

## **Interdisciplinary Network for Group Research (INGroup)**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

*Eleventh Annual Conference – First in Europe!*

**14 – 16 July, 2016** (Preconference workshops July 14)

**Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Helsinki, Finland**

#### **Submission Deadline**

Submissions must be received by **Sunday, February 1, 2016** (23:59:59, Eastern Standard Time). No extensions to the deadline will be granted.

#### **Overview**

Societies are dependent on the formation and utilization of groups and teams, making them relevant to countless aspects of life. Accordingly, scholars who study groups can be found across a wide array of disciplines (e.g., anthropology, communication, education, engineering, history, information systems, medicine, nursing, organizational behavior, philosophy, psychology, political science, public health, sociology). The Interdisciplinary Network for Group Research (INGroup) was created to provide a context for scholars to:

- Promote communication about groups and teams research across fields and nations
- Advance understanding about group dynamics through research
- Advance theory and methods for understanding groups and teams
- Promote interdisciplinary research

The **11<sup>th</sup> Annual INGroup Conference** will be held so scholars across disciplines can come together, share information, and learn from one another. The conference program will include paper, poster, symposia, and panel sessions, and a business meeting open to all members so the future of INGroup can be collectively planned and shaped.

#### **Submissions**

An online system (accessible via [www.ingroup.net](http://www.ingroup.net)) will be made available from **November 30, 2015 to February 1, 2016** (23:59:59, Eastern Standard Time). All submissions must be accompanied by a 50-word abstract for inclusion in the conference program. Submitters will be required to provide full name, position, institution, discipline, and contact information for all authors. Submissions that include participants from a variety of disciplinary traditions are highly encouraged. **Excluding poster submissions, scholars can be the presenting author on no more than two submissions.** Submissions that involve research that has been previously presented at other professional conferences should be modified so that they are not identical to past presentations, and, most importantly, should be tailored to suit INGroup's interdisciplinary audience. By submitting, at least one co-author from each paper is committed to register for, and attend, the conference upon acceptance. We accept the types of submissions listed below.

## Individual Submissions

Submission for paper presentations and posters can take two forms: an extended abstract or a complete paper. Note, to be considered for the conference best paper awards, a “complete paper” submission is necessary.

- **Complete Paper.** A complete paper should (a) present original research or (b) develop, review, or critique group theory or group methods. In addition to the required 50 word abstract, complete papers can be up to 35 pages (double-spaced, tables and figures excluded from the page limit). Complete papers that are empirical should include the following: title, keywords, purpose, methodology, results, conclusions, and references. Complete papers for theories, reviews, or critiques should include the following: title, keywords, purpose, scope of theory/critique/review, conclusions, and references. During the submission process, you will be asked to indicate your preference (not guaranteed) of presenting your paper as an oral presentation or in an interactive poster session. Only papers submitted in this category are considered for the **Best Conference Paper Award** and the **Best Student Conference Paper Award**.
- **Extended abstract.** Extended abstracts should be 1,500-to 3,000-words and may present original empirical research, theoretical development, reviews, or critiques. In addition to the required 50 word abstract, extended abstracts for empirical papers should include the following: title, keywords, purpose, methodology, results (preliminary if in early stages), conclusions, and key references. Extended abstracts for theories, reviews, or critiques should include the following: title, keywords, purpose, identify the scope of theory/critique/review, and references. During the submission process, you will be asked to indicate your preference (not guaranteed) of presenting your paper as an oral presentation or in an interactive poster session. Extended abstracts are intended for scholarship that is still in process. It is expected that the work described in an extended abstract will be completed for presentation at the conference.
- **Poster.** Complete papers and extended abstracts can likewise be submitted for the sole purpose of participating in the interactive poster session. Poster submissions should meet the same requirements as the complete paper and extended abstract submissions described above. Posters are also evaluated by conference participants, and a Best Poster Award will be given.

## Organized Sessions

Submission for organized session presentations can take two forms: a symposium or a discussion panel. **Symposium paper sessions** involve individual presentations that are thematically related. **Panel discussions** are also thematically related but they are expected to be more interactive.

- **Symposium Paper Session.** A symposium paper session involves a submitter organized set of paper presentations developed around a common topic. Submissions should adequately describe an overarching theme that has relevance across disciplines. All else being equal, submissions that include participants from more than one discipline will be favored. A symposium can have either (a) 4 presentations or (b) 3 presentations and a discussant. Presenters should discuss research that directly relates to the overarching theme of the session. If a discussant is involved, his/her contribution should be described. In addition to a 50 word abstract describing the symposium, an overview paper for the symposium should be included and is expected to be

between 900 and 1,500 words and describe the focal issue, participants' qualifications, and expected contributions. A complete paper or extended abstract of each presentation must be included in this submission. Submitters should place all documents in one file. Note that a presentation within a symposium counts towards the limit of no more than two presenting author submissions.

- *Panel Discussions:* Panel submissions should aim to create a forum for scholarly discussion about issues related to the advancement of group theory and/or research. Submissions should describe an overarching theme that has relevance across disciplines. All else being equal, submissions that include participants from more than one discipline will be favored. A panel should have a moderator to facilitate discussion and can have up to 6 participants total (including the moderator). In addition to a 50 word abstract describing the panel discussion, a panel submission should be between 900 and 1,500 words and describe the focal issue, participants' qualifications, and expected contributions. Submissions should adequately describe a plan for facilitating discussion between panelists and/or the panel and audience, and should describe how such discussions could advance group theory and/or research. Submitters should place all documents in one file. Note that a presentation within a panel discussion counts towards the limit of no more than two presenting author submissions.

For each submission, you will be asked to indicate topics that characterize your submission. This information will help the program chair to identify reviewers that are experts in that area and to align your submission with other submissions that fit your areas of interest.

### **Submission Procedures**

Submissions will be reviewed by the program committee. The program chair will notify the submitter of acceptance by late March. Awards for Best Conference Paper, Best Graduate Student Paper, and Best Poster will be presented at the conference.

**The link for submission will be on the INGRoup website starting November 30, 2015:**

<http://www.ingroup.net/>

Registration consists of a few demographic questions and requires you to create a user name and password. Once registered, you will then be given several account options (Overview tab) as to how you can proceed.

Two of the options are very important to complete. First, "*Your Submissions*" will give you the option to submit a manuscript. Upon clicking this link, you will be given five different types of submission options (individual paper, individual extended abstract, poster, symposium paper session, panel discussion) and will then be able to submit your manuscript.

The second account option is titled "*Priority Topic Selection*" and allows you to indicate topics that best represent your expertise as a reviewer. We would like to emphasize that the review process depends on submitters participating in the review process; we therefore hope that everyone registers as a reviewer by indicating priority topics.

A third option is to designate a "Graduate Student Submission." This designation requires that the submission have a graduate student as first author. Faculty can be a co-

author, but the student/students on the submission must have done the majority of the work for the paper, including conceptual and/or empirical development.

Questions about the submission process? Contact a Program Co-Chair, Ana Passos ([ana.passos@iscte.pt](mailto:ana.passos@iscte.pt)) or Caterina Santos ([catarina\\_marques\\_santos@iscte.pt](mailto:catarina_marques_santos@iscte.pt)).

### **Hotel and Venue Arrangements**

The 2016 11<sup>th</sup> Annual INGRoup Conference will be held at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Runeberginkatu 2, Helsinki, Finland ([www.radissonblu.com/en/royalhotel-helsinki](http://www.radissonblu.com/en/royalhotel-helsinki)). A block of rooms have been reserved at the conference hotel July 12 through July 17, 2016 at the conference rate of 115€ (single) or 130€ (double). Reservations at the reduced room rate are on a first-come, first served basis. The reduced room rate is not guaranteed for reservations made after May 17, 2016. Reservations can be made:

- via Telephone: +358 20 1234 700 (mention INGRoup)
- via E-mail: [reservations.finland@RadissonBlu.com](mailto:reservations.finland@RadissonBlu.com) (mention INGRoup)
- via internet: [www.radissonblu.com/royalhotel-helsinki](http://www.radissonblu.com/royalhotel-helsinki) (use promotional code BINGRP)

Some conference sessions will be held at Aalto University and other local arrangements.

### **Questions about INGRoup or the 2016 Conference?**

For more information, please go to [www.ingroup.net](http://www.ingroup.net), or contact a member of the organizing committee:

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