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

Happy New Year to the SIGITProjMgmt members! 2014 was a great year for us and we are hoping to have just as much fun in 2015!
This past year, we held successful conference tracks at ECIS in Tel Aviv, Israel and AMCIS in Savannah, Georgia. We also wrapped up our 9th annual International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM) preICIS event in Auckland, New Zealand. As always, many thanks go out to our track chairs, AEs, mini track chairs, authors, reviewers, and session attendees for each of these events. I would also like to give a special thanks to Cecil Chua, our SIG Membership and Publicity Chair for all of his help with the local arrangements in Auckland.

Along with our conference and workshop events, 2014 marked the beginning of a great partnership with the Project Management Institute (PMI). PMI has a number of research funding and publication opportunities for our SIG members, so continue to be on the lookout for those. Finally, we completed our SIG administration duties including our annual report and financial report, both of which can be found on our website.

Submission deadlines for some of our 2015 events are coming up soon. We will be sponsoring tracks at both AMCIS in Puerto Rico and PACIS in Singapore this year. The AMCIS deadline is March 1st, 2015 and PACIS papers are due soon after on March 4th, 2015. We look forward to seeing what you have all been working on, so please get your submissions ready. Details about the events can be found on the conference websites.

Thank you to AIS for handling a lot of the administrative needs of the SIG and thank you to all of the SIG members for your continued involvement. I look forward to the events that we have planned in 2015. Have a great 2015 and I hope to see many of you at an upcoming event!

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SIG ITProjMgmt Updates

SUMMARY OF THE 9TH ANNUAL IRWITPM

The 9th International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM) included eleven completed research papers, and three research-in-progress papers. The workshop took place on December 13th, 2014 in Auckland, New Zealand.

More than 30 participants attended some portion of the workshop. Visit the IRWITPM archive website to review the Workshop Program, the Workshop Proceedings, and photos from the event (http://sites.google.com/site/irwitpm/).
**Election News from the Membership and Community Relations Chair**

This year, two leadership posts were up for election: Secretary and Membership and Community Relations Chair. Voting took place this past December at the preICIS workshop on IT project management. The following SIG members were unanimously elected:

**Treasurer:** Radu Vlas, University of Houston, Clear Lake  
**Communications and Publicity Chair:** John Tripp, Baylor University

**Reviewer Thanks**

A special thank you to those of you that have reviewed papers for the 8th International Research Workshop on IT Project Management. We also appreciate those helping as reviewers, track chairs and special editors for ECIS 2014. We cannot offer so many opportunities to publish and share research on IT Project Management without the help of reviewers.

- Simon Bourdeau, HEC Montréal  
- Marcirio Silveira Chaves, Universidade Nove de Julho – UNINOVE  
- Simon Cleveland, Nova Southeastern University  
- Gerard de Loez, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
- John DuBard, Florida State University  
- Lior Fink, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
- Arpan Jani, University of Wisconsin, River Falls  
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**Upcoming Events**

**AMCIS 2015 Track on IT Project Management**

SIGITProjMgmt is sponsoring a mini-track on IT Project Management (ITProjMgmt) at AMCIS 2015 in **Puerto Rico**. There are three mini-tracks under the umbrella of IT Project Management. You can find more details about the conference, the track, and the mini-tracks at the AMCIS website: http://amics2015.aisnet.org/2-uncategorised/27-amcis-2015-it-project-management-sig-itprojmgmt-track. The deadline for paper submissions is **February 25th, 2015**.

If you have any questions, please email one of the track chairs: Alanah Mitchell, Appalachian State University, mitchellaj@appstate.edu, Lorraine Lee, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Leel@uncw.edu, or Stacie Petter, University of Nebraska, Omaha, spetter@unomaha.edu.
9TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP ON IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

We are holding our 10th International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM) (in coordination with ICIS 2015) in December 2015 in Ft. Worth, Texas, USA. Completed research, research-in-progress, and panels may be submitted to the workshop.

The deadline for submissions is September 15th, 2015 and should be submitted via email to UNOIRWITPM@unomaha.edu.

Questions about the workshop or submissions can be directed to one of the workshop organizers: Alanah Mitchell (mitchellaj@appstate.edu) or Stacie Petter (stacie_petter@baylor.edu).

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

NEWS FROM THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT JOURNAL

We have some exciting new developments with the Project Management Journal that we’d like to share with the IT Project Management Special Interest Group community.

In September 2014, Fred Niederman of Saint Louis University joined the board of editors (replacing Blaize Reich following her many years of dedicated service). In February 2015, Cecil Eng Huang Chua of the University of Auckland in New Zealand also joined the board of editors. They join Gary Klein of the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs who has been serving for a number of years on the PMJ editorial board. Together the three will be managing
the review process for all Information and Communication Technology papers within the project management umbrella. They will also be promoting the journal and looking for opportunities to encourage strong studies in the area that can make a contribution to the ICT and project management communities. Cecil, Fred, and Gary attend many of the same academic meetings that have an ITProjMgmt SIG presence and are always happy to tell you about the journal and discuss your potential contributions.

At the February meeting of the Project Management Journal board in Barcelona, Spain, the full board tackled a number of issues. First, a new mission statement for the journal was drafted. The new statement is not quite fully complete and ready for release, however, it will emphasize the PMJ’s leading role in the dissemination of knowledge regarding all aspects of project management. Second, an updated reviewing system has been outlined with a variety of new policies, not least of which will be a new keyword system – as you’d find in most IS journals – that allows reviewers to be more specific in designating the topics, methods, and philosophies they are comfortable reviewing. This will also allow authors to describe their papers more clearly for a better match of reviewers to papers which should result in more targeted, developmental, and detailed reviews. Of course all SIG members are welcome and encouraged to participate in PMJ reviewing. Contact any of the department editors to take advantage of this opportunity.

Additionally, the journal is adding a “scientific board” of leading scholars to promote project management and contribute both advice and leadership in terms of special issues and thought provoking opinion pieces. A number of leading IS project management scholars have been targeted for invitation to this board.

In summary, this is a critical transformational time for the Project Management Journal. The current board is dedicated to efforts to cement its position as a leading source of knowledge for PM including both the use of PM for ICT work and the use of ICT to improve project management. This is, therefore, a great time to investigate the journal, consider using the intellectual content of past issues in your teaching and research, consider reviewing, and submitting quality work.

Thank you,

Fred Niederman, Gary Klein, and Cecil Chua

CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

SIG ITProjMgmt members are all invited to offer items to the upcoming issue of the AIS SIGProjMgmt newsletter (Volume 7, Issue 1), to be published in September 2015. If you are interested, please send your submissions to John Tripp, john_tripp@baylor.edu, by August 15, 2015. 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.

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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 a LinkedIn group for increased networking among our SIG members. To join search for the Group/Association titled: AIS SIG IT Project Management:

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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

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http://www.sigitprojmgmt.org/