

AIS SIG IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

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 IT 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 PRESIDENT

There is an old saying that “you get out of life what you put into it.” I think that quote is not only applicable for life, but also for our SIG. As many of us begin a new academic year, I would like to offer a challenge. The challenge is for you to find your way to contribute to SIG IT Project Management this year.

We have so many people that regularly participate in the SIG as contributors, reviewers, and conference participants, and I thank you for your interest and help. We have a wonderful, diverse, supportive group of people that are members and supporters of SIGITProjMgmt. I repeatedly receive feedback that our SIG provides high quality feedback to workshop and conference participants. Those comments are due to the work that put into our SIG. For those that already participate, I’m so pleased that you have been getting value from the SIG and if you would like to be involved in other ways, please let me know.

I know everyone is busy and we all have too many things on our already full plates. However, for this SIG to flourish, grow, and contribute positively to your research and teaching, we all need to identify different ways we can each contribute. There are so many ways to get involved, both big and small. Here is a sampling of those opportunities:

- Submit your research to SIG-sponsored conferences, tracks at AIS conferences, and special issues
- Serve as a reviewer for conferences and journal special issues
- Share your teaching practices for inclusion in the newsletter and/or pedagogy wiki
- Get involved as an editor or organizer for SIG-sponsored conferences, tracks, and special issues
- Participate on the executive board for the SIG or volunteer to serve on a SIG committee or task force
- Attend SIG-sponsored conferences and tracks, such as the 6th International Research Workshop on IT Project Management in Shanghai, China
- Submit a newsletter article
- Share your research or teaching practices via a webinar
- Share your ideas and thoughts with the executive board by sending me or any of the officers an email

If you are interested in getting involved in any of these ways or if you have other ideas, please send me an email or give me a call. I’m happy to help get you connected to the right people and support your involvement in the SIG. We have an active SIG with

lots of opportunities to be involved in the nature and level of your interest and capacity.

My commitment to SIGITProjMgmt as the President for this academic year is to make sure that we continue to offer opportunities to be involved in the SIG, particularly to newcomers or those that may not have participated in the past. We want to continue to grow our community and leverage the tremendous knowledge held within our membership. I am also taking a more concerted effort to recognize those that enable this SIG to be successful through their contribution by expressing our thanks in the SIG newsletter. I want our SIG to be more proactive this year at encouraging members to be more involved in the SIG. I want you to feel a part of a community. However, you don't need an invitation to participate. If you would like to play a larger role in the SIG IT Project Management group, please contact me and I can help you connect to the community and get involved. We would like to start new initiatives, such as webinars that highlight research and teaching practices. To offer these additional services, we need your help and participation.

I hope that you find that the contributions that you provide to the SIG as a contributor, participant, reviewer, organizer, etc. provides you value as well. We don't want to overburden anyone, but if we all give a little, we can all get a lot in return. I sincerely hope you will accept my challenge to contribute to SIG IT Project Management in your own way this year.

Stacie Petter (spetter@mail.unomaha.edu)
SIGITProjMgmt President
University of Nebraska at Omaha

SIG ITPROJMGMT UPDATES

SCANDINAVIAN JOURNAL FOR INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIAL ISSUE

Following IRWITPM, our preICIS workshop in December 2010, some of the manuscripts were

invited to a special issue of the Scandinavian Journal for Information Systems. The following reviewers deserve a thank you for their help in reviewing those manuscripts as well as the other submitted papers. SJIS Special Issue reviewers include:

- Vernon Bachor, St. Cloud State University
- Cecil Chua, University of Auckland
- John DuBard, Florida State University
- Leif Flak, University of Agder
- Arpan Jani, University of Wisconsin - River Falls
- Tony Jewels, United Arab Emirates University
- Lorraine Lee, University of North Carolina - Wilmington
- Yuhzu (Julia) Li, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- Judith McKay, Swinburne University of Technology
- Jacob Norgberg, Copenhagen Business School
- Hans Olaf Olman, University of Agder
- Neeraj Parolia, Towson University
- Tero Paivarinta, University of Agder
- Ralf Plattfaut, WWU Münster
- Sandra Richardson, University of Memphis
- Christoph Rosencranz, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University
- Kurt Schmitz, University of Texas - Arlington
- Derek Smith, University of Cape Town
- Daniel Tan, Acer, Inc.
- Hazel Taylor, University of Washington
- Terry Williams, ASD, Inc.
- Paul Witman, California Lutheran University
- Raymond Young, University of Canberra

SUMMARY OF THE AMCIS 2011 MINI- TRACK ON IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

This August we sponsored a mini-track on IT Project Management (ITProjMgmt) at AMCIS 2011 in Detroit, Michigan. This was an exciting opportunity to showcase research and share ideas among those that are interested in IT project management.

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

The reviewers for this event include:

- Aljafari, Ruba; University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Azan, Wilfrid; Université de strasbourg
- Bin Ahlan, Rahman; IIUM
- Booker, Lorne; McMaster University
- Chen, Rong; Pennsylvania State University
- Dorner, Verena; University of Passau
- Fidelix, Luis; PUCRS
- Harekrishna, Misra; Institute of Rural Management Anand
- Heumann, Jakob; University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
- Hoermann, Stefan; Technische Universität München
- Kakar, Adarsh Kumar; University of Alabama
- Kordha, Ermelinda; University of Vlora
- Larson, Dave; University of Illinois at Springfield
- Lessa, Lemma; Addis Ababa University
- Rehm, Sven-Volker; WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management
- Simpson, Gladys; Florida International University
- Smith, Derek; University of Cape Town
- Tripp, John; Michigan State University
- Vartiainen, Tero; Turku School of Economics, Pori Unit
- Walls, Joseph; University of Michigan

ELECTION NEWS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS CHAIR

The annual SIGITProjMgmt Workshop at ICIS is just around the corner. This year, two leadership posts are up for election: Secretary and Membership and Community Relations Chair. We would strongly encourage you to consider applying for these positions. You are eligible to be an officer of

SIGITProjMgmt so long as you have been a member for two consecutive years. That means if you were a member last year, and are going to join this year, you're eligible! The more help SIGITProjMgmt gets, the better SIGITProjMgmt can serve the needs of the ITPM community.

The duties of the positions are as follows:

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY:

- Keep minutes of the annual general meeting and other business meetings of the SIG.
- Attend the meetings of the Executive Board and act as the clerk thereof and record all the acts, notes, and minutes of the meeting.
- Submit an annual Activity Report to the AIS Vice President of SIGs and Affiliated Organizations as required, but no less than one per year (April 30 and October 30).
- Perform other duties as may be from time to time assigned by the President.
- The Secretary will be elected on odd-numbered years.

DUTIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS CHAIR:

- Ensure the SIG membership rolls are current and up-to-date – particularly prior to elections.
- Chair the nomination committee for the election of officers.
- Develop support (such as sponsorships or relationships) with the professional community as it relates to promoting and developing the SIG.

If you are interested in running for one of these posts, send your name, a photograph of yourself (optional), e-mail address, and a one paragraph stating why you think you will be a good candidate to the chair of the election committee, Cecil Chua (aeh.chua@auckland.ac.nz) or the SIG president, Stacie Petter (spetter@mail.unomaha.edu). We'll put the information up on the SIG's web page. Nominations close on Nov. 4, 2011, 30 days before our elections on Dec. 4, 2011.

PEDAGOGY WORKING GROUP UPDATE

The SIG's pedagogy working group has begun with an initial group of six people. The object of this working group is to encourage the spread of good pedagogical practices and materials throughout the SIG. Hopefully, this will be a self-organizing group, but Mike Cuellar, Secretary of the SIG (mcuellar@nccu.edu), is acting as the coordinator pro tem.

An outline for a wiki on the aisnet.org site has been created and interested members have begun posting syllabi, textbook reviews, articles etc. For others interested in joining, the link is as follows: http://education.aisnet.org/pedagogy/index.php?title=Project_Management_Course_Resources_Page

You will need to be an AIS member to access it. We encourage all members of the SIG to contribute to this page. To do so, follow the instructions on registering as an editor and make your changes in the best open source manner. We look forward to your contributions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION: 6TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP ON IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

We are holding our 6th International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM) (in coordination with ICIS 2011) in December 2011 in **Shanghai, China**. Completed research, research-in-progress, and panels may be presented at the workshop. Selected completed research papers will be fast-tracked for possible publication in the *International Journal of Information Technology and Decision Making*.

Questions about the workshop or submissions can be directed to Workshop Program Chair, Stacie Petter (spetter@unomaha.edu) or the Workshop Proceedings Chair, Alanah Mitchell (mitchellaj@appstate.edu).

For more information about this workshop, visit our IRWITPM [website](http://sites.google.com/site/irwitpm/) (<http://sites.google.com/site/irwitpm/>) or the SIG website (<http://www.sigitprojmgmt.org>).

CALL FOR MINITRACKS: AMCIS 2012 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 2012 in Seattle, Washington. For more information visit the AMCIS 2012 [website](http://amcis2012.aisnet.org/index.php/program/tracks-and-minitracks/60): <http://amcis2012.aisnet.org/index.php/program/tracks-and-minitracks/60>

If you are interested in submitting a mini-track proposal, please email one of the track chairs below:

Alanah Mitchell, Appalachian State University, davisa1@appstate.edu, or

Lorraine Lee, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Leel@uncw.edu

CALL FOR PAPERS: SPECIAL ISSUE ON IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & DECISION MAKING

IT project management research has evolved from engineering disciplines. Certain aspects of managing information technology projects present challenges that are different from other types of projects undertaken by an organization. Furthermore, given the large expense taken by organizations to implement both hardware and software within the firm, organizations want better techniques and knowledge about how to manage these projects. This special issue solicits research in IT project management that focuses on problems that cover a large range of topics that cut across many IT areas. In addition to this open solicitation, selected completed research papers accepted for the AIS SIGITProjMgmt's International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWIPM 2011) to be held

in held in conjunction with ICIS 2011 at Shanghai, China next year.

Themes that could be explored, but are not restricted to, include:

- virtual project management
- agile project management
- knowledge networks
- project management methodologies
- distributed project management
- project leadership
- project quality metrics
- project management standards
- best practices in project management
- project success

Special Issue Editors

Submissions to the special issue should be sent to both of the Special Issue Editors:

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

Stacie Petter, University of Nebraska at Omaha, spetter@unomaha.edu

Important Dates

- January 31, 2012: Submission deadline
- March 30, 2012: First round of decisions based on SJIS reviewer recommendations
- May 31, 2012: Revisions due
- July 31, 2012: Second round decisions based on SJIS reviewer recommendations
- September 30, 2012: Second round revisions due
- October 31, 2012: Camera-ready version submitted
- December 2012: Special issue publication date

IJITDM Format Requirements

Authors must submit original manuscripts in MS Word format, double spaced. Submissions should not exceed 10,000 words, including abstract, references and appendices. References should be

complete with all necessary bibliographic data. In-line citations should be in author-year format (Author Year). Upon acceptance of the manuscript, detailed guidelines for preparing a camera ready version of the manuscript will be sent to the authors.

Additional IJITDM information and previously published papers can be obtained at <http://www.worldscinet.com/ijitdm/mkt/guidelines.shtml>.

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

SIG ITProjMgmt members are all invited to offer items to the upcoming issue of the AIS SIGProjMgmt newsletter (Volume 3, Issue 2), to be published in January 2012. If you are interested, please send your submissions to Alanah Mitchell, mitchellaj@appstate.edu, by January 2012. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Short essay/opinion/research study (800 – 1700 words).
2. IT Project Management book review (800 – 1700 words).
3. Teaching Project Management (up to 1700 words), teaching ideas or cases, sample syllabus, etc.
4. Industry voice (800 – 1700 words), we welcome PM related essays from industry professionals.
5. Brief introduction of Project Management research tools (up to 300 words).
6. Brief introduction of interesting IT Project Management journals and/or special issues, including citation information, brief description, table of content (for special issues), etc.
7. CFP for IT Project Management related journals or conferences.

To view previous newsletters, please visit <http://ais.affiniscape.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=801>

SPONSORS

We would like to extend a thank you to the sponsors this year, including:



SIG ITPROJMGMT NETWORKING

SIG information is posted on our website as well as our IRWITPM website:

<http://www.sigitprojmgmt.org>

<http://sites.google.com/site/irwitpm/>

AIS has put together a listserv for all of the Special Interest Groups, including ours. To sign up for our mailing list please visit the following website:
http://www.aisnet.org/AIS_Lists

Additionally, we have established a LinkedIn group for increased networking among our SIG members. Therefore, with your LinkedIn accounts you can now join the Group/Association titled: AIS SIG IT Project Management:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=2475042>.

We hope to stay connected through these various networking opportunities!

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SIG ITPROJMGMT INFORMATION

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.

AIS website

<http://home.aisnet.org>

SIGITProjMgmt website

<http://www.sigitprojmgmt.org/>