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Welcome to ISECON/CONISAR 2009

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are excited to be in Washington DC this year and having you as part of this year's conference. Given the budget situation at many of our schools we are happy to announce that more presenters are scheduled to be at ISECON/CONISAR 2009 than last year!

It has been a busy year for EDSIG, as we continue to grow in membership as well as our more initiatives on our primary mission of helping educators improve their skills and advance their careers. For many of us, ISECON and CONISAR is a place to recharge our batteries and get some new insights into the way things could be. Besides the conference EDSIG has been working with AITP and FITE to work together to increase the quality of our graduates and our programs.

A conference of this size is the work of many individuals, we (the EDSIG board) would like to thank the following leaders of the conference who work tirelessly to help all of us improve our research capabilities. Kevin Jetton is the conference facilities chair and works tirelessly to insure your experience is first class. Paul Leidig the ISECON chair has championed us coming to DC and along with Wendy Ceccucci who both have worked at more than constant meetings as they have coordinated all the fun events into the program. Alan Peslak the CONSIAR chair (and overall program scheduling guru) worked hard to continue to grow CONIAR (we have 35% more papers in CONISAR this year than 2008). George Nezlek spearheaded our first PhD Symposium on Thursday.

The papers, panels, workshop and case teams work hard to insure higher quality papers each year. Special thanks to Scott Hunsinger, Li-Jen Shannon and Mike Smith to assist the effort in 2009. All of them were first year volunteers. Don Colton continues to work tirelessly as our editor for the proceedings and both ISEDJ and JISAR.

A first for 2009 will be our 'charter' class of EDSIG fellows, these are individuals who have consistently supported the mission of EDSIG and we thank them for getting us to our 26th year. They will be honored on Friday night, please be there to say thank you. Coordinating the effort to get them to DC is Pat Sendall, she worked hard at organizing this first class.



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Finally I would be amiss without mentioning Al Harris. Al is the editor of JISE (Journal of Information Systems Educators Journal). After many years of dedicated service Al has decided to retire as editor of the journal. Al was instrumental in improving the quality and reputation of the journal. We will miss your leadership, but know you have left a first class legacy. Please join me in thanking Al for all he has (and will) do.

We are always looking for more volunteers, so please step up with your unique talents. Finally, put Nashville Tennessee on your calendar for October 28-31, 2010.

Again thank you for being here, sharing your experiences and we hope to see all of you in Nashville in 2010.

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