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REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

Title of Session: ICT and Society. Challenges and opportunities

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Session Abstract (up to 250 words):

This section will focused on the role and place of information and communication technologies in the modern world, particularly in Conflict Analysis and Resolution. We will focus on different types on conflicts such as corporate, international and cultural, the role of ICT and its products in mentioned conflicts.

There are many ways to use ICT. Using mobile phones you can be informed by live reportages from the fire line and simultaneously talk with your friend that you never have seen before.

Social Networks, Blogs and On-line forums needs new approaches and methodologies for analysis and understanding. Google Inc. makes a new synonym for "searching" and became the best friend of yours. Virtual games made cyber society and new values and roles. The new generation games called MMORPG and made the society more rational and less emotional. Homo Ludens is the "old" new name of 21 century's humanity. While Golden Billion playing virtually, the Rest of World playing the same game in reality.

PC Operating systems such as Windows(tm) or Linux(tm) take the role of "religion" for the millions and day after day making reachable "impossible" things.

What the Sociology and Sociologists can give to civilization in this situation? Do we need to prevent virtualization of generations or this is the only way to development? How we can use

ICT in Conflict Analysis? What we should know about ICT to prevent or solving conflicts using this technology? What we can do to make peacebuilding and cultural dialogue more effective?

General information

During each afternoon of the congress, there will be room for a large number of parallel regular sessions. Each session is 90 minutes long and consists of an oral presentation of 4 to 6 papers. Session conveners are expected to administer and chair their session at the 2009 IIS World Congress.

Starting in mid-December, calls for papers to participate in approved sessions will be posted on the website. Interested participants will contact the session convener (you) directly with an abstract no later than February 28, 2009. The session convener should take in all submissions and select the best 4 to 6 papers to be presented and forward this information, including e-mail addresses of accepted authors, to the IIS Secretariat no later than March 15, 2009.