

Newsletter #2

SPREADSHEET RESEARCH INTEREST GROUP NEWSLETTER #2
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Spreadsheet Research Interest Group
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1) European Spreadsheet Risks Interest Group Conference, July 2002

EuSpRIG is holding its 3rd annual conference July 2002 in beautiful Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom. The Proceedings of the first two conferences were full of interesting work.

EuSpRIG Conference website: <http://www.uwic.ac.uk/eusprig/>
EuSpRIG Conference Registration:
<http://www.uwic.ac.uk/eusprig/Booking%20form.htm>
EuSpRIG homepage: <http://www.gre.ac.uk/~cd02/eusprig/>

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2) Spreadsheet Style Website and Links

John Raffensperger <mailto:j.raffensperger@mang.canterbury.ac.nz> has two websites on spreadsheet style.

Academic version, said to be a bit controversial:
<http://www.mang.canterbury.ac.nz/people/jfaffen/spreadsheets/index.html>

Commercial version, similar content, but in a more approachable format:
<http://SpreadsheetStyle.Com>

A large list of links with quality ratings covering spreadsheet auditing, style, and other topics:
<http://spreadsheetstyle.com/links/links.htm>

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3) Overview of Spreadsheet Research Opportunities and Challenges

A high-level of overview of spreadsheet research issues by Tom Grossman <mailto:Thomas.Grossman@Haskayne.UCalgary.ca> is available at the SRIG website, <http://www.ucalgary.ca/mg/grossman/spreadsheetsresearch> (It is a 350KB PowerPoint file, not suitable for mass emailing.)

The intention is to motivate and assist established researchers interested in contributing to our knowledge of spreadsheets. The overview:

- attempts to summarize what we know about spreadsheets
- proposes research on best practices

- articulates a series of research issues by home discipline
- provides pointers into the literature and ongoing research projects

4) Possible Spreadsheet Research Section in INFORMS

It has been suggested that SRIG should create a Spreadsheet Research Section within the INFORMS professional society. This would make it easier to sponsor a track of spreadsheet research sessions, and allow use of INFORMS' resources and reach.

If you are interested in assisting with this effort, please email SRIG President Tom Grossman, <mailto:Thomas.Grossman@Haskayne.UCalgary.ca>

<http://www.informs.org/>
<http://www.informs.org/Subdiv/sections.html>
<http://www.informs.org/Subdiv/handbook/secsoc-handbook.htm>

5) Spreadsheets at November 2002 INFORMS Meeting

Tom Grossman is organizing a few sessions on spreadsheets at the INFORMS meeting in San Jose, California, November 17-20. If you are interested in giving a talk or organizing a session, please contact him.
<mailto:Thomas.Grossman@Haskayne.UCalgary.ca>

<http://www.informs.org/Conf/SanJose02/>
<http://www.informs.org/>

6) Spreadsheets at November 2002 DSI Meeting

Scott Shafer <mailto:Scott.Shafer@mba.wfu.edu> is organizing a panel discussion on Spreadsheet Research at the November 23-26 DSI meeting in San Diego.

The DSI meeting also features a Teaching with Spreadsheets Mini-Conference.

http://www.decisionsciences.org/meet_02/call2002frame.html
<http://www.decisionsciences.org/>

7) Request for content for newsletter and website

SRIG is precisely as interesting and useful as its members make it. Please send items of possible interest to the editor,
<mailto:Thomas.Grossman@Haskayne.UCalgary.ca>

8) What is SRIG, and What Does It Do?

Spreadsheet Research Interest Group Mission Statement:

The mission of the Spreadsheet Research Interest Group is to inspire, support, promote and disseminate innovations in practice, research and teaching related to the use of spreadsheets and other end-user software for modeling and analysis. SRIG will develop and maintain close relationships with non-academic spreadsheet leaders.

At the moment SRIG is this Newsletter, an email list, a small website, and planned conference activity at DSI and INFORMS.

What SRIG does remains to be seen. Its future will be whatever we make it. I hope we make a lot of it. I anticipate that the website and newsletter will become an essential resource for researches, teachers, and leading users. Hopefully we will do more.

Please contact me with your thoughts, ideas, proposals, suggestions, feedback and most of all projects you would like to undertake.
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