

SIGITProjMgmt Newsletter

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Membership Stats

189 members

151 cities

35 countries

79% academics

16% doctoral students

5% professionals and
retired academics

Message from the President



A lot has changed since our last newsletter! I hope that you are all doing well and adjusting to the shift in how we operate in our personal and professional lives. I am continually amazed at how quickly we can all adapt to such a dramatic shift in the way we work. It has also been wonderful to see people

coming together and connecting virtually where there may have been obstacles before. I want to personally thank all of you who responded so quickly to our call for reviewers for our AMCIS mini-track. During a swift transition, we needed reviewers, and many of you responded so quickly. I truly appreciate your support.

The SIG has had a great year and is still going strong. We had a great workshop at ICIS 2019 and welcomed some new officers – **Abhishek Tripathi as Secretary** and **Tenace Setor as Membership and Community Relations Chair** – who I look forward to working with. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Gaurav Shekhar** and **Cecil Chau** for their service and dedication to the SIG. It has been a pleasure working with them, and I appreciate their service.

Another exciting bit of news is that we received the *AIS Outstanding Community Designation!* Congratulations to everyone who continue to make that happen. This our 6th year in a row!

As a SIG, we are continuing to develop opportunities for our members to connect. Please take a few minutes to read more about what is happening in our SIG.

Dawn Owens
President, SIGITProjMgmt

Reflections from the Founder



It has been quite a couple of months. The Covid-19 pandemic is bringing to the forefront the fundamental nature of humankind and the importance of supporting our global family with empathy and thoughtfulness. We are dealing with the stress associated with unplanned changes, remote work, remote teaching and/or learning, health care considerations, and the care and concern for our loved ones. As we all prepare to navigate the days ahead, I want to take a moment to make sure that, in this extraordinarily stressful time, we continue reminding ourselves that the routine stuff we are used to is even more important than ever before. This means reflecting on our group's ongoing intellectual enterprise and how far we have come in this field we all love: IT Project Management (IT PM). This must now, more importantly, include exploring how project management principles and best practices and our ongoing research and teaching in IT PM, in particular, can be leveraged for the common good and to understand better how we can respond and manage crises such as pandemics and infrastructure failures.

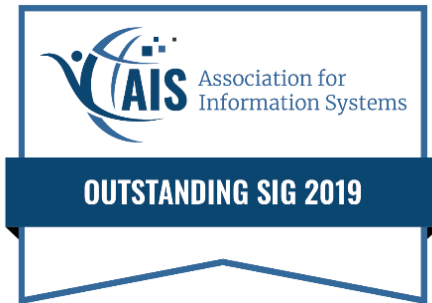
We can be proud of what we have accomplished as an AIS SIG over the past 15 years. The SIG was founded in 2006 with over forty charter members. The first International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM) was held as a pre-ICIS workshop in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 2006, with approximately 50 attendees. Not including all the mini-tracks and IT PM tracks in AMCIS, ICIS, ECIS, and PACIS, more than 400 authors and 150 research papers have been included in the IRWITPM meetings so far. The SIGITProjMgmt earned AIS's best SIG award in 2018. Kudos to all the SIG presidents and officers over the years who have worked hard to expand the reach of the SIG and sustain it as a successful forum for all facets of IT PM.

Our next decade will bring many challenges and opportunities to innovate in our field. Project management as a discipline has a critical role to play – whether it be in virtual project management for now or crisis project management or AI-enabled project management. The future of this discipline is secure, and I hope that all of us will continue to engage and interact to make the organization even more successful in the years to come.

Stay well and safe – wherever you are, and please *stay connected*.

Deepak Khazanchi
Founder, SIGITProjMgmt

AIS Outstanding Community



We are pleased to announce that the Special Interest Group on IT Project Management (SIGITProjMgmt) is among the 37 AIS Communities to earn the designation of Outstanding SIG, College, or Chapter for 2019.

To receive this designation, SIGITProjMgmt had to excel in operations, membership communications, educational and/or professional development events, and research publications. We also received impressive responses to our inquiry about the AIS Grand Vision Challenge and your Diversity and Inclusion efforts!

This honorable recognition serves as motivation for groups to maintain excellent programs, operations, and services that support a successful AIS Community. Criteria for recognition includes hosting events, workshops, or conference tracks; publishing research; recognizing member achievements; communication and promotion of the group's activities; and effective group operations

Updates from IRWITPM 2019



We had a great time at the 14th International Research Workshop in Information Technology Project Management (IRWITPM). The event included research presentations on Agile Project Management, Project Management Skills and Leadership, and Project Management Skills Foundations. The event was sponsored by our long-term partner, the Project Management Institute (PMI). Fred Niederman, Co-Editor for the Project Management Journal, talked about the latest research in the Project Management space. Ashley Forsyth, Academic Programs Specialist at the Project Management Institute, talked about opportunities available from PMI. In all, we had about 26 people in attendance. In terms of submissions, we had eight submissions, four "Completed" Research Papers, and four "In Progress" Research Papers.

We also presented several awards. **Noel Carroll** and **Kieran Conboy** from Lero, National University of Ireland Galway, won the *Best Paper Award* for their paper on *Applying Normalization Process Theory to Explain Large-Scale Agile Transformations*. **Meghann L. Drury-Grogan** from Fordham University, **Michael Erskine** from Middle Tennessee State University, and **Paul Witman** from California Lutheran University all won *Best Reviewer Awards*.

Thank you to our session chairs and our many reviewers!

The Workshop also featured the Annual Business Meeting. Dawn Owens, President of SIGITProjMgmt, gave a comprehensive report on the activities and plans of the SIG. The event was rounded up with dinner. See pictures on pages 7 and 8.



15th International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM)

CALL FOR PAPERS

DECEMBER 12TH 2020

HELD IN CONJUNCTION
WITH ICIS 2020

SPONSORED BY: **SIGITPROJMGMT**

Special Interest Group on Information Technology and Project Management

The Special Interest Group for IT Project Management (SIGITPROJMGMT) is proud to sponsor the **15th International Research Workshop on Information Technology Project Management**. The workshop will feature research papers and one or more panels that focus on problems that cut across many traditional IS/T Project Management areas, including, but not limited to, the following topics: project success, virtual project management, agile project management, project management methodologies, project leadership, project management standards, best practices in project management, emerging trends in project management and pedagogical issues. We are also accepting papers that align with the AIS Grand Challenge initiative, which is a call for action for AIS communities to explore ways to promote discussion within and across communities to promote pedagogy and research that utilizes IS to tackle a major societal issue.

The workshop will be held as an all-day meeting in Hyderabad, India in conjunction with ICIS 2020. Participants should plan on arriving the night before the workshop for an early start to the meeting. There will be a single track to maximize interaction and participation. Workshop participants will be charged a registration fee that will include lunch and coffee breaks (details will be announced as the conference program is finalized).

Submission Type

Excluding references, tables and figures

- Completed Research Paper (<5000 words)
- Research-in-Progress Paper (<3500 words)
- Panel Proposals

Important Dates

- Submission Deadline: Aug 16th, 2020
- Notification Deadline: Sept 20th, 2020
- Revised Manuscript Deadline: Oct 1st, 2020
- Registration Deadline: Oct 30th, 2020

Got Questions?

Email the Workshop Chairs

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Submission Process

The manuscript or proposal and any supporting documentation (such as survey instruments) should be sent as e-mail attachments (in MSWord format) to the IRWITPM Conference Chairs at:

UNOIRWITPM@mail.unomaha.edu. In your email, please clearly identify your paper as a research-in-progress (RIP) or a completed paper. Authors should use the submission template provided on the SIG website. All submissions to IRWITPM must represent original work that has not already been published in a journal or conference proceedings. If the work has been presented at another conference or is currently under consideration for publication or presentation elsewhere, the authors must disclose this fact. Authors of accepted submissions must address the suggestions (if any) of the reviewers and submit an electronic copy of the final version of their work by the specified deadline. Failure to do so will result in withdrawal of this work from further consideration and it will not be included on the final program. All final papers will be published in the form of e-proceedings available via the AIS eLibrary. Finally, at least one author for every accepted paper and all members of accepted panels must register for the workshop and be prepared to present their ideas in person.

Meet the Executive Board

Dawn Owens, President

Dawn is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Texas at Dallas. She is the Program Director for their undergraduate degree program titled Information Technology and Systems at the Naveen Jindal School of Management. Before coming to UT Dallas, she was an Associate Professor at Bellevue University. She also has a rich corporate experience of 13+ years at West Corporation, in which she rose to the position of Director of Information Services. Dawn is very engaged with several professional organizations. Apart from AIS, she is on the Board of High Tech High Heels, an organization that champions the cause of STEM education for girls. She also heads the ITS Academy, which aims at conducting events for Middle School and High School Students. Her favorite activity is spending time with her three kids, apart from fostering rescue dogs, something very close to her heart.



Abhishek Tripathi, Secretary

Abhishek is an Assistant Professor of Information Systems in the School of Business at The College of New Jersey. He has nine years of teaching experience in IT-related graduate and undergraduate courses and worked professionally in the software and telecommunications domain for four years. His current research interests are in project management, crowdsourcing, sustainable educational technologies, IT/IS leadership, big data, and virtual Project management. Abhishek received the best IS teacher award from the Devang Mehta Business School. In his free time, he loves to play ping pong.



Radu Vlas, Treasurer

Radu Vlas is a Lecturer in the Operations and Information Management Department of the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He holds a Ph.D. in Computer Information Systems from Georgia State University. His current research interests span areas such as technology innovation and governance, perceptions of technology, text mining, natural language processing, TMT self-monitoring, requirements engineering, and open-source software development. His work has been published in scholarly outlets such as the Journal of Management Information Systems and Asia-Pacific Journal of Information Systems and received a best paper award at the Hawai'i International Conference on System Sciences (HICSS).



Tenace Setor, Membership and Community Relations Chair

Tenace is an Assistant Professor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. His research seeks to understand why and how high technology professionals sustain themselves through the development of human capital. Specifically, his research examines themes related to IT careers, compensation, and work-design. Tenace is a regular participant at major IS conferences, and his work has appeared in management and information systems journals, including Human Relations and Journal of Computer Information Systems.





Maheshwar Boodraj, Communications Chair

Mahesh is a Ph.D. Candidate at Georgia State University, where he conducts research on technical debt, software development, IT project management, and experimental design. Before joining academia, Mahesh accumulated over a decade of experience in various managerial and technical roles at IBM and the Mona School of Business and Management. Mahesh enjoys meeting new people and serving the communities to which he belongs. Mahesh currently serves as President of the AIS Doctoral Student College, which he co-founded. He also serves as Student Representative-at-Large for the Organizational Communication & Information Systems (OCIS) Division of the Academy of Management. Previously, Mahesh served on the boards of several non-profit organizations, including the Project Management Institute, Jamaica Chapter, where he served as President and Chairman.



Deepak Khazanchi, Founder

Deepak is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis, and Community Engagement and Internationalization Officer in the College of Information Science & Technology (IS&T) at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). He has affiliate faculty appointments in UNO's International Studies program and the Leonard and Shirley Goldstein Center for Human Rights. He has adjunct/affiliate faculty appointments at the University of Agder (Norway), Management Center Innsbruck (Austria), and the University of International Business & Economics (Beijing, China). He currently serves on the Board of Management of two Universities in India, Brownell Talbot High School Board of Trustees, the Collective for Youth Advisory Board, and the Refugee Empowerment Center Board in Omaha. He was the founder of SIGITProjMgmt, served as VP of Programs for the PMI Heartlands Chapter, President of the Midwest AIS, co-chaired AMCIS 2005, and was a member of the AIS Council.

Potential Publication Outlets



The mission of the International Journal of Information Systems and Project Management (IJISPM) is the dissemination of new scientific knowledge on information systems management and project management, encouraging further progress in theory and practice. The IJISPM publishes leading scholarly and practical research articles that aim to advance the information systems management and project management fields of knowledge, featuring state-of-the-art research, theories, approaches, methodologies, techniques, and applications. The journal serves academics, practitioners, chief information officers, project managers, consultants, and senior executives of organizations, establishing an effective communication channel between them.

Photos from IRWITPM 2019





Call for Newsletter Articles

Please email the editor, Maheshwar Boodraj, at mboodraj1@gsu.edu with any articles that you think may be of value to the members of our Special Interest Group on IT Project Management. Thank you.

Connect with Us

