



Getting ready for the unexpected – IS for Crisis Management in a complex and uncertain world

Conference Dates: May 24-27 2015

**Doctoral Colloquium - Sunday 24th May 2015
9am – 5pm**

DUE DATE: January 30th, 2015

In the ISCRAM tradition, the Doctoral Colloquium will take place prior to the main conference on Sunday, 24th May 2015. The colloquium is for doctoral students seeking careers as researchers in public, private and academic organizations with research interests in crisis management

The goals of the ISCRAM 2012 Ph.D. Colloquium are three-fold:

- To develop and sustain a network of young scholars conducting high quality research in the area of Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management.
- To support the next generation of crisis management researchers by addressing issues relevant to the progression of a research career
- To allow participants to discuss their research with leading specialists, scholars and peers in an international setting.

Up to twelve students will be accepted for the colloquium. Numbers are kept purposely small in order to focus on quality interaction and discussion. The morning session will focus on introductions, networking and general mentoring. The afternoon session will consist of group and individual research feedback sessions. The final session will be a colloquium poster session, providing students the opportunity to learn about one another's research and prepare for the conference-wide poster session in which they will also participate.

Note that students who submit papers to the ISCRAM conference itself (and who are named as first author) will be eligible for the Award for best PhD Student paper. Attendance at the PhD Colloquium is not a pre-requisite for eligibility for this award.

Eligibility

As the aim of the colloquium is to assist candidates with their thesis research, only doctoral students who have not yet defended their thesis are eligible to apply.

Cost

Participation at the ISCRAM PhD colloquium is **free**, as is lunch and refreshments. However, participants in the Doctoral Colloquium must register for the main conference (a student rate is available).

How to Apply

To apply, candidates should submit a single file by January 30th, 2015 to the doctoral colloquium on the conference's paper submission system <https://www.conftool.com/iscram2015/> via the Doctoral Colloquium track.

The file should contain the following:

1. A short CV, no more than two pages
2. A description of the research project: its context, aims and research question(s), the research method, and any results obtained to date (2-5 pages in length including figures, tables, and references). There is no need to format this according to the ISCRAM format.
3. A personal statement of no more than one page identifying three specific aspects of the research (theory, method, data analysis, technical design, etc.) in which the student is seeking assistance.
4. A digital photo. This will be used for the photo roster if the application is successful.

Colloquium Leaders

The day will be led by Dr Julie Dugdale (<http://magma.imag.fr/content/julie-dugdale>) and Dr Chris Zobel (<http://www.czobel.bit.vt.edu/>). Julie Dugdale is the Vice President of the ISCRAM Association, Associate Professor at Grenoble University, France, and Adjunct Professor at UIA, Norway. Chris Zobel is a member of the ISCRAM Board and Professor of Business Information Technology at Virginia Tech.



Julie Dugdale



Chris Zobel

Contact

For any questions on the Doctoral Colloquium, contact us via iscram2015.PhD@iscram.org

About ISCRAM:

ISCRAM is the acronym for Information Systems for Crisis Response and Management, and has been first used for the first international ISCRAM Workshop in Brussels in 2004.

From 2004 to 2009, the ISCRAM Community expanded into a globally active community of researchers, academics, practitioners, policy makers with an interest in this new area. In 2009, the ISCRAM Association was formally established as a non-profit association in Belgium. A new Constitution was approved and a new Board was elected at the first General Assembly at the ISCRAM2009 Conference in Gothenburg. At the ISCRAM2011 Conference in Lisbon, the new Bylaws of the Association were approved at the General Assembly.

The ISCRAM Association's primary mission is to foster a community dedicated to promoting research and development, exchange of knowledge and deployment of information systems for crisis management, including the social, technical and practical aspects of all information

and communication systems used or to be used in all phases of management of emergencies, disasters and crises.

Julie Dugdale, Grenoble University/University of Agder and Chris Zobel, Virginia Tech.

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