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

With the start of the Fall semester, SIGITProjMgmt is able to reflect on a successful spring and summer and look forward to many of the upcoming activities ahead of us.

This past year, SIGITProjMgmt was able to sponsor successful tracks at both ECIS 2013 in Utrecht and AMCIS 2013 in Chicago. We also completed our annual report and financial report (both of which can be found on our website).

The deadline for the upcoming 8th International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM) in Milan, Italy is nearing (September 15, 2013 for those finalizing and research). We hope to have the support of our SIG members whether it is submitting your research, serving as a reviewer, or attending and participating at the workshop in December.

I would like to thank all of the SIG members for their continued support and involvement. The members of SIGITProjMgmt are what make this group such a wonderful network to be a part of. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or opportunities for our SIG, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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SIG ITPROJMGMT UPDATES

8th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP ON IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

We are holding our 8th International Research Workshop on IT Project Management (IRWITPM) (in coordination with ICIS 2013) in December 2013 in Milan, Italy. Completed research, research-in-progress, and panels may be submitted to the workshop.

The deadline for submissions is September 15th, 2013 and should be submitted via email to UNOIRWITPM@unomaha.edu.

Questions about the workshop or submissions can be directed to Workshop Program Chair, Alanah Mitchell (mitchellaj@appstate.edu) or the Workshop Proceedings Chair, John Tripp (john_tripp@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).
SUMMARY OF THE AMCIS 2013 TRACK ON IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

This August we sponsored a Track on IT Project Management (ITProjMgmt) at AMCIS 2013 in Chicago, Illinois. This was an exciting opportunity to showcase research and share ideas among those that are interested in IT project management. Overall, there were 13 papers presented in four sessions. We had a great turn out for each of the IT ProjMgmt sessions. We would like to give a special thanks to each one of the mini-track chairs, authors, reviewers, and session attendees for this success.

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 & Community Relations Chair. We would strongly encourage you to consider applying for these positions. You are eligible to be an officer of SIGITProjMgmt if 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.

Secretary: The Secretary shall be the chief administrative officer of the SIG and shall perform all duties that pertain to the office of Secretary and that may be assigned by the President and the Executive Board. The secretary's primary duties shall be to:

- 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 (and any other reports) to the AIS Vice President of SIGs and Chapters as requested.
- Notify SIG members and members of the Executive Board of all meetings.
- Perform other duties as time to time assigned by the President.

Membership and Community Relations Chair: The Membership and Community Relations Chair shall be responsible for matters related to the SIG membership as well as developing community support for SIGITProjMgmt. In furtherance of, but not in limitation of, the office, the Membership and Community Relations Chair primary duties shall be to:

- Ensure the SIG membership roles 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). Nominations close on Nov. 15, 2013, and elections will be held at our annual business meeting on Dec. 15, 2013 at IRWITPM.

CALL FOR PAPERS: SPECIAL ISSUE ON IT PROGRAM MANAGEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL OF THE AIS

Interest has grown in information technology (IT) around project management in the past few decades. However, to operate in today’s complex and dynamic business environment, organizations must effectively manage a multitude of projects. A
traditional functional and hierarchical structure to comprehensive management of multiple projects does not offer the best performance since changes to structures and work methods occur frequently. To meet the need of managing multiple interrelated projects, programs and program management activities directed at coordinating and controlling a number of related projects have become common vehicles for change and innovation. A program can be seen as a temporary organization in which a group of projects are managed together to deliver higher order strategic objectives not delivered by any of the projects on their own. In other words, programs are larger hierarchical units of projects, and are intended to achieve more than just the sum of their composite projects. Stakeholders involved in programs often include senior management teams, functional/divisional managers, program managers, IT managers, IT development teams, key users, and external organizations, who add depth to the more shallow expectations that characterize an IT project.

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

- What are the impacts of project interdependencies on programs?
- What governance structures are appropriate and effective for managing IT programs?
- How are risks elevated at the program level and how can they be controlled?
- What traits in the IT environment impact the ability to effectively manage programs?
- How can IT programs be connected to IT strategy?
- What characteristics distinguish IT projects from IT programs?
- How can IT projects best be grouped into programs?
- How do you compose effective IT program teams?
- What are effective reward structures for programs?
- How does the management of stakeholders vary from IT projects to programs?

**Special Issue Editors**

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

Gary Klein, University of Colorado gklein@uccs.edu, James J. Jiang, The Australian National University, james.j.jiang@anu.edu.au.

**Important Dates**

- December 1, 2013 – Initial full paper submissions due
- March, 1, 2014 – First round acceptances announced
- July 1, 2014 – Revised papers due
- October 1, 2014 – Final decision notification
- December 1, 2014 – Final papers due
- March 1, 2015 – Anticipated publication

**CALL FOR CHAPTERS**

**GLOBAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT: KEY ISSUES, STRATEGIES AND PRACTICES FOR DEVELOPING ECONOMIES [CRC PRESS]**

Editors: Corlane Barclay (University of Technology, Jamaica)

Kweku-Muata Osei-Bryson (Virginia Commonwealth University, USA)

The main influence for developing this edited book is the combination of the growing importance of project management globally and the relatively lack of sufficient and relevant resources that suit the context of developing economies. The developing region accounts for the highest number of population in the world. Developing nations are increasing their utilization of projects as a vehicle to drive economic and social development through formal application of project management principles. Our experiences have shown that practitioners are not effectively applying best principles and practices of project management...
despite their involvement in numerous initiatives. Empirical evidence from other regions also supports this as organizations including government organizations are shown to not be able to successfully manage projects and are faced with multiple challenges and obstacles. This phenomenon presents a deep challenge for economies that are already severely by financial resources and other resource constraints. For example, the media continuously report on incidences of persistent overspending in government projects, problem of delayed work as a result of improper planning and risk management, which exacerbate the draining of the already overburdened coffers of these countries. This in turn slows national development. Contributing factors to this seemingly endless cycle are the ineffective application of project management standards and techniques, the lack of suitably qualified and experienced project managers, and the paucity of resources that are relevant to their context.

The book will aim to provide:

- A comprehensive, in-depth overview of the development and current state of the field in under-reported countries and region
- Comprehensive coverage of project management experiences in developing countries and regions
- Current discussion on the application of key knowledge areas
- Tools and techniques relevant to regional contexts
- Responses to current challenges and issues experience in this environment
- Examination of opportunities to enhance experience and project management maturity

Suggested Topics

- Project professionalization in developing regions
- Project Success, Critical Factors & Performance Evaluation
- Government projects and multinational projects
- Risk and catastrophe management
- Procurement management in government and industry
- Stakeholder management
- Agile Project Management
- Project Offices, Portfolios & Programs
- Knowledge management in projects
- Cases & applications from industry (e.g. healthcare, education, law enforcement, technology, government)

Submission Procedure

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit on or before **September 30, 2013**, a brief chapter proposal/abstract clearly outlining and explaining the area of focus, objective and content of the proposed chapter. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by **October 15, 2013** about the status of their proposals and will be sent chapter writing guidelines. Full chapters are expected to be submitted by **February 15, 2014**. All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis. Contributors may also be requested to serve as reviewers.

Please send all your submissions and/or enquiries to the editors at clbarclay@gmail.com. Also visit [http://www.wikicfp.com/cfp/servlet/event.showcfp?eventid=32065&copyownerid=50314](http://www.wikicfp.com/cfp/servlet/event.showcfp?eventid=32065&copyownerid=50314) for further details and updates.

Important Dates

- **September 30, 2013**: Proposal Submission Deadline
- **October 15, 2013**: Notification of Decision on Proposal
- **February 15, 2014**: Full Chapter Submission Deadline
CALL FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

SIG ITProjMgmt members are all invited to offer items to the upcoming issue of the AIS SIGProjMgmt newsletter (Volume 5, Issue 2), to be published in February 2014. If you are interested, please send your submissions to John Tripp, john_tripp@baylor.edu, by January 15, 2014. 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 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:

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/