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TRACK: Inter-Organizational Exercises & Operations

Introduction of the track

Coordination between organizations (agencies and NGOs) is a huge task in crisis response and management, both in national and international operations. Many practitioners in humanitarian organizations consider coordination as one of the most critical factors for a successful operation. We propose that the ISCRAM community investigates what the issues of inter-agency coordination really are and how to address them.

Many organizations take part in coordination exercises; such as the annual NATO disaster response exercise CODRII led by EADRCC, or national inter-agency counterparts. These exercises provide an opportunity to study inter-agency coordination, teamwork or taskwork in a more controlled setting than real events would allow. We call on the ISCRAM community to demonstrate how these exercises can be used as a platform for related research.

Track topics

Topics covered by this track include, but are not limited to:

- *Team performance studies in an inter-organizational context*
- *Command and control studies in an inter-organizational context*
- *Studies on inter-organizational coordination*
- *Best practice of exercising inter-organizational operations*
- *Case studies of inter-organizational teams, exercises or operations*
- *Methods and tools for assessment of inter-organizational teams, exercises or operations*
- *Metrics for assessment of inter-organizational teams, exercises or operations*
- *Ontologies for assessment of inter-organizational teams, exercises or operations*

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Type of submissions

ISCRAM2012 is soliciting three types of submission:

1. Full research papers, which will be double blind peer reviewed. It is intended that these will report completed work which can be assessed to the highest academic standards. Such papers should be no more than 10 pages with figures & tables (~5000 words)
2. Work in progress and discussion paper which will be subjected to a light peer review to ensure clarity. Such papers should be no more than 5 pages with figures & tables (~2500 words)
3. Practitioner reports and discussions which raise issues, examples and case studies of importance in responding to and managing crises. Such paper will be subject to a light peer review to ensure clarity and should be no more than 5 pages with figures & tables (~2500 words)

Note that the designation of the paper and its reviewing will be indicated in the conference proceedings. Also we are not trying to create some concept of first and second quality papers. Rather we are aware that some report finished work which can be assessed in the sense of full peer review and contribution to research, while others offer ideas and thoughts which will stimulate discussion at ISCRAM conferences. The latter are vital if we are to make the conference valuable for shaping our subject. Full papers, work-in-progress papers and poster abstracts will be published in the proceedings.

Note that the ISCRAM paper template is available at www.iscram.org/iscram2012 under the “submissions” tab. All submissions must conform to ISCRAM formatting guidelines.

Submission process and deadlines

Authors must submit papers and posters electronically at <https://www.conftool.com/iscram2012/>. All papers must use the ISCRAM MS Word template for papers. Deadlines for each submission format are listed below:

Submission Deadline Schedule for Papers, Posters, and Doctoral Colloquium:

Full paper submissions -- November 15th, 2011

Work-in-progress paper, practitioner papers, posters -- January 15th, 2012

Doctoral student colloquium papers -- February 15th, 2012

Submission site: <https://www.conftool.com/iscram2012/>

About ISCRAM:

The ISCRAM Community is a worldwide community of researchers, scholars, teachers, students, practitioners and policy makers interested or actively involved in the subject of Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management. At its annual international conference alternating between the US and Europe, the ISCRAM Community gathers to present and discuss the latest research and developments in this growing area during an interactive and stimulating 3 day program. The ISCRAM Community also organizes an International Summer School for PhD students and ISCRAM-CHINA, an annual conference for ISCRAM research in China. Full information on ISCRAM can be found at www.iscram.org.