REC-103: INCOSE International Symposium Best Paper Awards – 29 January 2023

Purpose

INCOSE shall recognize selected papers as "BEST" at their International Symposium (IS). Categories for best papers include the best student paper and best papers related to selected Systems Engineering (SE) topics.

Applicability

These awards are applicable to all individuals who submit a paper for the IS.

Definitions

None

Award Overview and Eligibility

All paper authors shall be eligible to receive best paper awards each year.

The **Brian Mar Best Student Paper Award** recognizes the author(s) of the best student paper accepted for presentation at the IS. To be eligible, the first and primary author listed on the paper must be a student during some part of the calendar year the paper was submitted.

There can be four (4) to six (6) **Systems Engineering Best Paper Awards** recognizing the author(s) of papers submitted for the IS. Each award presented must be related to different selected SE topics, i.e., no more than one best paper award per SE topic in a given year. The SE topics will be identified at the time of paper submission and authors will be asked to identify topic areas relevant to their paper at the time of submission.

Nomination

The IS Technical Review Team reviews and scores all the papers submitted and sends a list of their top papers to the INCOSE Technical Operations Team. The number of top papers submitted may vary from year to year based on the scores, but following is the target:

- For the Brian Mar Best Student Paper Award, a list of the top 5 papers is submitted.
- For the Systems Engineering Best Paper Award, a list of the top 10 papers is submitted.

Selection

Selection of the **Brian Mar Best Student Paper Award** shall be determined by the INCOSE Academic Council. No more than one (1) award will be made annually.

Selection of the **Systems Engineering Best Paper Awards** shall be based on a review, score, and ranking by the Technical Operations Assistant Directors and Deputy Assistant Directors. From that information, the Technical Director and Deputy Technical Director will determine the 4 to 6 that will be selected annually.

Presentation

The best paper awards will be announced at the IS and a recognition certificate will be presented to each recipient. The successful recipients are notified as soon as possible, but preferably no later than 10 weeks in advance of the IS. If the author is unable to attend the IS to present their paper, their best paper award may be withdrawn and presented to the paper with the next highest score.

Related Policies

ACD-101 Academic Council

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