

Welcome to the latest edition of SRA's quarterly e-letter, developed to complement our redesigned website at sra.org in calling your attention to news of the organization and the field. Follow the embedded website links to find details of these items, posted on the SRA site at sra.org.



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Don't forget to check out the preliminary program for SRA's 2013 Annual Meeting at the Baltimore Hilton on December 8-11, "Risk Analysis for Better Policies," posted [here](#). Other conference information, including hotel details, registration hours, a searchable schedule, guidelines for presenters, and more, is also available [here](#).

Following a full day of workshops on Sunday, December 8, the Welcome Reception begins at 6 p.m. and the first Plenary Session begins Monday, December 9, at 8:30 a.m. Entitled "Advice to Policy Makers: The Role of Risk Analysis," the session features a distinguished panel of global policy leaders and risk analysts. A second Plenary takes place the morning of Wednesday, December 11, also at 8:30: "Exploring Risk, Ethics, and Decision-Making: Three Cases." Later that day, the Plenary Luncheon speaker will be Norman Loayza from the World Bank, speaking on "Risk and Opportunity: Managing Risk for Development." The luncheon is from noon to 1:30 p.m.

These are, of course, only a few brief highlights of a full and important meeting schedule. We hope to see you many of you there at this event.

MORE SRA NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President's Message 2013 Now Available on sra.org. Visit What's New or go directly to George Gray's complete message on the News page [here](#). Gray reminds us of what it means to be "the voice of risk analysis" in a global context.

Important News Brief: Results of 2013 SRA Officer Elections. Pamela Williams has been elected SRA President-Elect, Jacqueline Patterson is Treasurer-Elect, and Ragnar Lofstedt, Terje Aven, and Linda Teuschler have been elected as Councilors.

SRA Flagship Journal *Risk Analysis* Announces Search for Area Editor for Policy. The position is a three-year appointment and carries a stipend. This editor will focus on

the intersection of risk analysis, policy analysis, and public policy making. For details, go [here](#). Nominations and applications should be submitted by December 31, 2013.

Watch SRA Engineering and Infrastructure Specialty Group Student Finalists on YouTube! Read more [here](#) about these five EISG student merit award finalists and link to their YouTube videos [here](#); the winners will be announced at the EISG business meeting on December 9.

Meet Terje Aven, SRA Member and Founder of New Specialty Group on Foundational Issues. Aven hopes to “revitalize” the attention on fundamental issues in the risk analysis field by creating this new group. Author of 170 scientific papers and 14 books, Aven has been rated one of the most active of all Norwegian researchers. Read more [here](#).

Another New SRA Specialty Group Is Announced on Occupational Health and Safety. Join and help launch this important group at the SRA 2013 Annual Meeting. All individuals with an interest in worker safety and health are encouraged to join. For details, go [here](#).

SRA Risk Researchers Janet Yang, Pia-Johanna Schweizer, and Karen Akerlof Respond to New IPCC Climate Change Report. These SRA researchers, all presenting at the December Annual Meeting, agree that little has changed about the science – the challenges now involve ethics and economics. Read their comments [here](#).

SRA’s EBASG Co-Sponsors Harvard Workshop. The October 3-4, 2013, workshop at the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis focused on research synthesis for policy analysis. For details, including a link to a summary report, click [here](#).

Students and Young Professionals at SRA are Moving Ahead! The activities of just a few members of this active group are showcased [here](#). Information on Annual Meeting programming specifically designed for those launching risk analysis careers can also be found at this site.

REGIONAL SRA NEWS

· **The 23rd conference of SRA Europe** is planned for June 16-18, 2014, in Istanbul, Turkey. The theme of the conference, hosted by Istanbul Technical University, is “Analysis and Governance of Risks beyond Boundaries.” Deadline for abstracts is January 31, 2014. Details are available [here](#).

· **SRA Latin America Showcases Important Items in the Region.** For details, including a reminder of the HOMINIS 2013 conference slated for December 2-6, 2013, visit their information-rich website [here](#).

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

The State of Connecticut Seeks Proposals by December 6, 2013, for evaluation of their contaminated sites remediation program. For details, click [here](#).

The Health and Environmental Sciences Institute Seeks Proposals for issues related to human or environmental health. These are due by Friday, December 5, 2013, and details can be found [here](#).

Deadline for Abstract Submission for the June 2014 Conference of the Decision Analysis Society is March 3, 2014. More details and a link to the submission site can be found [here](#).

To suggest items for posting in the What's New box and on the main News page at sra.org, as well as in one of these periodic releases, send announcements and news to newseditor@sra.org. We are always looking for story ideas and member commentary submissions on any risk-related topic of general interest to SRA members, as well as nominations of individual SRA members who should be featured.

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