AIS SIG IT Project Management Newsletter

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The Association for Information Systems (AIS) Special Interest Group for IT Project Management (SIGITProjMgmt) *will globally promote and facilitate the creation, presentation and publication of research examining all facets of information technology project management, including pedagogical issues.* SIGITProjMgmt will also *strive to be the global leader in linking and integrating IT project management research and practice.*
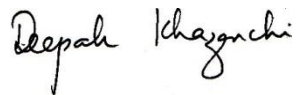
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LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Project Management research has evolved primarily from the engineering disciplines. However, it is now an integral element of IT and software project management. For example, a search of the AISWorld Faculty Directory on the keyword "project management" returns over 250 names. Researchers in IT project management have recently focused on problems that cover a large range of topics that cut across many IS areas -- virtual project management, agile project management, knowledge networks, project management methodologies (e.g. PRINCE or PMI), distributed project management, project leadership, project quality metrics, project management standards, best practices in project management, and project success.

Keeping in mind the phenomenal growth of interest in IT project management, the Association for Information Systems (AIS) Special Interest Group for Information Technology Project Management (SIGITProjMgmt) was founded in the Fall of 2006. As one of our first major initiatives, we hosted our inaugural International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM) in coordination with ICIS 2006. Our first workshop was a big hit with attendees and we achieved our goal of facilitating the exchange of ideas between IT project management researchers, educators and practitioners from around the world and providing an opportunity for everyone to renew and extend their network of IT project management colleagues. Subsequently the SIG has hosted two more successful workshops as well as sponsored tracks

and mini-tracks at ECIS and most recently AMCIS. We are now getting ready to host our 4th International Research Workshop in coordination with ICIS 2009 and with this issue we have begun publishing newsletters in order to keep our members informed and up to date with the SIG events.

We are looking forward to the future of SIGITProjMgmt and we hope that you will consider participating in one more of the activities of this dynamic and international group.

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Various standards organizations have a great influence in mainstreaming Project Management approaches in all industrial sectors, for example:

- PMI® (Project Management Institute) is a 500,000 strong professional membership organization that has permeated thousands of firms around the globe and has established its Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBoK®) as the *de facto* standard for project management practice. PMI also has an Organizational Project Management Maturity Model (OPM3)© that is akin to the Capability Maturity Model that was developed in the context of software engineering projects.
- PRINCE (PRojects IN Controlled Environments) is a structured method for effective project management. It is used extensively by the UK Government and is widely recognized and used in the private sector, both in the UK and throughout the world.
- ISO 9000 is the international standards organization's family of standards primarily concerned with "quality management". ISO compliance supports the implementation of project management disciplines and controls.
- Capability Maturity Model® Integration (CMMI) is the Carnegie Mellon Software Engineering Institute's collection of process improvement approaches used to create effective business processes. One process category relates to Project Management.
- IEEE has a collection of software engineering standards that encompass various elements of project management.

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

We now have a newsletter and we are looking for individuals interested in writing research, practice, or student perspectives on the field of IT Project Management. Book reviews would also be welcome. If you are interested in submitting a piece to be included in the newsletter please contact Alanah Mitchell, Appalachian State University, davisa1@appstate.edu.

SUMMARY OF AMCIS 2009 TRACK ON IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Along with other major AIS SIGs, we were invited to sponsor a track on IT Project Management (ITProjMgmt) at AMCIS 2009 in San Francisco, CA. This was an exciting opportunity to showcase research and share ideas among those that are interested in IT project management.

In the AMCIS 2009 final call for papers, there were four mini-tracks on various topics:

- Descalation/Escalation of IT Projects: Douglas Havelka, Miami University, havelkdj@muohio.edu
- Information Technology Program Management: Yuzhu Li, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, yuzhu.li@umassd.edu and James Jiang, University of Central Florida, jjiang@bus.ucf.edu
- IT Governance and IT Project Management: Michael Cuellar, North Carolina Central University, mcuellar@nccu.edu
- IT Project Management Strategy and Leadership: Terry L. Fox, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Terry.Fox@umhb.edu and Richard A. Huff, Colorado State University – Pueblo, rick.huff@colostate-pueblo.edu

Overall, there were nine papers presented in the track and we had a great turn out for each of the sessions at AMCIS. We would like to give a special thanks to each one of the mini-track chairs, the authors, and the reviewers for this success.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are holding our 4th International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM) (in coordination with ICIS 2009) on December 14, 2009 in Phoenix, Arizona. Completed research, research-in-progress, and panels may be submitted to the workshop. Selected completed research papers will be fast-tracked for possible publication in the *International Journal of IT Project Management*.

The deadline for submissions is *September 15, 2009* and should be submitted via email to UNOIRWITPM@unomaha.edu.

Questions about the workshop or submissions can be directed to Workshop Program Chair, Dr. Stacie Petter (spetter@unomaha.edu), Program Arrangements Chair and Proceedings Editor, Dr. Alanah Mitchell (davisa1@appstate.edu), or Local Arrangements Chair, Dr. Jane Carey (Jane.Carey@asu.edu).

For more information about this workshop, visit our website: http://www.sigitprojmgmt.org

AMCIS 2010 Track on IT Project Management

Along with other major AIS SIGs, SIGITProjMgmt has been invited to sponsor the track on IT Project Management (ITProjMgmt) at AMCIS 2010 in Lima, Peru.

We need your participation in submitting mini-track proposals. The deadline for these short proposals is *October 2, 2009*.

If you are interested in submitting a mini-track proposal, please email one of the track chairs below or if you already have one ready please submit directly at http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/amcis2010.

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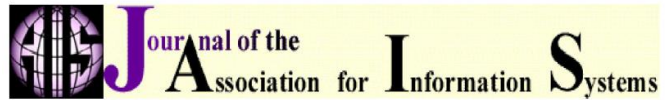Deepak Khazanchi, University of Nebraska at Omaha, khazanchi@unomaha.edu

SIG Website

We are now working to put together a new website; look for this exciting update very soon.

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We hope that you will consider participating in the activities of this group. When you apply or renew your AIS membership, select SIGITProjMgmt from the list of special interest groups when prompted. You can also add SIGITProjMgmt to your current membership at any time. The following websites provide additional information.

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