

Invitation to the Simula Estimation Seminar 2006

Simula Research Laboratory has the pleasure of inviting you to our annual estimation seminar.

The seminar is aimed at professionals and researchers interested in software estimation. You will hear talks from internationally renowned lecturers and researchers, and get up to date on some of the most recent developments in software estimation. The seminar will consist of lectures and interactive sessions.

The seminar will take place on tuesday 21st of November at Simula Research Laboratory, located at IT-Fornebu just outside of Oslo.

The seminar, including lunch, is free of charge, and we encourage early registration as we expect a full venue. Participants can contact Stein Grimstad for registration (steingr@simula.no). Please include names and email addresses of all participants in the registration.

The seminar will be held in English and Norwegian. All material will be in English.

For more information about our research on estimation, please visit www.simula.no/best

Looking forward to seeing you at the seminar,

Tanja, Kristin, Magne, Stein and Kjetil

Agenda

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| 0830 | Coffee | |
| 0900 | Welcome | <i>Dag Sjøberg</i> |
| 0915 | Agile Estimating and Planning | <i>Mike Cohn</i> |
| 1015 | Interactive session | <i>Magne Jørgensen</i> |
| 1045 | Break | |
| 1100 | Know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em...
Combining estimates with Planning Poker | <i>Kjetil Molækken-Østvold
Nils Christian Haugen</i> |
| 1145 | How to avoid impact from irrelevant and misleading information on your estimates | <i>Magne Jørgensen
Stein Grimstad</i> |
| 1230 | Lunch | |
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Mike Cohn is the founder of Mountain Goat Software. He specializes in the application of agile techniques to difficult software problems, especially agile requirements gathering with user stories, training and consulting on how to estimate agile projects, training for agile project management and the Scrum process. He is the author of several books, his most recent one being "Agile Estimating and Planning".



Nils Christian Haugen is chief scientist at Objectnet and an agile developer and coach. He has been working with large distributed object-oriented applications for companies in various industries since 1998. Nils Christian has enjoyed working with XP/Agile teams at ThoughtWorks, and is an experienced speaker on topics in Java and Agile software development at national and international conferences.



Magne Jørgensen is a Professor in Software Engineering at the University of Oslo and a member of the software engineering research group of Simula Research Laboratory in Oslo, Norway. He has published many articles in international journals on software cost estimation. He has supported work on the improvement of software project estimation and has been responsible for estimation training in several software companies.



Stein Grimstad has 7 years' industry experience as software developer and solution architect. He is now a PhD-student in Software Engineering at the University of Oslo, and is a member of the software engineering research group of Simula Research Laboratory in Oslo, Norway. He also works part-time as an advisor at Objectnet. His research interests are software engineering and, in particular, software cost estimation.



Kjetil Molækken-Østvold is an assistant director and Post Doc. researcher at Simula Research Laboratory in Norway. He received his MSc and PhD degrees in informatics from the University of Oslo, Norway, in 2002 and 2004, respectively. His main research interests are software estimation, group processes, management of public projects and software process improvement.