

News from the Society for Decision Making Under Deep Uncertainty

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OUR MISSION

The Society for Decision Making Under Deep Uncertainty is a multi-disciplinary association of professionals working to improve processes, methods, and tools for decision making under deep uncertainty, facilitate their use in practice, and foster effective and responsible decision making in our rapidly changing world. While we share interests with other societies, ours is unique in its focus on developing, disseminating, and using these new approaches.

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Highlights:

- **Call for candidates for positions on the DMDU leadership team! Fill the attached form if interested**
- **Latest blogs on [‘Embracing Uncertainty for Better Decision-Making’](#) and on the [8th International Congress on Environmental Modelling and Software](#)**
- **Fill in a 1 minute [questionnaire](#) on DMDU Education and Training**

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Want to be part of the DMDU Leadership Team?

We invite you to consider running for one of the positions to lead our community of practice in its journey through the next two years (officers will serve for a term of two years). Attached you will find a form to fill in, and a summary of the positions on the Society's Leadership Team. Each candidate must submit a brief profile plus a statement of interest for each position in which they are interested (a maximum of two positions).

If you are interested in a position, return a completed form to Warren Walker at w.e.walker@tudelft.nl by **October 30, 2016**.

On 7 November (a week before the Society's next Workshop) the slate of candidates, their profiles, and their expressions of interest will be distributed to the active members and posted on the Society's website. During the Workshop, the candidates will be presented to the members. Elections will be held using an Internet ballot beginning a week after the Annual Workshop and lasting for two weeks.

Annual Workshop, November 16 and 17

The World Bank will host the 2016 DMDU workshop in Washington DC, on November 16 and 17, 2016, with a training on DMDU methodologies scheduled for November 15th, 2016. The Annual Workshop Committee (Laura Bonzanigo, Julie Rozenberg, Nidhi Kalra, Laurina Kaatz) has worked hard to organize a series of plenary talks, poster pitches and social activities alongside six major sessions:

1. *Bridging the False Divide: Are We Ignoring the Role of Adaptive Operations for Improving the Efficiency, Resilience and Robustness of Planned Infrastructure?* Chaired by **Pat Reed** (Cornell University);
2. *Deep Uncertainty and the Long-Term: Time, the policy challenge and enablers for policy persistence.* Chaired by **Judy Lawrence** (New Zealand Climate Change Research Institute);
3. *Endogenising the 'exogenous': complex feedbacks in decision problems.* Chaired by **Jim Hall** (University of Oxford);
4. *DMDU Techniques in Practice - Successes, Challenges, and What's to Come.* Chaired by **Laurina Kaatz** (Denver Water);
5. *Balancing Decision-making Needs Under Deep Uncertainty with Effective, High-Quality Integrated Systems Modeling.* Chaired by **Jordan Fischbach** (RAND);
6. *When poorly designed indicators lead to bad decisions.* Chaired by **Stephane Hallegatte** (World Bank)

In the lead up to the annual conference, Julie Rozenberg and Laura Tuck (World Bank) have prepared a New Blog: [Embracing Uncertainty for better decision-making](#)

Requests

1. **Submit a blog!**

Do you want to share information or spread the word about a recent publication? A report on a meeting, or reflection on some news? Submit a blog via: <http://www.deepuncertainty.org/submit-a-blog/>

2. **Planning a session at the 3rd European Climate Change Adaptation Conference?**

If you are planning to submit a session proposal at the 3rd European Climate Change Adaptation Conference (deadline October 15), then please email edoardo.borgomeo@gmail.com to see if other DMDU members are attending or are interested in submitting a joint session proposal.

Job opportunities

- [Cornell Civil & Environmental Engineering Faculty Position: Water, Energy and the Environment](#)
- [Data Scientist in Energy Research at the University of Oxford](#)
- [Assistant Professor of Water Policy, Politics and/or Planning at UC Santa Barbara](#)

Calls for Papers

- 3rd European Climate Change Adaptation Conference: [Call for Abstract and Sessions \(deadline October 15th\)](#)
- Call for papers for an IJF special issue: [Forecasting, Uncertainty and Risk Management](#).
- Call for Papers: [Uncertainty and Context in Geography and GIScience](#)
- [ASCE World Environmental and Water Resources Congress](#)

Recently published articles

The website has a [list of recent publications](#)
Please submit your publications [here](#)

**Thank you for reading the newsletter of the Society for
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