

## General Invitation for “Getting Started With [Software]” Workshop Proposals

Software vendors are welcome to offer workshops at the conference introducing the use of their software. The workshops will introduce attendees to the mechanics of the software, and will provide an opportunity for attendees to get hands-on experience with a demo version.

The sessions are intended to be purely instructional. No commercial promotion of the software is allowed. Please do not plan to (a) address issues of pricing and license options, nor (b) list or describe companies for whom models have been developed using the software, nor (c) list or describe the types of models that have been done for hire using the software. Presenters may give a website and contact information, but no more than that, for marketing and promotion.

If you are interested in participating, please go to the submission system website <http://www.systemdynamics.org/cgi-bin/sdsweb> and submit a workshop by the submissions deadline, March 21. Please use the title “Getting Started with [insert software name here] Software.”

Here is a sample abstract (only an example):

“This workshop will be an introduction to building system dynamics models using [software]. The workshop is intended for people who are relatively new to the field or do not have experience using [software]. The session will be conducted as a hands-on workshop and will demonstrate basic techniques for building and analyzing causal loop diagrams, stock and flow diagrams and simple simulation models. Participants should bring their own computers with the specific software loaded on them or show up one half hour early to load the software. People without computers are welcome to watch, and they will be paired or in small groups to work together with those who do have computers.”

Your “Getting Started . . .” software workshop is not intended to replace a regular workshop submission; you may still submit other workshop proposals as per the Call for Papers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Society Office.

This type of workshop has been offered twice before and has been received great reviews from our attendees. We expect to be able to schedule these workshops, but, the “Getting Started . . .” software workshops will be offered only if there is space and time in the Thursday Workshop Day program. Regularly submitted and reviewed workshops will be scheduled first; sponsor-offered software workshops will have next priority. See you in Athens!

Warm regards,  
The 2008 Athens Program Committee  
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