

News and updates from the Society for Risk Analysis

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*Photo: Presentation at the Risk Policy Forum in Venice, Italy*



## Save the Date! Upcoming Webinars

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

**June 23 at 2pm ET:** [Risk Frameworks for the Simultaneous Intersection of Infrastructure Interdependencies, Infrastructure Usage, & Extreme Events](#)

**July:** *Measles and Rubella (in conjunction with the release of the Journal's Measles and Rubella special issue)*

**September 23 at 12/noon ET:** *Writing*

## 8th Conference on Decision and Game Theory for Security

GameSec 2017 will take place at Tech Gate Vienna from October 23-25. The submission deadline is June 29. For more information, and to submit a proposal, visit the conference [website](#).

## Revised Core Subjects of Risk Analysis Available Now

Based on your feedback, a revised version of the

*Domain-Specific Guideline for Analytic  
Support of Risk Management: Issues and  
Arguments*

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.

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

For more information, and to apply for co-sponsorship, [click here](#).

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document "The Core Subjects of Risk Analysis" has been developed. It is available [here](#).

The term Risk Analysis is here used in line with the established tradition of SRA to include: 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 has officially joined Facebook! Please be sure to like and follow our new [page](#) and invite your friends and colleagues to do so as well. If you would like to post something on the page, please email [Melanie Preve](#) with your request. Be sure to also follow SRA on Twitter, @SocRiskAnalysis. Attending the SRA-Europe Conference? Tag @SocRiskAnalysis in your photos and tweets!

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**The OHSSG is off to a busy start in 2017. Learn more about the group and what they've been up to this year:**

Occupational health and safety is a hothouse laboratory for regulation, risk-based standards, and risk management of emerging technology. There is much going on in our Specialty Group and our field.

We held a very successful webinar on 26 April with our colleagues at Decision Partners on "Using mental modeling in occupational health and safety: A study of electricians' safe work decisions". This was of great interest to us on a practical level but it also served as an excellent case study of mental modeling in practice.

The OHSSG cuts across the spectrum of risk science specializations because it represents a field of application structured by law and policy, bounded by cost-benefit but grounded on exposure-response and “acceptable risk” (for which the notion of “acceptable” is not always the same for worker and employer). There are obvious applications of decision analysis in theory but as a practical matter occupational health standards tend to be driven by what technology can support and the political and economic context of the risk management options. We are constantly faced with novel and emerging hazards (such as engineered nanoscale materials) that are driven by technology and economic change. At the same time, our practice (as opposed to standards setting) is also driven by demographic and employment trends in the working population. Thus, it is obvious that we share fundamental issues with most of our sister SRA Specialty Groups.

In addition to these obvious connections, there are others less visible. Occupational health in developing economies is a great burden and much neglected in development economics. It gets far less attention than ecological risk assessment and ecosystem protection but tends to track some of the same development dynamics and usually lags with respect to awareness and risk management. Not all occupational hazards are chemical or physical – microbial risks are a significant part of occupational health in fields such as health care, the cleaning industry, and agriculture. These broad issues are ripe for collaborative exploration.

Because of this commonality of interest, OHSSG is interested in forging ties with other SGs. We welcome fresh thinking into one of the oldest applied areas of risk science and in turn we offer lots of practical experience gained in one of the most contentious and vital areas of risk management.



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