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# Spreadsheet Research Interest Group

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# Why a Spreadsheet Research Interest Group?

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- ◆ Spreadsheets are everywhere
- ◆ Spreadsheets are the *modeling* platform for most end-users
- ◆ Spreadsheets carry management science to end-users
- ◆ Spreadsheet practice is poorly understood
- ◆ Improvements in practice would have high impact

# The European Spreadsheet Risks Research Interest Group

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- ◆ Spreadsheet Development Methodology (Univ. of Greenwich)
- ◆ Spreadsheet Audit Tool SPACE (UK: H.M. Customs & Excise)
- ◆ Use of Spreadsheets in Business (Univ. of Wales, Cardiff)
- ◆ Establishing Good Practice Standards (Univ. of Greenwich)
- ◆ Ensuring Financial Accuracy (Univ. of Birmingham)

# Where Should We Go?

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- ◆ Field research
- ◆ Lab research
- ◆ Software development
- ◆ Consortia with consulting companies and other high-volume users
- ◆ Consortia with software vendors (e.g., Frontline, Decisioneering, Palisade)

# How Do We Get There?

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- ◆ How to provide necessary support, stimulation, etc?
  - Email reflector
  - Email newsletter
  - Web site
  - Summer conference at Tuck School of Business
  - Funding???
  
- ◆ What structure?
  - Membership list with email seems essential
  - Part of INFORMS or standalone?
  - What level of formality?
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