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## *Message from the President*

SRA has many regional organisations (ROs), which allow members to interact with colleagues near where they live. In March, I had the pleasure of taking part in two RO meetings: at the SRA Conference in Osaka, Japan, and the SRA-Benelux Conference in Mol, Belgium.

The Osaka conference welcomed about 160 participants from 19 countries. This is impressive. It was a well-planned conference, with many interesting sessions, including the keynote by Professor and Chair of the organising committee, Shoji Tsuchida, of Kansai University, Japan. Shoji is a social psychologist with an impressive research background in various aspects of risk analysis. It was gratifying to see so many students and young professionals. I also wish to mention the panel on “Homeland Security and Risk

Analysis: Under the military tension in the Korean Peninsula", which discussed how risk analysis can support the assessment and management of risk for a problem like this. The panel was chaired by Shingo Nagamatsu (Japan), with, among others, Dong-Chun Shin (Korea), Kuen-Yuh Wu (Taiwan), Guofang Zhai (China), Shoji Tsuchidai (Japan), Joe Arvai (US) and Margaret MacDonell (US) as panellists. It was indeed informative and interesting to hear the panellists from the region reflecting on the current situation in Korea.



About 50 participants attended the SRA-Benelux conference, and you may have seen some pictures and tweets from the meeting. This was also a very well-organised meeting, with highlights throughout the day. Sessions covered risk assessment, foundations of risk analysis, risk perception and communication, and risk and safety governance, as well as a roundtable on Brexit and its consequences for risk analysis. The organising committee did an excellent job. You can be proud, Marijn Poortvliet, as the president of SRA-Benelux and Catrinel Turcanu, as the chair of the organizing committee of the conference.

When attending these meetings, I really felt that SRA is an international organisation. So many interesting talks and discussions. We need to question how we can further improve the dialogue and interactions between risk analysis professionals, scientists and practitioners, across continents and countries. I remember the Annual Meeting roundtable we had in Arlington in December 2017 with the leaders of some of the ROs. They found the discussion very interesting and useful and looked for arenas for remaining in contact and continuing the dialogue and exchange of ideas. It is not practically feasible to physically meet very often when the distances are great, but today's technology makes it possible to connect easily and to define and develop joint activities. Collaboration in relation to Specialty Group work is one possible channel for such activities, including joint webinars. But there could also be other possibilities. I welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Best regards,



*Terje Aven*

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# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## **SRA 2018**

**RISK ANALYSIS** · The Many Faces of Risk

December 2 - 6 · New Orleans, LA

The Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) invites your abstracts for presentations at the 2018 SRA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, December 2-6.

We welcome 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.

This year's theme, "*The Many Faces of Risk*," is intended to showcase inclusion, a cornerstone of SRA and vital to the ability to address today's most pressing risk issues. The theme underscores the diversity of SRA in terms of the professions, disciplines, methodologies, nationalities, and regions its membership represents. It also highlights the staggering array of topics that SRA members and meeting participants explore in their research and practice.

**Abstracts are due no later than May 29, 2018, midnight EST.**

[Click here for complete submission guidelines and to submit your abstract.](#)

Continuing education workshops will be offered on Sunday, December 2 and Thursday, December 6 in either 4 or 8 hour sessions. This year we are encouraging proposals aimed at improving the foundations and/or practice of risk analysis. [Click](#)

[here for complete workshop submission guidelines and to submit your proposal.](#) Continuing education workshop proposals are due no later than May 29, 2018.

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**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.](#)**

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# SRA podcast series

"LET'S TALK RISK" IS AVAILABLE TO LISTEN ONLINE & DOWNLOAD

Let's Talk Risk with the Society for Risk Analysis, the world's leading authority on risk science and its applications, helps bring clarity to the world of risk, uncertainty, and ambiguity. Visit [www.sra.org](http://www.sra.org) for more information on the topics discussed in these episodes and for more studies found in Risk Analysis: An International Journal.

## Episodes available for download:

Ep. 1: [The Uncertainty Component](#)

Ep. 2: [We've Been Underestimating Climate Change](#)

Ep. 3: [The Preservation of a Culture](#) (NEW!)



**Register for the 2018 SRA Europe Conference**

June 18-20, 2018 in Östersund, Sweden

The special theme of the conference, "Risk & Uncertainty – From Critical Thinking to Practical Impact" reflects the current need to persist the phenomenon of knowledge

resistance and alternative facts, as well as to develop applied research for risk analysis in open and democratic contexts.

The conference will be held at Mid Sweden University in Östersund, a small town close to the mountains in the north of Sweden. During the conference you will experience the longest day of the year when the sun rises at 2.50 a.m., only a few hours after it sets.

This conference gathers academics, policy makers, and practitioners interested in risk research, policy, and practice, including members of the SRA-E, SRA International and other regional SRA organizations.

We hope you will take the opportunity to visit our beautiful town, take part in the conference, and listen to inspiring speakers.

[Register now](#) to take advantage of early-bird pricing.

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## 2018 SRA Award Nominations

SRA 2018 Award Nominations. SRA is currently seeking member nominations for the following awards:

- Distinguished Achievement Award
- Richard J. Burk Outstanding Service Award
- Outstanding Practitioner Award
- Chauncey Starr Distinguished Young Risk Analyst Award
- Distinguished Educator Award

If you would like to nominate an SRA member for an award, please submit a formal nomination letter that describes the candidate's background and rationale for why the candidate should receive this award, along with any supporting documentation or secondary support letters. Only current SRA members are eligible for awards and only formal submissions will be considered. **Deadline for submission is May 1st.** Please send nomination letters and supporting materials to the 2018 Awards Committee Chair, [Pamela Williams](#).

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**SRA Member Spotlight:** Frank Hearl, P.E., SMChE, 2017 Fellow and chief of staff at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Frank spent most of the previous year working on a wide variety of emerging occupational safety

and health issues. He was part of a team that developed procedure and policies for evaluating, classifying and controlling healthcare workers' exposure to antineoplastic and other hazardous drugs. He coordinated input to the EPA for approaches the EPA can use for workplace risk assessment under the Toxic Substance Control Act as modified by the Frank Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. Frank also plays a role in the new NIOSH Center examining the emerging role of robotics both as a potential workplace risk for harm to workers and for their potential to reduce risk by taking on the most hazardous tasks and limiting human exposure.



*Each month the SRA newsletter will feature one of its members and their work in the spotlight section. If you would like to nominate a member, please email [Melanie Preve](mailto:Melanie.Preve).*

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### **Save the Date!** **Upcoming Webinars**

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

**May 2:** *Risk Perception &  
Communication with Katherine  
McComas*

**June 6:** *Counteracting the Politicization  
of Science*

**August 1:** *Risk Management & Policy  
with Frederic Boudier & Terje Aven*

**September 5:** *Solving Real Risk  
Problems & Issues with Willy Røed*

**October 3:** *Risk, Causation and Decision  
with Tony Cox*

**November 7:** *Inclusive Governance of  
Risk: The Incorporation of Stakeholders  
in Risk Management with Ortwin Renn*

If you or your specialty group has an idea

### **ERASG Joins SETAC for Regional Conference**

The Ecological Risk Assessment Specialty Group will be joining the Ohio Valley Chapter of the Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry for a regional conference in Columbus, OH on April 20. The topic of focus for the meeting is “New Tools and Technologies: Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment.”

Several SRA members will be presenting at the conference, and the ERASG will present a student paper award to assist with travel to the 2018 SRA Annual Meeting.

Those with an interest in environmental toxicology and human health and ecological risk assessment are encouraged to attend. Students are highly encouraged to attend and submit posters of their research in ecology and/or risk

for a webinar or is interested in hosting, please contact [Scott Dotson](#). All of our past webinars are available [here](#) for members.

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Upcoming Scientific Liaison Committee (SLC) Webinar:  
*Toxicity and Efficacy of Stem Cells as Therapeutic Products for Humans and Animals*

April 24 at 11am ET.  
For more information and to register, [click here](#).

assessment. Registration deadline is Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact [ovc.setac@gmail.com](mailto:ovc.setac@gmail.com) or refer to the [website](#) for more information.

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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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## **The Applied Risk Management Specialty Group asks for your help!**

This is simply a reminder of the request we made in the [March newsletter](#). The Applied Risk Management Specialty Group will be organizing sessions around applied risk management issues. But of course applied risk management issues arise in all of the other specialty groups. So we'd like your help two ways: 1) Email session ideas to [John Lathrop](#). All sessions will be organized in collaboration with your specialty group's chair, and your chair will have the deciding vote. 2) If your paper covers an applied risk management issue, click on Applied Risk Management as your first or second specialty group when you submit your abstract (due May 29). Our March newsletter request includes a list of risk management topics but heck, you probably have a better idea than we do of the risk management topics of most interest in your area.

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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](mailto:Melanie.Preve) and we'll be sure to share your pieces on SRA's social media channels.



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