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35th Annual Conference of the International Association for Impact Assessment
SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN THE DIGITAL ERA

20-23 April 2015 | Firenze Fiera Congress & Exhibition Center | Florence, Italy

CONFERENCE THEME

New technologies are influencing all aspects of our societies, and they play a pivotal role in promoting impact assessment and sustainability worldwide. The conference aims to advance a multidisciplinary discussion on the challenges and opportunities associated with the use of new digital technologies for promoting sustainability. Could smart cities and digital technologies be an opportunity for ecosystems and social resilience? How can big data strategies and online social participation improve sustainability? How do we face emerging social responsibility awareness of planning effects on health and sustainability of our future?

The main focus and objectives of IAIA15:

- ➤ E-Governance/big data challenges and impact assessment
- ➤ Exploring opportunities and risks of a globally-connected society
- ➤ Urbanization and smart cities
- ➤ How stakeholder consultation is changing through new social participation
- ➤ New technology's role in modelling and visualizing societal changes associated with major projects
- ➤ How communication technology is changing the role of experts and non-experts
- ➤ How instant availability of information is influencing impact assessment
- ➤ New tools for risk assessors, corporations and city managers

CONFERENCE TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Digital media in impact assessment
- Pitfalls and opportunities of social media in impact assessment
- Agriculture, forestry and fisheries
- Biodiversity and ecology
- Impact assessment supporting climate smart development
- Corporate stewardship and risk management
- Cultural heritage
- Disaster and conflict risks associated with new technologies
- Disasters, conflicts, and climate change

- Energy
- Health
- Indigenous peoples
- Digital facilitation for public participation
- Participation, democracy and social learning in the digital era
- Social movements in impact assessment
- Social impact assessment
- Strategic Environmental Assessment

PROGRAM AND TECHNICAL VISITS

In addition to conference sessions, workshops, and training courses, you will be able to choose technical visits, sightseeing tours, networking opportunities, and more. Potential technical visits around the region include:

- The MOSE system safeguarding Venice and the entire lagoon area from high waters.
- Cantinetta Antinori (Winery) in the Antinori Mansion, one of the best examples of 15th century Florentine architecture.
- Cultural walking tour of Florence's main monuments and historical center.
- Eataly facilities, encouraging cultural rediscovery of roots of food and wine.
- School of Agricultural Sciences, University of Bologna, with various technical locations, labs, and farms.
- TerniEnergia in Narni, an integrated energy-from-waste plant with a biodigester and composting sections.

ABOUT FLORENCE Florence, or *Firenze*, is the capital city of the Italian region of Tuscany. A center of medieval European trade and finance, Florence is considered the birthplace of the Renaissance. The city's attractive and walkable historic center was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1982 and showcases Renaissance palaces, beautiful bridges, and the domed cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. From Michelangelo's iconic David to the delicate paintings of Botticelli, Florence is also home to some of the world's finest art.

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SESSION PROPOSAL DEADLINE:
5 September 2014

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

PROCEDURE

Conference submissions take place in three phases.

1. **Session proposals.** In July and August, session proposals are invited. Accepted sessions are listed on the website in October.

2. **Paper and poster abstract submissions.** In October and November, papers and posters are invited on the topics and sessions listed online. Accepted papers and posters with the primary author registered by 16 January are listed in the final program.

3. **Papers for online proceedings.** From January through 14 February, paper and poster presenters are invited to prepare 5-page papers to be included in a paper review process for online proceedings. To be published online, the paper or poster abstract must have been accepted by the program committee, and the presenting author must be registered with fees paid by 16 January. Detailed instructions for paper preparation and submission are provided to authors upon both submission and acceptance of a paper or poster abstract.

HOW TO SEND A SESSION PROPOSAL OR A PAPER/POSTER ABSTRACT

Follow the instructions at www.iaia.org > IAIA15 > Submissions.

LANGUAGE

English is the primary language used at IAIA conferences. Unless otherwise noted in the preliminary or final program, sessions will be held in English.

ACCEPTANCE AND REGISTRATION

Session organizers and authors will receive an immediate confirmation of successful online submission. If you do not receive an immediate confirmation of submission, do not assume it has been submitted. Please try again or contact webmaster@iaia.org for assistance.

The Program Committee will notify session organizers of acceptance status for sessions between 8 September and 26 September.

Session chairs will notify authors of papers or posters of acceptance status by 12 December.

All session chairs and presenting authors or speakers listed in the final program are required to submit a registration form, with full conference fees paid, by 16 January 2015. Please submit an abstract only if you will have funding to cover your travel and registration. Individuals not able to comply with the registration requirement will not be included in the program and proceedings.

REMEMBER: Early registration will also save you money! IAIA does not have funds available to pay registration and travel expenses for program participants.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings in conjunction with the conference must be listed in the preliminary program. Please contact IAIA HQ (jen@iaia.org) for a proposal form by 5 September 2014.

IMPORTANT DATES: MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

- **5 September 2014**
  Deadline for session proposals and requests for special meetings
- **26 September 2014**
  Session organizers notified of acceptance status

PHASE 1 — SESSION PROPOSALS

- **1 October 2014**
  Preliminary program posted; paper and poster abstract submission opens
- **28 November 2014**
  Deadline for submission of paper and poster abstracts
- **12 December 2014**
  Authors notified of paper or poster acceptance status

PHASE 2 — PAPER & POSTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

- **16 January 2015**
  Registration and payment deadline for presenters and all individuals to be listed in the final program and proceedings

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- **14 February 2015**
  Deadline for draft papers
- **20 March 2015**
  Paper reviews completed
- **26 June 2015**
  Deadline for revised papers
- **10 July 2015**
  Papers posted online

PHASE 3 — PROCEEDINGS

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ABOUT IAIA

IAIA is the International Association for Impact Assessment, organized in 1980 to bring together researchers, practitioners, and users of various types of impact assessment from all parts of the world. IAIA involves people from many disciplines and professions. Our members include corporate planners and managers, public interest advocates, government planners and administrators, private consultants and policy analysts, university and college teachers and their students. IAIA has members from over 120 nations.

For 34 years IAIA has been holding annual conference events all over the world to promote best practices in impact assessment.

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