Introduction to the Organizational Systems and Technology Track

The Organizational Systems and Technology Track contains the following minitracks:

- Creativity in Information Systems
- Data Warehousing
- ERP/ERPII System Issues and Answers
- Information Systems in Global Business
- Information Systems Outsourcing
- IT Governance and Its Mechanisms
- Measuring IT Value
- Project Management
- Research Methods and Approaches
- Social Issues in Organizations
- Strategy and Competitive Information Systems
- Technology Management in the Knowledge Based Economy
- Topics in Organizational Systems and Technology
- Virtuality in Organizations and Communities

The Organizational Systems and Technology Track is large. It contains 14 minitracks. It is also eclectic, ranging from outsourcing, to social issues, to research methods and approaches. Some of the papers in the track, such as those about virtuality, address the changing IS landscape and provide interesting and important insights about recent developments in the world of IS practice. Other papers, such as on project management and measuring the value of IT, cover topics that are of continuing importance. The papers in the data warehousing and ERP minitracks provide useful findings for these “big ticket” projects that are often difficult to successfully implement. The papers in the research methods and approaches minitrack help us understand how to do our research better. The issues in organizational systems minitrack provides a “home” for the many fine papers that do not fit into an existing minitrack. Some of the topics of these papers may emerge in the future to become their own minitracks.

I would like to express my appreciation to every one who contributed to this track. Ralph Sprague continues to provide guidance. Eileen Dennis provides organizational memory and makes sure that tasks get done on time. The minitrack chairs believed in the importance of their minitracks and provided creativity and the hard work that made their minitracks a reality. They later provide a brief summary and overview of the papers and sessions in their minitracks. The reviewers selected the papers and their comments helped make the papers better.

I hope that you enjoy the track’s proceedings:
Hugh J. Watson
Organizational Systems and Technology Track Chair
Email: hwatson@terry.uga.edu