

## IMS2005 Student Paper Contest Rules

- 1) The purpose of the Student Paper Contest is to recognize outstanding technical contributions from individual students. Generally, only one or two authors are allowed for each Student Paper: The first author must be the student; the second author will be the student's major professor (advisor). Multiple student coauthors are not allowed.
- 2) A 3<sup>rd</sup> author is permitted provided the 3<sup>rd</sup> author is not a student and served only in an advisory role (e.g. an industry co-advisor). More than three authors will result in disqualification. *The one-student-three-author-maximum rule will be strictly enforced for IMS2006.*
- 3) All students wishing to participate in the contest are required to follow the regular Symposium submission process for papers.
- 4) Papers must be identified as Student Paper Contest submissions during the electronic submission process.
- 5) The student's major professor (advisor) is required to submit a letter indicating that the research presented in the paper is primarily the work of the student, done while the 1<sup>st</sup> author was a student, and that the contribution from other authors is only advisory. *Failure to provide this letter will result in disqualification.* Email responses will be accepted, but additional information on author participation may be requested.
- 6) Student Paper Contest submissions are first evaluated by the Technical Program Committee (TPC), along with all other manuscript submissions, and receive no special consideration when being considered for acceptance to the Symposium.
- 7) Those papers that are accepted for publication, identified as Student Paper submissions, and that meet the criteria listed above become eligible for the Student Paper Contest.
- 8) The eligible student papers accepted for publication will be separately evaluated by the TPC in order to select Student Paper finalists.
- 9) Finalists will receive email notification, and receive special recognition in the IMS2006 Program Guide.