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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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Don’t forget:

- **Submit a poster proposal to the November workshop [here](#)**
- **Tell us what you think about our society’s [logo](#) (attached)**
- **Fill in a 1 minute [questionnaire](#) on DMDU Education and Training**

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Conferences & Workshops

Annual DMU meeting 2016

Save the date and submit a session and/or poster deadline July 30th

The World Bank will host the 2016 DMU workshop in Washington DC, on November 16 and 17, 2016, with a training on DMU methodologies tentatively scheduled for November 15th, 2016.

Poster abstract submission can be done [HERE](#).
Registration is still open and can be done [HERE](#).

More details on the sessions can be found on the website.

AGU 2016

American Geophysical Union: Water and Society Committee's sessions will see a wide participation of our society's members. Submit your abstracts by August 3th!

The AGU Water and Society Committee is sponsoring several [2016 Fall American Geophysical Union](#) sessions that may be of interest. The Water and Society sessions have been large and well attended over the last several years.

Important Dates

Final Abstract Submission: August 3

Abstract Submissions [here](#):

- **Water and Society: Water Resources Management and Policy in a Changing World**
Conveners: Kaveh Madani, Pat Reed, and Greg Characklis
Invited Speakers: Amir Aghakouchak (UC Irvine) and Julie Rozenberg (World Bank)
- **Water and Society: Balancing Economic and Environmental Goals for Managing Water Resources in Arid and Semi-Arid Environments**
Conveners: Josue Medellin-Azuara, Manuel Pulido-Velazquez, Frank Ward, and Jonathan Herman
- **Water and Society: Cooperation and Coordination in Water Systems Management**
Conveners: Guilherme Marques, Amaury Tilmant, Julien J Harou, and Andrea Castelletti
- **Water and Society: Coupling Hydrologic Processes and Water Quality Management under Climatic Extremes and Uncertainty**
Conveners: Joseph Kasprzyk and Fernando Rosario-Ortiz
- **Water and Society: Innovative Techniques to Improve Water Demand Management Policies**
Conveners: Matteo Giuliani, Alvar Escriva-Bou, Manuel Pulido-Velazquez, and Jay R Lund

Requests

1. Survey on DMDU Education and Training

We would like to get your feedback about your interest in and availability of DMDU education and training opportunities.

Please fill in this short [questionnaire](#)

2. 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/>

Society for DMDU logo

The DMDU leadership team appreciates how important it is for the efforts of our nascent society to be easily recognizable by the public. One way to help establish recognition is to implement an official logo. Together, the leadership team has developed a suite of logos that we propose to adopt in order to identify DMDU Society groups, social media presence, and other efforts.

The suite of logos includes a heading logo for use in newsletters, websites, and other media; an acronym logo for use where a smaller graphic is more appropriate (e.g. social media profile pictures); a signature icon for miscellaneous use; and an e-mail signature block for DMDU leadership to use in official communications.

This suite of logos has been designed around a graphic that resembles a butterfly. The graphic is a stylized plot of a solution in the Lorenz attractor, a set of chaotic solutions to the Lorenz system of ordinary differential equations. The graphic is a nod both to the society's modeling aspect and to its focus on deep uncertainty (i.e., the "butterfly effect").

Please direct any comments or suggestions about the logo or its use in representing our Society to DMDU Administrator Andrea Golay (agolay@rand.org). Keep an eye out for the icon online, in our newsletters, and in other DMDU communications and media in the coming months!

Rules and processes of the DMDU society

In the past months the Leadership Team has drafted and discussed the Rules and Processes document for the Society. The document forms the basis of the operations of the Society and describes, amongst others, membership procedures, the responsibilities and duties of the Leadership Team and the election process.

The procedure for adoption of the Society's Rules and Processes is as follows:

- The draft Rules & Processes document will be open to comments from members from August 10 to September 10. The document will be available for download from the Society's website (www.deepuncertainty.org) and will be emailed to the members. Comments can be sent to dmdu.rules@gmail.com.
- The Leadership Team will discuss the comments from the members in the September meeting and the draft document will be updated to a final draft. An overview of all comments will be posted on the Society's website.
- The Leadership Team will have a final discussion on the final draft document and adopt the document as Provisional Rules & Processes that will be used for the elections.
- During the Workshop on 16 & 17 November a short session on the Rules & Processes will be held.
- During the elections of the new Leadership Team in December the members will be asked to ratify the Provisional Rules & Process. If the majority of the voting members has no objection, the Rules & Processes document will be adopted.

With this procedure the Leadership Team hopes to have found a balance between efficiency, practicality and participation of the members in developing the Rules and Processes for the Society.

Recently published articles

The website has a [list of recent publications](#)
Recent publications can be submitted [here](#)

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