**DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & STS DESIGN**

**Panel & Roundtable Discussion**

**Thursday, September 29, 2002**

**2:00 – 4:00 PM**

We are extremely thankful to our 3 Panelists:

Geert Van Hootegem, Professor, General Director HIVA, Research Institute for Work and Society, KU Leuven; Paradigms 4.0 Project

Stu Winby, Founder & CEO, Spring Network, STARLab – Socio-Technical Action Research Lab; Facilitator, Digital STS Design Lab

Mark Govers, Associate Professor Maastricht University & Co-author “A Socio-Technical Perspective on the Digital Era: The Lowlands View ”.

This Panel session brings together three of the most insightful and active members of our STS Design community. It is a unique opportunity for them to share the essence of their learning on this session topic over the past 3-4 years, and engage our conference participants in a Roundtable conversation focused on two central questions from a socio-technical systems perspective.

Q1) What do we see happening now as far as relevant developments on the cutting edge of digital transformation and associated emergent forms of organization-- from a socio-technical systems perspective?

AND

Q2) What are the implications for STS Design and the potential in this current and emergent reality for the possibility to “Organize Work Fit for Humans”—from a socio-technical systems perspective?

The format we propose is as follows.

We focus first on Question 1. We invite each Panelist FIRST to contribute a concise (approx. 10 mins) oral presentation of their learning and perspectives on this question of what they see happening now, and then allow for some exchange among the panelists, before opening up discussion to the Roundtable questions and comments.

After a short break…

We focus secondly on Question 2 about the implications and potential for STS Design, again starting with a short (approx. 10 mins) oral presentation from each Panelist, before opening up to the wider Roundtable.

(To help facilitate the discussion, Bert Painter will serve as Moderator, on behalf of the STSRT & Global Network.)