Introduction to the 2013 Electronic Government Track

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For HICSS-46 the volume of submissions to the e-Gov track represented 10 percent of all submissions to the conference making this track the fifth-largest track. For the second year e-Gov paper sessions need to go parallel for a full day. So, the e-Gov track at HICSS maintains its strong position among the other conference tracks as well as the leading research conference in electronic government research.

Overall, in 2012 the volume of peer-reviewed publications has risen again in double digit percentage numbers (see EGRL, the E-Government Reference Library, at http://tinyurl.com/p5w8vv) So, I repeat the statement of the last two years: E-Government research is thriving.

Over a decade, four annual conferences have established themselves as core conferences, which the global e-Government community preferably uses to convene: the International Digital Government Conference (dgo) in May of each year, the co-located IFIP EGOV/IFIP ePart conferences in late August/early September, ICEGOV in the fall season, and, of course, last but not least, the e-Government Track at HICSS in January. Just like HICSS on a larger scale, so also the e-Government Track has gained the reputation among members of the community for serving as a bellwether for important new developments in this maturing domain of study.

This year and for the seventh time in a row, the e-Government Track is accompanied by a full-day symposium, this time dedicated to “Four Years of Open Government: An Appraisal.” A new, second symposium is conducted under the title, “Towards Analytic-Driven Insider Threat Detection & Mitigation” indicating the growing importance of e-Gov topics at HICSS.

The symposia have become major events in the community’s ongoing discussion, particularly, with respect to new avenues of research and collaboration with practice.

In 2013, the e-Government Track proudly hosts again a total of 48 accepted papers in ten minitracks with one or two sessions each:

**E-Gov Education, Training, & Professionalization** is a new minitrack focusing on the practical development of electronic Government-related curricula and the development of the e-Gov profession.

**Emerging Topics** nurtures new topics such as mobile Government, research methods in e-Gov research, e-Gov foundations, and others.

**E-Policy, e-Governance, Ethics, and Law** addresses how public policies and laws are related to the use and development of information and communication technologies both in government and in society at large.

**Insider Threat Modeling, Detection, And Mitigation** is a minitrack in its second year hosting two sessions. Organizations’, and particularly, governments’ vulnerability from within is the focus of this new minitrack.

**Interoperability and Cloud Infrastructures** focuses on the technical, organizational, and social underpinnings of vertical and horizontal integration of business processes and cloud computing in government.

**Open Government, Transparency, and Citizen Engagement** is a minitrack in its second year at HICSS highlighting research on this rapidly growing study area and straightaway attracted the highest number of submissions.

**Security and Critical Infrastructure** presents research focusing on the critical role of security and assurance to government operations, critical infrastructure, and citizens’ trust.

**Services and Information** showcases research dedicated to the rapidly developing field of electronic service in the public sector.

**Social Networking and Social Media** is a minitrack in its third year at HICSS, which studies the emergence of social media in the context of government.

**Transformational Government: Strategy, Management, Organization, and Users** covers characteristics, development, implementation, and uses of information systems that support the full range of management and administrative functions.