, the modeling assistance workshop, cultural events, vendor displays, exhibits, demonstrations, Society business meetings, and other related activities. The conference schedule will provide time for relaxed social and professional interaction.

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 developing research, get feedback and discover potential research directions and collaborators.*

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

Managers and Policy Makers: *Tell others what you see as valuable and discover new directions your organization can move in.*



Program

The conference program will consist 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 in order to create new solutions.

The conference schedule is organized by thread so as to create coherent sessions for presentation. The tentative list of threads for 2013 is:

- Business Policy
- Economic Dynamics
- Energy and Resources
- Environment and Ecology
- Health
- Information Science
- Methodology
- Operations Management and Supply Chains
- Participatory Problem Solving
- Public Policy
- Security
- Social and Organizational Dynamics
- Strategy
- Teaching

Real-World Practice

System dynamics, at its heart, is aimed at solving important practical problems. For the 2013 conference we are looking to attract people interested in such real-world applications: those

for whom it is the problem solving rather than the methodology that is paramount. If you have ideas for sessions and workshops focused on addressing practical issues that you think would appeal to clients or colleagues in specific commercial or scientific fields please contact us.

Paper Submissions

Submit papers and supporting materials to:
www.conference.systemdynamics.org.

Papers may be submitted from February 1, 2013 to March 19, 2013. 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 (there is also a maximum 2 MB electronic file size), and follow the submission requirements posted on the conference website. Abstracts will not be accepted!

Provision of models (maximum file size 2 MB 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, consisting of Thread Chairs working under the oversight of the Program Chairs, will select papers for inclusion in the conference program and determine the form of presentation (though authors may request presentation as a poster at the time of submission). Notifications of acceptance will be sent by May 8, 2013.

Authors retain the copyright to all submitted work and, by submitting, grant permission for inclusion in the conference proceedings. Each paper must have a designated presenter and one individual can be a designated presenter for at most two works. Presenters not registered by May 29, 2013 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 1 and March 19, 2013.

Special proposals for plenary or parallel sessions, panel discussions, roundtable sessions, 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 sessions. Proposals are due by March 19, 2013 and should be sent to:
programchair@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.

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: Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 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 conveniently 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.

