



Dear Colleagues,

You are very welcome to the Twelfth Annual Conference of the European Spreadsheet Risks Interest Group.

This year's theme is "Spreadsheet Governance – Policy and Practice". This reflects more research bridging the gulf between theory and practice, which has always been our focus.

Currently we have about 3,000 unique visitors to our website per month and an active YahooGroup.

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude our sponsors who have supported us financially and professionally. Our logo sponsors this year, as last year, are Cimcon, and I recommend you to visit their exhibition area and learn about their developing products. We depend also on the support of ISACA Northern England chapter, the University of Greenwich, the University of Wales Institute in Cardiff.

It is my pleasure to once again acknowledge the keen work of our conference and programme organiser Simon Thorne from the University of Wales Institute, and David Chadwick of our host university of Greenwich. The committee also depends upon the wise counsel and active support of Ray Butler of ISACA Northern England Chapter, David Colver of Operis, Grenville Croll of Spreadsheet Engineering Ltd (our previous chair), Angela Collins of BDO(secretary) , Morten Siersted of F1F9, Françoise Tort of the École Normale Supérieure de Cachan, Jocelyn Paine of Spreadsheet Factory, David Ward of Baker Tilly, Kevin McDaid of the Dundalk Institute of Technology, Bill Bekenn of Fairway Associates, Angus Dunn, consultant, and Tie Cheng.

Representatives of these organisations have contributed a great amount of expertise in the organising of this conference, the publicity, the proceedings, and much more committee work in the background.

A packed programme of seventeen speakers includes both old friends, Dean Buckner of the UK FSA, Kevin McDaid's Spreadsheet Research team from Ireland, and Tom Grossman's team from the USA; and we especially welcome new faces from India, Italy, Portugal, and the Netherlands. You are going to hear practical recipes, challenges to existing orthodoxy on spreadsheet practices, an exposé of the real world of spaghetti spreadsheets, and detailed technical analysis.

Thank you for your interest and participation, and we look forward to a stimulating and interactive conference!

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EuSpRIG Chair 2011