



Welcome to ISECON 2009



It is my pleasure to welcome you to THE Information Systems Educators Conference (ISECON) held this year in the Nation's Capitol. ISECON is the largest continuously running conference for IS Educators, providing over 25 years of sharing information systems pedagogical research, curriculum guidelines, and valuable information regarding many facets in information systems education. This year, a record number of submitted papers provide many options for learning and sharing with colleagues. We have worked to provide an exciting schedule of events.

On Thursday, we have added our first Ph.D. Symposium, including several sessions providing useful information to doctoral students. Paper and panel sessions begin Thursday afternoon. Then, be sure to join us Thursday evening for a reception welcoming you to DC.

Friday morning we honor our Educator of the Year, David Kroenke, followed with morning paper and panel sessions. Choosing our nation's capitol as the location for this year's conference affords an exciting opportunity for you to continue your education and networking with your colleagues. We have arranged a dedicated time Friday afternoon for sightseeing and tourism. The many national treasures, museums, and monuments in the DC Metro area provide a wide variety of opportunities. Some of our planned events require tickets and reservations, including a tour of the U.S. Capitol, prior to the inaugural induction of EDSIG Fellows in the Rayburn Foyer of the Capitol Complex. Please plan accordingly to make the most of these opportunities during a full day of activities.

Saturday, along with a full day of paper and panel presentations, we highlight the best of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) organizations. The morning session provides participants with an expanded view of the parent organization (AITP), the Foundation for Information Technology Education (FITE), the Education Special Interest Group (EDSIG), and our new parallel CONference on Information Systems Applied Research (CONISAR). We then highlight the best of the conference with Best Papers lunch and awards.

We sincerely hope you will find the paper sessions, panels, and presentations valuable. I want to thank everyone who has helped make this year's conference a success. Specifically, please take the opportunity to thank conference co-chair Wendy Ceccucci, site coordinator Kevin Jetton, the papers team lead by Tom Janicki and Scott Hunsinger, program chair Alan Peslak, panel/workshops chair Li-Jen Shannon, Ph.D. Symposium chair George Nezelek, Teaching Cases chair Mike Smith, and the ISEDJ Editor Don Colton, for all their hard work. I would be remiss if I didn't encourage you to attend Saturday's annual EDSIG business meeting and election of new board members and officers. I encourage you to support your elected members, and to consider how you can best contribute to the ongoing success of EDSIG and ISECON.

Enjoy the conference, and join us October 28-31, 2010 in Nashville for ISECON/CONISAR 2010.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul M. Leidig".

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