INFORMED CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH STUDY

TITLE OF STUDY: Computational Tools, Virtual Organizing, & Dynamic Innovation Diffusion

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You are being invited to participate in a research study. Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Please read the information below and ask questions about anything that you do not understand.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of this study is to better understand the development of computational tools, the process of virtual organizing in e-science projects, and the diffusion of computational tools from one project to another. These processes are complex because they often co-occur simultaneously. The importance of this study is the potential to advance the knowledge about these complex processes, and to identify best practices of managing them in advanced cyberinfrastructure and e-science projects.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS & STUDY LOCATION:
This study will enroll approximately 120 or more participants across the U.S and other countries. Interviews will mostly be conducted over the telephone, and some face-to-face interviews at major cyberinfrastructure related conferences in the U.S.

QUALIFICATION(S) TO PARTICIPATE:
This study seeks domain scientists, computational technologists, administrators at supercomputing centers, and experts in advanced cyberinfrastructure community for interviews.

PROCEDURES:
Participation in the study will be a telephone or face-to-face interview with the PI and/or research team, ranging from 25 to 45 minutes approximately.

BENEFITS:
The possible benefits include the opportunity to contribute to the knowledge of development and diffusion of computational tools as they co-occur with the process of virtual organizing as well as the benefit of receiving research papers and project updates from the PI and research as they become available.

RISKS:
The foreseeable risks are no greater than a professional conversation with anyone about computational tools and/or cyberinfrastructure-enabled virtual organizations on a daily basis.
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PRIVACY & CONFIDENTIALITY:
All identifiable information collected about you will be removed and replaced with a code. A list linking the code and your identifiable information will be kept separate from the research data. The audio recordings will also be stored in a secure location and transcribed. The recordings will be retained with the other research data. The data and related documents will be saved on the PI’s password protected computer in a locked office at Chapman University. Only the PI, research team, and authorized personnel will have access to the files. The PI intends to keep the data indefinitely. Only when further consent is obtained, anonymous transcript of the interview (removed of identifying information) will be posted online per NSF data management plan.

The research team, authorized Chapman University personnel, the study sponsor (if applicable), and regulatory entities such as the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP), may have access to your study records to protect your safety and welfare. Any information derived from this research project that personally identifies you will not be voluntarily released or disclosed by these entities without your separate consent, except as specifically required by law. Study records provided to authorized, non-Chapman University entities will not contain identifiable information about you; nor will any publications and/or presentations without your separate consent. While research team members will make every effort to keep your personal information confidential, it is possible that an unauthorized person might see it. We cannot guarantee total privacy.

COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENT, COSTS:
You will not be compensated for your participation in this research study.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
You are free to decline answering any question, and withdraw from the interview at any time. Simply notify the PI and/or research team of your decision.

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FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO STUDY or TO REPORT A CONCERN:
If you have any questions regarding the research or your participation in the study or about the consent form, please contact the Principal Investigator listed above.

If you would like to report a concern about the study or the informed consent process, you may contact Chapman University’s Institutional Review Board, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Administration by phone (714)-628-7392 or (714) 628-2805, by email at irb@chapman.edu, or by mail at Chapman University, ORSPA, One University Dr. Orange, CA 92866.
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NSF DATA MANAGEMENT:
I have received an adequate description of the purpose and procedures for posting the anonymous transcript of my interview on the PI’s website at the conclusion of the study in 2016. I give my consent to allow my transcript (removed of any identifying information) to be posted on the PI’s website per NSF’s data management plan, and for the transcript to be used for research purposes by the greater community of social/behavioral scientists.

___ Yes, I agree to allow the research team to post my anonymous transcript online.

Signature of Participant
Date

You should not sign this consent form until all of your questions about this study have been answered. You will be given a copy of this signed and dated consent form to keep. Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may refuse to answer any questions or discontinue your involvement at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you might otherwise be entitled. Your decision will not affect your future relationship with Chapman University, student status or employment.

I acknowledge that I have received a signed copy of this form and the Research Participant’s Bill of Rights.

I have read the above information, understand it fully and have had any questions regarding the study answered to my satisfaction. I consent to participate in the research.

Printed Name of Participant

Signature of Participant
Date

Signature of Investigator

Signature of Research Assistant (if applicable)
Date

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