

EuSpRIG 2009

Spreadsheet Gurus Meet in Paris



Experts From Europe and North America meet to discuss the role of spreadsheets in organisational excellence at the 10th annual spreadsheet risks conference on July 2-3 in Paris, France.

Cardiff, UK, June 16, 2009 -- The European Spreadsheet Risks Interest Group (EuSpRIG) is holding its 2009 conference "The Role of Spreadsheets in Organisational Excellence" on the 2nd – 3rd July 2009 at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Cachan, Paris, France.

The keynote speakers are Dr Louise Pryor, Director of Actuarial Standards for the UK Financial Reporting Council's Board for Actuarial Standards and Dr Martin Erwig, Associate Professor of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Oregon State University, USA.

Grenville Croll, EuSpRIG chair commented "We welcome our delegates and presenters to Paris and to the 10th Annual EuSpRIG Conference. It is a considerable achievement for any organisation, especially a non-profit and voluntary organisation such as EuSpRIG, to be able to celebrate this important anniversary with such an interesting, expansive and international programme". Croll cautioned that "Most people do not appreciate the important role that spreadsheets play in our modern society. Nor do they appreciate the risks that we are running with this out of control but ubiquitous technology". On a happier note, he concluded: "Here at EuSpRIG we offer thought leadership and guidance on the technical and human aspects of examining, containing and controlling spreadsheet technology".

Speakers include: Susan Allen of HBOS who will be discussing Excel Modelling, Transparency, Auditing and Business use; Grenville Croll of Spreadsheet Engineering Ltd who will be introducing his paper on Spreadsheets and the Financial Collapse; Angela Collins of BDO Stoy Hayward who will describe her work as an Embedded Spreadsheet Modeller and Drs Sriram Iyengar and John Svirebely of www.medal.org and the University of Texas, who will describe their monumental Medical Algorithms project.

Bill Bekenn & Ray Hooper from Fairway Associates will present their curiously, but very appropriately entitled paper "Some Spreadsheet Poka-Yoke". Professor Tom Grossman and colleagues will be travelling from the University of California, San Francisco to present their work on using the Lookup Technique to Replace Nested-if formulas. The host team of Françoise Tort, François-Marie Blondel and Éric Bruillard will discuss their findings regarding the relationship between errors detection and behaviour observation. They will be joined by their Belgian colleague Étienne

Vandeput from the Université de Liège who will look at some milestones involved in teaching spreadsheet programs. A team of five students from the Dundalk Institute of Technology, Ireland, led by Dr Kevin McDaid will present research on Bayesian error estimation, the impact of named ranges on debugging, and a natural language approach to spreadsheet information.

Matthew Dinmore from the University of Maryland Baltimore and a number of individual consultants including Patrick O'Beirne, Angus Dunn, Sebastian Dewhurst and John Hunt complete the line-up of seventeen papers in total.

About EuSpRIG

EuSpRIG (www.eusprig.org) offers Risk Managers the world's only independent, authoritative & comprehensive web based information describing the current state of the art in Spreadsheet Risk Management. We run a well-established annual conference which provides a forum for researchers, practitioners, trainers, vendors, consultants and auditors. EuSpRIG's entire peer reviewed proceedings are published on the publicly accessible Cornell University moderated scientific repository www.arxiv.org. EuSpRIG provide speakers and content for professional societies, associations, conferences and journals. EuSpRIG is a not-for-profit organisation governed by an elected committee operating under the terms of a written constitution. Committee members include senior managers and directors of leading accounting firms and senior academics from European Universities.

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