

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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Welcome to another year! After a memorable 2013 Annual Meeting in Baltimore in December, attended by roughly 850 SRA members, we can look forward to another busy and productive year in 2014, with many new opportunities to advance risk research. This e-letter brings you news of SRA's past successes and future plans, as well as other announcements of interest. Scroll down for a recap of major current items from the SRA News page and elsewhere. *Be sure to follow the links provided to get complete details as posted on our website at www.sra.org.*

The SRA 2013 Annual Meeting on the theme of "Risk Analysis for Better Policies" featured three outstanding plenary sessions with speakers from around the globe. The initial plenary panel on Monday, December 9, addressed the persistent challenges of providing risk advice to policy makers, followed by a second plenary on ethics and risk-related decision making on Wednesday, December 9. The luncheon plenary, also on Wednesday, featured Norman Loayza, Director of the 2014 *World Bank Development Report* project, speaking on risk management in development. Find the complete story about these three events [here](#).

Student Merit Award Winners from the 2013 annual meeting included Michelle Deveau and Tomohisa Ishimura (Dose Response Specialty Group, details [here](#)); Xiang Liu (Risk, Policy & Law, details [here](#)); Hiba Baroud and Mahalia Miller (Engineering and Infrastructure, details [here](#)); Joseph Steinhardt (Risk Communication, details [here](#)); and Daniel Herrera (Economics and Benefits Analysis). For a complete list of other (non-student) awards from SRA 2013, go [here](#).

Risk and resilience in transportation and energy systems was the topic of a recent SRA-sponsored forum held in Berlin on February 4, 2014. The workshop particularly focused on policy development in Germany, exploring the concept of resilience as a "complementary framework" with respect to existing approaches to risk analysis that focus on threats rather than adaptive responses. Read the complete report by Igor Linkov,

James H. Lambert and Ortwin Renn [here](#).

SRA's flagship journal *Risk Analysis* has announced a new virtual special issue on the "Economics of Risk Analysis." Past Editor-in-Chief Michael Greenberg and current EIC Tony Cox have compiled 29 published papers from the journal taking a wide range of approaches to this topic. Read a quick summary [here](#), or go directly to the special issue itself (currently free for download) [here](#).

Research in *Risk Analysis* gets noticed. In November, Lloyd's Insurance awarded *RA* author Tim Bedford their "Science of Risk" prize in the "geopolitical and societal risk" category. See complete story, including details of the annual Lloyd's competition, [here](#). In other news confirming *RA*'s impact, SRA's Communication Committee reports that its first 2014 news release of the year appeared in over 300 media outlets on its first day. The release featured three different recently published studies on risk perception; read details [here](#).

Our member profile this time features Shital Thekdi, 2014 Chair of the Engineering and Infrastructure Specialty Group. Thekdi immerses her students in real-world data analysis projects for community organizations and studies how global labor issues have become liabilities for supply-chain managers. Access the full article [here](#).

SRA Regional and Specialty Group Activities recently featured on sra.org are summarized below. Browse the group sites regularly for the most recently emerging news of interest in your own region and interest areas.

- **SRA-Japan's 2013 Annual Meeting at Chuo University, Tokyo**, was organized on the theme of "Rebuilding Risk Literacy – Upon the Experience of 3.11." See details [here](#).
- **SRA's Risk, Policy & Law group seeks member input** on enhancing their website, improving member communication, and activity planning. For details and contact information, go to the RP&L website [here](#).
- **Upstate New York SRA Risk analysis webinar series on shale gas extraction**, which began January 23, will continue through June 26. See more [here](#), including past presentation details as well as the schedule for the series.
- **SRA's Engineering and Infrastructure Specialty Group** has launched a **risk education initiative** that seeks to identify best practices. Participate in this

discussion on the group's LinkedIn page [here](#) or go [here](#) to learn more about future plans.

Looking ahead: Mark your calendars for these very important upcoming SRA events:

- The 23rd **Annual Meeting of SRA-Europe** will be **June 16-18, 2014**, in Istanbul, Turkey, on the theme of "Analysis and Governance of Risks beyond Boundaries." Additional information is available on the SRA Europe website: <http://www.sraeurope.org/>
- This year's **SRA-Japan Annual Meeting** will take place on **November 28-30, 2014**, at Kyoto University. Their General Business meeting and Annual Symposium will be June 13, 2014, in Tokyo. For details check [here](#).
- The next **World Congress on Risk** has been scheduled for July 19-23, 2015, in Singapore. The Congress theme is "Risk Analysis for sustainable Innovation." Learn more [here](#), including details on how to send your ideas to the organizing committee.

Other announcements of note. See below for notices and events from outside SRA that may interest SRA members, with links to external sites for additional information.

- **The Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis** will hold its 2014 conference and meeting on March 13-14, 2014, with the theme of "Benefit-Cost analysis for Evidence-Based Decision Making." Go [here](#) for further details.
- **The Harvard Center for Risk Analysis Conference on Risk, Perception, and Response** will take place on March 20-21, 2014, with keynote speaker Cass Sunstein. Details are available [here](#).
- **The Decision Analysis Society** will hold its **Advances in Decision Analysis conference** at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, on June 16-18, 2014. The conference website is available [here](#).
- **Exposure, health and regulatory information on the lower olefins** will be the

subject of a June 25-26, 2014, symposium at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in Austin. Further details can be found [here](#).

Did we miss your news? News and announcements can be published at sra.org on a continuous basis. The news editor welcomes your ideas and suggestions for items to be included on What's New at sra.org, on the linked News page, and in this e-letter. We are especially interested in publishing member commentary on risk-related issues, as well as reports that synthesize the results of workshops and other deliberations on risk. Nominations for member profile features are also always welcome. Contact the SRA news editor at newseditor@sra.org.

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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