

## IMS2018 Student Paper Competition Rules

The Student Paper Competition (SPC) is held to identify and recognize outstanding technical contributions from individual students. In general, it is preferred that the submitted paper have only two authors. **The first author must be the student; the second (or last) author must be the student's main advisor.** Additional student co-authors are acceptable, but will also be subject to verification by the main advisor as detailed below. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded based on content and presentation. To be considered for an award, the student must (i) be a full-time student during the time the work was performed, (ii) be the lead author, and (iii) personally present the paper at IMS2018. **During the paper submission process, the student is required to provide the email address of the main faculty advisor who will be asked, upon the selection of the paper to the SPC, to certify that the work is primarily that of the student.**

The IMS2018 SPC finalists will be formally announced by 23 March 2018. Notification will be sent only to those who are selected as finalists. If you do not receive such a notification, your paper has not been selected to the SPC. As a finalist, you will be required to participate in the SPC Interactive Forum. This forum is in addition to your normal paper session requirements described in your IMS2018 paper acceptance email.

### Student Paper Competition Submission and Review Requirements:

1. All students wishing to participate in the competition are required to follow the regular IMS2018 paper submission process (Deadline: Tuesday, December 5, 2017). Papers must be identified as SPC submissions during the electronic submission process.
2. To be considered for the SPC, the student must be a full-time student during the time the work was performed.
3. The faculty advisor's email address must be provided during the submission process.
4. SPC submissions are reviewed by the Technical Program Review Committee (TPRC) using the same criteria as for all other IMS2018 paper submissions. Only those papers that (a) are self-identified as SPC submissions by the author, and (b) meet the SPC criteria listed here are eligible to participate in the SPC. Finalists will be selected and recommended by the TPRC from the eligible SPC submissions.
5. SPC Finalists will receive email notifications by March 23, 2018. Confirmation of receipt must be sent via email to [IMS2018studentpapercompetition@gmail.com](mailto:IMS2018studentpapercompetition@gmail.com) once the notification is received. The confirmation email should include the first author's name and advisor's name/email address.
6. Confirmed finalists will receive recognition at IMS2018.

### Student Paper Competition Finalist Verification and Competition Requirements:

1. Once a paper is selected for the SPC, the SPC committee will ask the **first student author's main advisor** to certify that the work is primarily that of the student. The advisor is then required to send an email indicating that the majority of the research presented in the paper is the original work of the student. The advisor must also confirm that the work was done while the first author was a **full-time** student, and that the contribution from other authors (if any) is secondary.

If the paper has more than two authors, this email must also include for each author (other than the main adviser): a) the percentage of technical effort contributed to the work, b) the title or role of each author, and c) a single sentence describing the technical contribution of each author. Failure to provide this email will result in disqualification. The advisor's email must be sent to [IMS2018studentpapercompetition@gmail.com](mailto:IMS2018studentpapercompetition@gmail.com) right after receiving the notification (in March 2018) from the SPC committee that the student is considered an SPC finalist. Additional information may be requested for incomplete response emails.

2. The SPC finalists must present their papers at the assigned IMS2018 session and also at the SPC Interactive Forum (separate from the regular Interactive Forum sessions).
3. Judging will be performed by a specially formed SPC committee of experts. The winners will be announced and awards will be presented during the IMS2018 Student Awards Luncheon on Thursday, June 14, 2018.