

Swiss Chapter of the International System Dynamics Society: Minutes of the 32. Meeting

Time and place:

16 January 2012; 18.30-20.00; ETH Zurich

Participants:

Kai Berendes, Justus Gallati, Lukas Schmid, Louis Gerber, Thomas Beck, Birgit Kopainsky, Matthias Müller, Markus Schwaninger, Olaf Tietje

Justus Gallati (minutes)

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Inputs and discussion: New modelling instruments and tools
 - Consideo (L. Gerber): www.consideo-modeler.de
 - Forio (L. Schmid): www.forio.com
 - Smia Dynaplan (K. Berendes): www.dynaplan.com
 - Simile (J. Gallati): www.simulistics.com
3. International System Dynamics Conference 2012 St. Gallen
4. Homepage
5. Administration
6. SD Teaching Initiative
7. Next meetings

Results/Resolutions

2	Inputs and discussion: New modelling instruments and tools The presentations showed that in the meantime an increasing number of simulation tools has been developed addressing each specific shortcomings of the currently available simulation tools. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideo (L. Gerber): www.consideo-modeler.de• Forio (L. Schmid): www.forio.com• Smia Dynaplan (K. Berendes): www.dynaplan.com• Simile (J. Gallati): www.simulistics.com Have a look at the websites to get a first impression. For more information contact the people indicated.
3	International System Dynamics Conference 2012 St. Gallen Markus Schwaninger introduced the general topic of the conference. The Swiss Chapter will contribute to the conference by offering a 'host team' to support the conference administration. Volunteers are very welcome and are invited to send an email to Justus Gallati (justus.gallati@fhsg.ch). Contrary to our previous intention, no practitioner's day will be organized! Instead a public day to foster system dynamics in Switzerland will be organized later, preferably in 2013.

4 Homepage and Membership

Have a look at the webpage! It is worth seeing and testing it!

To actively participate in the collaborative part of the webpage (i.e. to get access to the groups or interact with others) you are invited to *create an account*. The following view will open:

The screenshot shows the 'Create an Account' page. At the top, there is a dark red header with the logo 'Swiss Chapter of the System Dynamics Society' and a navigation menu with 'Home', 'News', 'Swiss Chapter', 'Resources', and 'Contact'. A search bar and a 'Members' dropdown are also present. The main content area is titled 'Create an Account' and includes a sub-header 'Account Details' and 'Profile Details'. The 'Account Details' section contains fields for 'Username (required)', 'Email Address (required)', 'Choose a Password (required)', 'Confirm Password (required)', and 'What color is snow?'. The 'Profile Details' section contains fields for 'Name (required)' and 'Institution (required)'. On the right side, there is a 'Log In' button and a 'Remember Me' checkbox. Below the form, there is a 'Complete Sign Up' button. A sidebar on the right contains a 'Community' section with links for 'Activity', 'Groups', 'Forums', and 'Members'.

NEW:

If you are happy with the platform and the physical meetings of the Swiss Chapter we kindly ask you to donate the chapter by registering as an official member. Doing so you have to navigate to *Swiss Chapter* and select *Join or Renew*. You will see this view:

The screenshot shows the 'Join or Renew' page. At the top, there is a dark red header with the logo 'Swiss Chapter of the System Dynamics Society' and a navigation menu with 'Home', 'News', 'Swiss Chapter', 'Resources', and 'Contact'. A search bar and a 'Members' dropdown are also present. The main content area is titled 'Join or Renew' and includes a sub-header 'Join or Renew'. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: 'The Swiss Chapter of the System Dynamics Society is open to all individuals. The annual membership fee is CHF 35 in case you are already member of the International System Dynamics Society (www.systemdynamics.org). Otherwise, the fee is CHF 50.' Below this, there is a paragraph: 'To join or renew please fill in the following form. Thank you!'. The form contains fields for 'Name', 'First Name', 'Title', 'Institution', 'Address', 'ZIP code', 'City', 'Country', 'Email', and 'Phone'. Each field has a '(required)' label next to it. On the right side, there is a 'Log In' button and a 'Remember Me' checkbox. Below the form, there is a 'Community' section with links for 'Activity', 'Groups', 'Forums', and 'Members'.

5	<p>Important: Administration</p> <p>We want to create a new and up-to-date list of addresses of interested people and members. This new list will refer to the information that you provide in this registration procedure. To update your information you can (if you do not have already) create an account or register as a member.</p> <p>The old interest list with the eMails will no longer be used!!!</p> <p>The information concerning the membership fee (electronic payment) will be sent to your email-address.</p>
6	<p>Forum of exchange (Teaching SD)</p> <p>No new activities.</p>
7	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>The next chapter meetings for 2012 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 30 April (General Assembly), 18.30 – 20.00, ETH Zurich, HG F 33.1- July, SD-Conference in St. Gallen (!)- 22 October, 18.30 – 20.00, ETH Zürich, HG F 33.1

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