Topics in Organizational Systems and Technology

Introduction to Minitrack

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*Topics in Organizational Systems and Technology* has been added to the HICSS-34 program as a new minitrack. In recent years it has been noted that many deserving papers did not fit well into any of the minitracks usually offered. The *Topics* minitrack was created to give a proper forum for such papers.

It was planned that one, ninety-minute session would be scheduled for the minitrack, including three papers. However, although the announcement of the minitrack was somewhat delayed, approximately twenty papers were submitted to the minitrack, exceeding our most optimistic projections.

To accommodate as many papers as practical, two additional sessions were added, bringing the total number of papers to be presented to nine. Needless to say, several excellent papers were not accepted because of these limitations.

After much deliberation, the reviewers were able to agree on nine papers for the sessions. They fell neatly into three themes: 1) Business Process Management and Reengineering, 2) IT Career Management, and 3) Achieving Success in IT Endeavors. We believe that these papers and their associated sessions at HICSS-34 will provide new insight and provoke lively discussion.

In planning for HICSS-35, remember that the Topics minitrack in Organizational Systems and Technology provides a forum for non-traditional, imaginative, and thought-provoking research that might not fit well in any of the standard tracks. Contributors are encouraged to contact Hugh Watson, track chair, or Martin Richards, minitrack chair, with ideas that might be appropriate for the Topics minitrack.

We hope you enjoy this year’s presentations and will participate in this and future HICSS sessions in *Topics in Organizational Systems and Technologies.*