

CADRe09 Background and Purpose

Computer-Aided Dispute Resolution Workshop 2009

In September 2007, the Institute for Water Resources, Sandia National Labs, and the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution organized a workshop focused on computer-aided dispute resolution (CADRe). CADRe is a collection of methods that integrate two broad areas of practice: 1) decision-support computer modeling, and 2) collaboration or negotiation. The 2007 workshop (CADRe07) was the first to gather a diverse community of CADRe practitioners to begin establishing a coherent professional community. CADRe09 will reconvene the community (with some new participants) to solidify its identity and to develop an action plan for improving and promoting CADRe methods.

CADRe09 Purpose:

To develop and begin executing a strategic plan for improving CADRe methods and promoting the use of CADRe for water resources problems.

Supporting Objectives for CADRe09

1. Assess the state of the art and identify areas for improvement
2. Assess future water resources management problems and political context for their implications for CADRe methods and applications
3. Identify priority action areas for improving CADRe methods and increasing the use of CADRe
4. Organize the community into teams focused on each of the priority action areas and begin planning follow-up work activities for each team

CADRe09 Outcomes and Products

- Technical communication among diverse professional communities and government agencies
- A Strategic Plan with specific action items
- Work teams with specific objectives and responsibilities over 1-2 years
- Proceedings and technical reports

CADRe09 Sponsorship

CADRe09 will be sponsored and organized by the Institute for Water Resources, Sandia National Labs, the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Location: EPA Region 8 offices, Denver, Colorado

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