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COSP (the Committee on Stochastic Programming) is pleased to announce a new student paper prize, which will be given in recognition of the most outstanding student-authored paper in Stochastic Programming. The prize will be awarded at the forthcoming 12th International Conference on Stochastic Programming to be held in Halifax, Canada, during the week of August 16-20. This is a new paper competition, which will be held every three years following the Halifax meeting.

The award will be decided by a three-member jury formed by Dr. Alan King (IBM Research), Prof. Güzin Bayraksan (University of Arizona), and Prof. Rüdiger Schultz (University of Duisburg-Essen).

Each entry must satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

- i. The paper must present original research results.
- ii. The entrant must have been a student within the previous three years of the year of the prize.
- iii. The research must have been conducted while the entrant was a student.
- iv. The paper must have been published in (or submitted to) an English language journal.
- v. The paper must be written by the entrant with only minor outside assistance. One or more advisors may appear as co-authors of a paper, but the student must be the 'first author'.
- vi. The entrant can be a (co-)author in at most one paper submitted to the competition.

Entrants must submit the following material to the COSP Student Paper Prize Committee Chair before the **June 30, 2010** deadline:

- i. An electronic copy (a PostScript or pdf file) of the paper.
- ii. The publication information for the work. If paper is still under review, state the name of the journal and point in the review process).
- iii. An email address and phone number where the entrant can be contacted in the event the entrant is selected as a finalist.
- iv. A letter signed by both faculty advisor and the entrant attesting that the eligibility conditions are met.

The submitted papers will be judged on the following criteria:

- i. Magnitude of the contribution to the advancement of the field of stochastic programming;
- ii. Originality of ideas and methods;
- iii. Clarity and excellence of exposition.

Papers must be sent to Dr. Alan King, who will chair this year's Prize Committee, at the address [kingaj@us.ibm.com](mailto:kingaj@us.ibm.com). The prize results will be communicated to the participants by the end of July and the winner, if any, will receive the prize (a US\$500 check) at the Halifax conference.