



PREFACE

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to the biggest and most successful Eusprig conference yet! The theme of "Managing Spreadsheets - Improving corporate performance, compliance and governance" reflects the maturing of corporate and regulatory interest in the proper control of spreadsheet use.

Our development

In seven years, the European Spreadsheet Risks Interest Group (EUSpRIG) has grown to a worldwide network of academics and practitioners. Our contributors this year are from Australia, Canada, Ireland, the UK, and USA. In previous years we have had papers from Austria, Israel, Netherlands, Japan, New Zealand, and Slovenia.

Our mission is to increase the awareness of risk in uncontrolled spreadsheet use and promote methods of assessing risk, detecting errors, and improving the productivity and quality of spreadsheet development.

Our website eusprig.org has increased monthly visitors by 50% over the last year, currently at about 1500 visitors per month.

Standards

Our review process involves three referees who provide feedback comments to authors. We apply strict standards of references and evidence to the academic papers, and appropriate standards of relevance and usefulness to the submissions from practitioners. This year, it was a tight squeeze to fit the accepted papers in the two day programme.

Thanks

We are very thankful to the speakers, whose expertise, experience, and contribution is deeply appreciated and will enrich those who hear it. We were very fortunate this year in securing our keynote speakers, Tom Grossmann of the University of San Francisco, Dean Buckner of the Financial Services Authority, and Garth Landers of Mobius.

We are grateful to the sponsors who have supported us financially and professionally: our prime sponsor is Mobius Management Systems, along with the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (Northern UK Chapter), KPMG UK, the University of Greenwich, and the University of Wales in Cardiff. These organisations, through the unstinted contributions of their representatives, have contributed a great amount of expertise in the organising of this conference, the publicity, the proceedings, and much more work done in the background.

Special thanks are due to the committee, who have given voluntarily of their time, expertise, and organisational resources, to bring this conference to its present success:

- Pat Cleary of the University of Wales in Cardiff, who took on the roles both of secretary and Organising Committee chair;



- David Chadwick of the University of Greenwich, the Programme Chair;
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Enjoy the conference, contribute to the discussions, benefit from the networking, and keep in touch on our online Yahoogroup forum afterwards!

Patrick O'Beirne, Chairman 2006, Eusprig

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