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CALL for PROPOSALS



The Society for Risk Analysis (SRA)
invites you to submit a proposal for the

World Congress on Risk

**“Risk and Development
in a Changing World”**

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre

Sydney, Australia

18-20 July 2012

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to share your research and ideas with the global risk analysis community. Visit <http://sra.org/worldcongress2012> right away, to submit your proposals for:

- **Symposium sessions** (4-5 speakers), and individual speaker abstracts as part of a symposium
- **Individual oral presentations** (to be grouped into sessions)
- **Poster presentations** (to be displayed during the Congress)

The proposal submission website linked above contains more information about the types of proposals and the selection criteria (see also below in this document).

Deadlines: All proposals submitted by **20 November 2011** will receive full consideration by the World Congress Organizing Committee. (Decisions on these proposals will be made beginning in January 2012.) The proposals site will **remain open** after 20 November 2011, and proposals submitted after that date will be considered if space remains available.

The World Congress on Risk 2012 will be the third in the series of World Congresses organized by the SRA and its partner organizations. SRA held the first World Congress on Risk in Brussels, Belgium in 2003, and the second World Congress on Risk in Guadalajara, Mexico in 2008.

The overall theme of the 2012 World Congress will be “Risk and Development in a Changing World.” The three daily sub-themes will be “Disasters and Resilience,” “Global and Emerging Risks,” and “Risk and Sustainable Development.”

At this time, SRA is inviting proposals for presentations. At a later date, we will post information about the program (including plenary speakers and associated breakout sessions), hotels in Sydney, conference registration (by April 2012), and travel arrangements.

Guidelines for Proposals (these guidelines are repeated on each proposal submission webpage, for each type of proposal): All proposals should be submitted in a format and length consistent with the conditions given below.

Proposal length:

Symposium: A proposal description between 3,500 and 11,000 characters, which is equivalent to 1-3 pages in length.

Individual Oral Presentation or Individual Poster Presentation: A proposal description which cannot exceed 2000 characters, which is equivalent to about 1 page in length.

Each proposal must include the following information:

- a) Title and abstract
- b) List of authors
- c) Contact information of presenter (submitter)

The selection decisions, to be made by the World Congress Organizing Committee, will be based upon the following **criteria**:

- a. Relevance to the overall Congress theme ("Risk and Development in a Changing World") and to one of the three daily sub-themes (Disasters & Resilience; Global & Emerging Risks; Risk & Sustainable Development)
- b. Elements of risk analysis (i.e. relating to risk assessment, risk management, and/or risk communication).
- c. Either (1) new approach or research contribution to risk analysis, or (2) improved understanding of risk challenge, or (3) new risk analysis applied to problem of development, governance or innovation.
- d. International representation among the speakers (this applies to Symposia)
- e. Multi- or interdisciplinary representation among the speakers (this applies to Symposia)

Travel support: As in the past two World Congresses, SRA is seeking funding to support travel – by junior faculty/researchers, and by participants from developing countries – to the World Congress on Risk 2012 in Sydney. Within the Proposal website at <http://sra.org/worldcongress2012> , in the “Online Submission of Proposals,” you will find an option for each submitter to request information about such travel support, on the page for each type of proposed presentation.

If you have questions about this proposal process, please contact the SRA Secretariat, David Drupa, at ddrupa@burkinc.com .

We look forward to seeing you in Sydney!

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