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Subject: offer of panels for ISA 2009 meeting
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Dear ISA Cooperating Organization Representative:

We are pleased to announce the 50th annual ISA meeting in New York City February 15-18, 2009. The theme of the meeting is "Exploring the Past, Anticipating the Future." Please visit our website for further details: <http://www.isanet.org/newyork2009/>

We would like to offer your organization 2 panels to sponsor at the meeting.

As a reminder, panels typically consist of 4-5 papers along with a chairperson (who facilitates the panel) and a discussant (who comments on the papers). Please develop a coherent theme for your proposed panel and submit panel title, abstract, as well as paper and participant details at the ISA conference website electronic system. Please note that we strongly discourage graduate students serving as discussants on panels. You may submit proposed panel details at: <http://www.isanet.org/newyork2009/>

Given the great limitations in space at the New York venue, there are a few new rules in place for the 2009 meeting. First, ISA will no longer be soliciting scheduling requests. Second, please note that only two paper presentations per person will be accepted for the program. If a participant proposes more than two papers, and for some reason more than two are accepted, the program chairs will choose the two without consultation. This "two presentation rule" applies as well to roundtables, although it does not include participation as discussants or chairs. This rule applies to all participants, irrespective of their geographical origin. Co-authorship of a paper counts as a half-participation.

In addition, we are in the process of adopting a new conference management system for the 2009 ISA Program. As a new feature of this system, all panel organizers will need to establish a "MyISA Account" as a preliminary step.

Over the next few months, all panel participants will eventually be asked to sign up for a MyISA account, which establishes a user id and password for each participant. All conference participants will need a MyISA account to access the program. The information regarding how to do this is at: <http://isanet.ccit.arizona.edu/MyISA/NewYork2009.aspx>

The deadline to submit proposed panels is May 15, 2008. Because space is severely limited for the 2009 meeting, we will have substantially fewer panels than we enjoyed earlier this year in San Francisco. As a result, we will strictly enforce the May 15th deadline. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,
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