The iSchool, College of Information Science and Technology congratulates Professor Il-Yeol Song, who was designated as an ER Fellow during the 31st International Conference on Conceptual Modeling held in Florence, Italy from October 15-18, 2012. The ER Fellow Award is an honor given to selected individuals in the conceptual-modeling community in recognition of their contributions to ER (Entity-Relationship model) research, education, and service.

As Professor Tok Wang Ling, 2012 ER Fellow Committee Chair and National University of Singapore faculty member, noted: "Professor Song has contributed substantially to the field of conceptual modeling, with seminal research ideas and through teaching courses and tutorials on the topic, as well as through organizational activities that have allowed ER conferences to grow and prosper. On his publication record, according to Microsoft Academic Search [http://academic.research.microsoft.com/], Professor Song has the third highest number of publications (total 19 papers) among all the ER conference and workshop authors over the years. Many of his ER publications include student authors. He has received four excellent teaching awards at Drexel University. Professor Song has served on the steering committee of the ER conference since 2003 as a member, vice chair, and chair of the steering committee."

Professor Song's research interests include conceptual modeling, design and performance optimization of data warehousing and OLAP, object-oriented analysis and design with UML, database technologies for digital forensics, and the modeling and integration of medical and bioinformatics databases. Professor Song, who has served as an iSchool faculty member for over 24 years, maintains a professional background in the simulation and development of large-scale software for missile systems. In addition to three teaching awards including Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, Professor Song was also recently honored with the Most Outstanding Instructor Award by Drexel University in 2011. For more information about Professor Song, please visit: [http://www.ischool.drexel.edu/faculty/song/]

Only one or two individuals are honored with this award each year, and are selected by the ER Fellow Committee (consisting of the current ER fellows). Since the annual ER conference is the flagship conference for the conceptual modeling community, special consideration is given to candidates who have a sustained publication record in the conference proceedings, a record of encouraging students and others they mentor to become actively involved in the conference, and strong involvement in and service to the conference. Notwithstanding this intentional bias, ER Fellows may be selected from the broader community when they have clearly made significant research, education, and service contributions to conceptual modeling and continue to be actively involved in ER-community affairs.

For more information about past and present ER fellows, please visit: [http://conceptualmodeling.org/ER_Fellows.html]