

Developmental Papers—Call for Papers Update

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Please find below information introducing the *New for 2008* Developmental Papers format. This new presentation format will be scheduled in parallel sessions in addition to all regularly offered sessions (plenary, parallel, poster, workshop).

March 21, 2008: SUBMISSION DEADLINE for this and all types of papers for review, workshops, tutorials and session proposals. Please visit the website for more conference information:

<http://www.systemdynamics.org/conferences/current/index.htm>

The purpose of developmental papers is to allow authors to discuss work that is still in its developmental stage. All developmental papers will be presented together in the same sessions during the conference. The main focus of the sessions will be on discussion rather than on a standard presentation. Spending time discussing work with other participants will enable authors to gather feedback which can then have an impact on the final stages of their research.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Submissions to the developmental thread should be extended abstracts of 1000-2000 words (excluding references). A comment should be included at the end of the extended abstract on how the authors expect to advance the paper between now and the conference. When submitting an extended abstract (in pdf format) to the conference web submission system, authors need to ensure that they have chosen the "Developmental Papers" checkbox on the "Paper Information" page (this page includes the title and abstract). Like regular submissions, the developmental papers will require a title, short abstract and complete author information. The extended abstract should contain no author information to allow for a blind review.

Submissions to this thread will not be refereed in the same manner as other submissions to the conference. The thread chair will make the decision on which papers are accepted. There will only be a limited number of developmental sessions held during the conference and thus only a limited number of papers can be accepted. Please note that as only an extended abstract is required, if a paper is not accepted for a developmental paper session it cannot be considered for scheduling in a regular session.

The time slots for developmental paper presentation will be similar in length to standard parallel presentations; however, the normal format will be reversed. Authors should first give the audience a brief overview of their work and then allow the majority of the time to be spent on discussion and feedback. Developmental papers will be scheduled for presentation in a "round table" room set-up, and audiovisual equipment will NOT be provided. Authors are advised to bring copies of their papers and any additional handouts that they may wish to briefly talk through or distribute to their audience.

A synopsis paper for the developmental sessions, including all presenters' names, will be included in the web conference proceedings.

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We look forward to seeing you in Athens!

Best Regards, The Athens Conference Team
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"True wisdom comes to each of us when we realize how little we understand about life, ourselves, and the world around us." - Socrates

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