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SRA 2017 **RISK ANALYSIS**

The Profession · The Practitioners · The Research
December 10 - 14 · Arlington, VA

Register for the 2017 Annual Meeting

November 8 is the final day to [register](#) and take advantage of early-bird prices!

As you plan your trip, be sure to make arrangements to stay through the conclusion of the meeting on Wednesday for your chance to **win a trip to Norway** with SRA President Terje Aven. All meeting registrants will be entered in the raffle, but you must be present at the drawing to win.

Want to earn additional raffle entries? Refer a friend to join SRA and receive an additional entry for each friend that joins.

New this year: Annual Meeting Images of Risk Competition

Win \$500 for your original artwork!

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.

Deadline extended: November 15, 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.

Abstracts are due no later than December 1, 2017, midnight EST.

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

Register for the SRA-ANZ Annual Conference

November 20-23, 2017 at the University of Melbourne

Our world is more interconnected than ever before. From transport and technology, to trade and the environment, increasing interconnectedness presents significant challenges to government, industry and the individual. What emergent risks are we likely to face and how can we manage them?

The 10th Annual Conference of the [Society for Risk Analysis Australia and New Zealand](#) (SRA-ANZ) will delve into risk and interconnectedness from the perspective of academia, government and industry. Oral presentations will cover many aspects of risk, risk analysis and risk management.

[Click here to register.](#)

Register for the 2018 SRA Asia Conference

March 13-14, 2018 at Kansai University, Osaka, Japan

The theme of the conference is "Communication and collaboration in diversity of researches in East Asia." We have variety of risk issues to analyze: natural disasters, climate change, accidents by science and technology, chemicals, radiation, EMF (electromagnetic field), food safety, insurance, risk administration of governance and business, war, terrorism, consensus formation, and so on. The regional SRAs in Asia each have their specialty. Natural disaster research in China, toxicology in Korea, public health in Taiwan, and risk communication in Japan. The diversity in the regional SRAs in Asia will be a trigger of our success, and we sincerely welcome all of you to the SRA Asia Conference 2018.

[Register here.](#)

Submit your papers for the 2018 SRA-Benelux Conference

March 26, 2018 at Lakehouse SCK-CEN, Mol, Belgium

The theme of the conference is "Change in Risk - Risk in Change." This conference invites papers that engage with these interconnected processes of *change in risk* and *risk in change*, as institutions, norms, and practices, are reconfigured, dissolved, or transformed in manifold ways – including the fields of risk analysis, management, and policy. Theoretical, methodological, and empirical perspectives on the above topics are welcomed.

Abstracts for individual presentations and symposia that are not restricted to this year's focal theme but are well within the scope of the [SRA-E-Benelux's](#) research agenda, will also be considered. Potential topics include: *risks to human health and the environment, digital risks and security, risk perception and communication, risk ethics, risks and regulation, and risk literacy and education.*

The deadline to submit your papers is November 17, 2017

For more information on the theme of this year's conference and to submit your paper, [click here](#).

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Upcoming Webinars

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

**November 9 at 11am ET: [SRA: Who
We Are & Opportunities to Engage](#)**

**November 17 at 1pm ET: [Wildfire Risk
Communication in a Changing
Landscape](#)**

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.

The Risk Policy & Law Specialty Group is interested in hearing from members interested in taking on roles as officers. New opportunities will be opening up for those who are willing to serve. Please feel free to reach out to [Kirk Hartley](#) or others. We hope to see you in Arlington next month!

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](#).



The ARMSG congratulates Patricia Larkin, the recipient of the group's 2017 merit award. Her paper presents an integrated risk management framework (IRMF) for carbon capture and storage (CCS). The research reviewed worldwide CCS risk management frameworks and regulatory practice in Canada, and then learned from an expert elicitation focused on risk issues in injection and storage and risk management of low probability high impact events. The IRMF provides a ten-step rational and transparent process that includes ways to engage government and non-government stakeholders, risk communication options, and key instances for external review. She will present at the Annual Meeting in December (T3-G).

Save on hotel rooms at the Annual Meeting when you reserve through the SRA room block. Act now, **discounted rates end Nov. 16**

Voting for the 2017 SRA Election ends Nov. 15!

Current SRA members have until **November 15** to cast their [vote](#) for each office. This is your opportunity to help shape the future of SRA by selecting next year's leaders.

Decision Analysis and Risk Specialty Group Hosting a Workshop for Chemical Alternatives Analysis Practitioners

December 5-6, 2017 at UCLA

The DARSG is convening a workshop aimed at exploring decision-making approaches to assist practitioners grappling with the challenges of conducting chemical Alternatives Analyses (AA). The goal of this workshop is three-fold: i) to identify challenges faced by AA practitioners and explore opportunities for assistance, ii) to assess the utility of various decision-making approaches to aid AA, and iii) to provide an opportunity for participants to learn decision analytic techniques, network and build a community of AA practitioners.

If you are a chemical AA practitioner and would like to get involved, we invite you to join us in December. There are a few spots remaining and a limited amount of funding available for travel support if needed.

Please contact [Christian Beaudrie](#) if you are interested in participating.

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.

Each month the Communications Committee selects an article from the journal for further media coverage. Last month's selected article featured a new study on the perceived acceptability of public vaping.

Electronic Cigarettes Increasing in Popularity and Acceptability as Perception of Health Risks Remains Low

Since the debut of electronic cigarettes in the U.S. in 2007, the use of these devices — called “vaping” — has steadily increased over the years. In fact, a 2015 study showed vaping

increased among high school-age students 900 percent over four years. Studies show people are more likely to view public vaping as acceptable than public smoking, the question is why?

A new study published in *Risk Analysis: An International Journal* found that people's opinions, of public vaping are heavily influenced by what they see around them, how risky they think it is and what they think about addiction.

The study, "[Influence of risk perception on attitudes and norms regarding electronic cigarettes](#)," revealed that a person's thoughts on how risky and potentially addictive e-cigarettes are affected their perceived acceptability of public vaping. However, people who had greater exposure to e-cigarette use were less likely to be concerned about the risks of these devices. [Read more.](#)

Discussions on Security Focal Point at 3rd Nordic Chapter Annual Meeting

From November 1-3, more than 100 gathered at the creative workspace known as The Design Factory on the campus of Aalto University in Espoo, Finland for the 3rd Annual Meeting of the SRA Nordic Chapter. With the broad topic of "Risk and Security" as the theme, the presentations and lively discussions touched on the broad security concerns and related risk issues that are at central to organizations, governments and international institutions.

Across both academic and practical interests, security is becoming the responsibility of diverse professionals who are leading the development of security culture, security risk analysis and security management. With this backdrop, attendees discussed wide-ranging and complex issues related to security in many arenas – food, climate change, immigration, natural disasters, cybersecurity, national safety, geopolitical among many others – that are currently pushing the boundaries of conventional risk assessment tools and models. With security as the common thread across topics, discussions formed around the demand for, and the approach to, more interdisciplinary risk research and the need for faster risk assessments and analyses than current approaches allow.

The event was organized by Nordic Chapter President, Marja Ylonen, and managed by an effective team of staff led by Mary-Ann Wikstrom and several students at Aalto.

November 1 - The event started with a half day of pre-conference skills workshops on core risk assessment tools such as building Bayesian networks, expert knowledge elicitation and probability bounds analysis. These sold-out workshops were led by Sissel Haugdal Jore, University of Stavanger, Per Gustafson, Lund University, Scott Ferson, University of Liverpool, Olaf Mosbach-Schultz, European Food Safety Authority and Sakari Kuikka and Inari Helle, University of Helsinki. The day concluded with an informal networking sushi party held in The Design Factory.

November 2 - The meeting officially opened with a plenary talk from Ilkka Laitinen, major general and deputy chief of Finnish Board Guard. General Laitinen's presentation helped shape the tone of the meeting by focusing on immigration and its impact on national security and the need to interdisciplinary and interagency communication and shared analyses across the EU. The meeting moved forward with a plenary talk from Professor Terje Aven, University of Stavanger, who defined risk and how risk is expressed. Aalto University's Ahti Salo led the second plenary talk on security and adversarial risk analysis. Day one progressed with parallel sessions and a round-table discussion on experiences across sectors on topics ranging from mapping and communication, modelling, crisis management, to cybersecurity, climate risks and the ethical aspects of regulation and security. The day ended with a breathtaking three-course dinner in Helsinki's Löyly, an urban sauna oasis with exceptional architecture occupying a stretch of beautiful Helsinki waterfront. The evening was complete with a brief talk by the architect and a short comedy routine by two local students.

November 3 – The second day of the meeting began with a keynote from Professor Mark Burgman, Imperial College London, who presented on the reliability and role of expert judgement in geopolitical forecasts. Professor Burgman shared two studies that highlight the foibles and sensitivities around expert judgement and that one's ability to make forecasts does not correlate with their experience, professional role or esteem from peers. Following Burgman, Professor Sissel Haugdal Jore discussed the differences between safety and security and these comingled concepts. The day continued with a roundtable discussion on the challenges and opportunities of interdisciplinary in risk and research. Discussants and audience underscored that today's risk analysis, especially in security requires the work of many different practitioners working across specialties. The event continued with breakout sessions followed by a keynote presentation by Dr. Margaret MacDonell, Argonne National Laboratory and president of SRA International. Her talk delved into climate change, natural disaster and resilience in a changing world. The meeting concluded with a brief awards presentation to two presenters in the break out sessions, Chris Bennett of Kings College and Heimir Thorisson from University of Virginia.

Great thanks to the attendees, the organizers and the leaders of the SRA Nordic Chapter for a great meeting. We hope to see you in Washington, DC in December for the international meeting or at other upcoming SRA meetings in Australia, Japan and Belgium.

[View photos](#) **from the event.**



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