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# Registration for the 2017 Annual Meeting opens on August 15, 2017

Be sure to register early to take advantage of early-bird discounts. Use **promo code news17 to save 10%** on the registration fee for a Sunday or Thursday workshop.

#### New this year: Annual Meeting Images of Risk Competition

SRA invites you to submit an original image (maximum 2 entries per person) which you have created to communicate an interesting aspect of risk or risk analysis. The image may be a photograph, drawing, or diagram. We especially welcome images related to the theme of this year's meeting, "Risk Analysis - the Profession, the Practitioners, the Research." Visit our website for more information about the competition, including how to enter.

Entries are due by October 31, 2017.

You must register to attend the Annual Meeting to be eligible for the Images competition.





### The Society for Risk Analysis invites your abstracts for presentations at the Fifth World Congress on Risk in Cape Town, South Africa, May 6-8, 2019.

The Fifth World Congress on Risk will focus on "Development and Resilience" and aims to stimulate dialogue and education on risk issues of worldwide interest. SRA welcomes contributions on any topic related to risk assessment, risk characterization, risk perception, risk communication, risk management, risk governance, and policy relating to risk, in the context of risks of concern to individuals, to public and private sector organizations, and to society at a local, regional, national, or global level.

SRA is particularly interested in receiving submissions from outstanding researchers doing work in risk analysis from Africa, Asia, Oceania, Middle East or Latin America and will aim to support their travel to present at the World Congress. The organizing committee welcomes proposals for a variety of session formats: poster-platform presentation, oral presentation and symposium presentation.

Click here for complete submission guidelines and to submit your abstract.

### The SRA-E Nordic Chapter invites your abstracts for presentations at their 3rd Annual Meeting in Espoo, Finland, November 2-3, 2017.

The theme of the conference "Risk and Security" highlights the role risk plays in relation to security. Security concerns and related risk issues are today in the heart of organizations, governments and international institutions. There are however, no simple ways to deal with these concerns and issues and conventional risk assessment methods are challenged by the need for new concepts and tools to properly handle security risks.

We welcome contributions on any topic related to the risk assessment, characterization, perception, communication, management and governance of risk, uncertainty, security and safety in the context of concern to individuals, to public and private sector organizations, and to society at a local, regional, national, or global level.

#### Abstracts are due no later than September 15, 2017.

For complete submission guidelines, <u>click here</u>.

Abstract submissions can be emailed to <u>Risk2017@list.aalto.fi</u>

### Save the Date! Upcoming Webinars

An additional email will be sent to all members with a registration link

August 29 at 5:30pm ET: Preparing to
Deliberate Evidence on Benefits and Risks
Posed by the Microbiota of Milks
September 13 at 12/noon ET: Writing
Domain-Specific Guideline for Analytic
Support of Risk Management: Issues and
Arguments



The Society for Risk Analysis has inducted Kenneth Arrow into the Pantheon of Risk Analysis. Read more about his work and accomplishments here.

If you or your specialty group is interested in hosting a webinar, please contact Robin Dillon-Merrill. All of our past webinars are available here for members.

# Are you a member of another organization that could benefit from co-sponsoring an event with SRA?

For more information, and to apply for cosponsorship, <u>click here</u>.

Are you a regular contributor to an online publication or blog? We want to help share your content! If you contribute to a publication, please email **Melanie Preve** and we'll be sure to share your pieces on SRA's social media channels.

## Risk Analysis Releases Special Issue Supporting Global Measles and Rubella Elimination

Despite goals in every World Health Organization (WHO) region to eliminate measles by 2020, measles and rubella continue to cause relatively high levels of morbidity and mortality. The Americas became certified as the first WHO region to eliminate indigenous transmission of rubella in 2015 and measles in 2016. However, in other regions some countries are falling behind in achieving the Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) goals for regional elimination of measles and rubella.

Risk Analysis, an International Journal, has published Part 2 of a special issue focused on modeling global measles and rubella health and financial costs (following the publication of Part I in July 2016). The special issue outlines the tools used by the WHO and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to assess performance of measles control activities, evaluate progress toward regional measles elimination, and identify high risk areas to better allocate available resources to meet national and regional elimination goals. One article describes the development of a risk assessment tool used by the WHO regions for measles, and five of the articles present applications of the tool for India, Namibia, the Philippines, Romania, and Senegal -- one country in each of the WHO regions yet to eliminate measles.

The final article integrates many of the components developed in Part I into a dynamic transmission model for measles and rubella that characterizes the significant costs of delays

associated with continuing control instead of pursuing eradication. The results of this article suggest that global measles and rubella eradication appear to offer a better health and financial option than the current path of control. <u>Read more.</u>

Click here to view the full special issue.



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