

ISCRAM board candidacy registration

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Short bio Hans Jochen Scholl serves as a Professor in the Information School at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA. He earned a Ph.D. in Information Science from the University of Albany, NY/SUNY and also holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the GSBA Zurich, Switzerland. His research interests focus on understanding human-originated complex systems. He employs quantitative and qualitative approaches ranging from System Dynamics to Situational Action Analysis and Action Research among other methods. Areas of study include information management, Digital Government, disaster studies (Disaster Information Management), information artifact evaluation, and pro sports information management. Jochen is a past president of the Digital Government Society. He also serves as Past Chair of the IFIP WG 8.5 (IS and Public Administration) and as Board Member of the ISCRAM organization. Jochen's group also maintains and publishes the Digital Government Reference Library (DGRL) and the Disaster Information Reference Library (DIRL).

Statement of intent

The study domain of information systems for crisis response and management is a multi-disciplinary arena. This multi-disciplinarity certainly adds to the strength and relevance of contributions. However, the relative weight and acceptance of research may vary in contributing “home” disciplines, where the domain’s particular study focus may still be seen as a niche. It has remained a challenge and a mission to advance the recognition and reputation of the study domain’s academic and practical impacts among the contributing disciplines and in academia at large. Disaster-related academic research has been conducted for almost a century, and some disciplines such as sociology, geology, economics, and political science consider the study domain their home turfs. These researcher communities and disciplines need to be bidirectionally connected to the study domain, which ISCRAM represents. Furthermore, the study of emergencies, crises, and disasters has enormous practical implications, which requires a strong connection to professional emergency and disaster management communities. With all these communities, academic and non-academic, ISCRAM needs to be well networked and accepted. In order to increase the community’s academic impact and influence along with its impact on and relevance to practice the forming of a standing LIAISON committee will proactively help build these bridges. The preparation and groundwork for forming a liaison committee have been completed over the last couple of years. Also, the Disaster Information Reference Library (DIRL), which has been built and issued in 2018 for the first time has been updated recently as part of Jochen's continuing contribution to the community.

Relationship to ISCRAM

Jochen first met with the ISCRAM community in 2015, when he was invited as a keynote speaker to the Kristiansand/Norway conference. His talk on “The Critical Role of Functioning Information Infrastructures in Disaster Response” was much acclaimed by the audience and led to lively discussions on site and fruitful exchanges after the conference. Jochen’s interest in disaster-related information management grew out of his connection to and research on the practices of government agencies involved in emergency and disaster management. He felt that more research dedicated to covering the perspective of professional responders and emergency operations centers was needed. This research orientation aligns him in the most natural ways with the ISCRAM research and practice communities. His completed research paper accepted to the Albi conference reports on “managerial challenges” for responders in the early response to the most massive and not volcanically caused landslide disaster in the history of the United States, which occurred in 2014 near his home town of Seattle, Washington. Jochen served on the ISCRAM Board from 2017 to 2019. His major contributions were in the areas of creating the Disaster Information Reference Library (DIRL), which comprise over 2,300 peer-reviewed academic articles in the English language. Jochen also performed the groundwork research for forming a liaison committee, which will help more directly and systematically connect the ISCRAM community to other scholarly and practice communities.

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