The CORS Bulletin

Canadian Operational Research Society
Société canadienne de recherche opérationnelle

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In this issue, you will find the Calls for Nominations for the 2015 annual awards. Please take the time to consider the Award of Merit, the Service Award, the Harold Larnder Prize, and the Omond Solandt Award, and nominate a deserving individual or organization who has made a significant contribution in OR.

Submissions are now being accepted for this year's Practice Prize and most Student Paper Competitions. Deadlines are in February 2015, please see the detailed articles for exact dates and submission guidelines.

The hotel for the 2015 Montreal CORS/INFORMS conference has been confirmed. For details and reservations, please visit the conference website: http://meetings2.informs.org/montreal2015/index.html

If you or your colleagues are involved in a project that would make a nice feature article, please consider submitting a one page write up to be included in February's bulletin.

Cheers,

Andrea Friars

Editor

THE 2014–2015 COUNCIL

CORS Council is made up of the Officers of the Society, four Councillors, the Immediate Past President, a representative designated by each local section of the Society, and the Standing Committee Chairs. Contact information for 2014–2015 Council representatives is provided below. For a complete listing go to www.cors.ca.

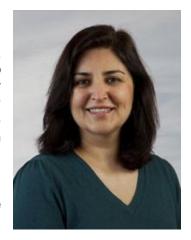|	
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CORS/INFORMS INTERNATIOANAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 14-17, 2015, MONTREAL, QC

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CORS Members,

I would like to start off with some good news. Despite the initial estimates, the 2014 annual conference that was held in Ottawa generated about $15,000 profit. This adds one more conference to the list of profitable CORS conferences, which are essential for our society financially. Thanks again to the conference organizers. Now that we are on this topic, let me also update you briefly on the CORS/INFORMS International Conference that will be held in Montreal in June 2015. The conference planning is well under way. The conference venue is at Sheraton Hotel, which is in a prime location in Montreal. The CORS SIGs have been active in organizing technical sessions. Please check the conference website for more details and make sure to submit your abstracts before the deadline.

As you know, Samir Elhedhli and Elkafi Hassini are the new co-editors of INFOR. Together, with the support of Bernard Gendron, they have been focusing on bringing back the journal on schedule, assessing different publishers, and looking into online submission systems. The co-editors are keen in revamping the journal and its focus. Please consider INFOR as a publication outlet and encourage your colleagues to submit their high quality papers to INFOR.

Based on the discussions during the Past Presidents' Advisory Board meeting and the "CORS and Professional Education in Analytics" session in Ottawa in May 2014, the Council endorsed the INFORMS Certified Analytics Professional (CAP) program in order for CORS to play a leading role in analytics in Canada. The CORS Analytics Committee has started a dialogue with INFORMS and is in the process of putting together a proposal on Analytics training to Council.

This year, the CORS membership notices and reminders were sent out earlier by Erla Anderson to make sure that members get them early and have time for renewing their membership on time. One of my goals for this year is to find ways to increase our industry membership and attract companies to participate and support our conferences. A new committee within the Council is created to look into that. If you have any ideas or would like to help us increase our membership, please contact me.

With best wishes for all CORS members,

Taraneh Sowlati

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meetings2.informs.org/montreal2015

Why Attend the Conference?

There are many good reasons to attend this jointly-sponsored international conference. You will:

**June 14 - June 17, 2015
Sheraton Montreal
Submission Deadline: Jan. 16, 2015**

- Gain a cross-cultural view of the latest O.R. and analytics trends
- Enjoy regional diversity through structured networking with international colleagues
- Have your work viewed in a different light with varying perspectives from distinguished experts
- Benefit from exposure to the fullest spectrum of O.R. and analytics research and topics
- Learn from top industry vendors who are attracted to this international forum
- Fully immerse yourself in this charming French-Canadian city and all it has to offer

In addition to the technical tracks, there will be competitions and several receptions. Finally, while you are in the city, please do partake in some of the region's attractions. Stay in the heart of Montreal. The conference hotel is ideally situated across the street from the famous Bell Centre and just steps from the Underground City, top dining and shopping on St. Catherine Street. Plus, the bustling business district is mere minutes away.

**The meeting will take place at the Le Centre Sheraton Hotel Montreal
info@meetings2.informs.org/montreal2015/hotel.html**

A Parisian New York or vice versa, but definitely a spirited, bold and complex mix of contrasts that completely defies comparison. Montréal's renowned duality of Old World charm infused with North American energy lies at its very heart; however, it is the *plurality* of cultures that really makes this metropolis tick. Montréal is as romantically traditional as it is cutting-edge innovative, as cosmopolitan dynamic as it is small-town friendly. Yet despite this diversity, an underlying homogeneity exists in this vibrant population who collectively and confidently "live and let live"—and do it well. Bohemian? Maybe. Uplifting? Definitely. After spending some time here, you'll notice that without the complex mix of flavours—ethnicity, culture, language, ideas, cuisine, you name it—warm camaraderie and sheer joie de vivre, anywhere else just seems bland. (*From Tourism Montreal*)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

CORS Award of Merit

Nominations are invited for the 2015 CORS Award of Merit. This award acknowledges significant contributions of a present or past member of CORS to the profession of Operational Research. Significant contributions can include:

- being specially recognized as an operational research practitioner,
- the development of a methodology relevant to the use of operational research,
- the supervision and development of operational research competence in others,
- the promotion of operational research in Canada through talks, presentations, articles, books, or by other means,
- service to CORS at either the national or local level.

Please submit nominations before **January 13, 2015** to:

Corinne MacDonald
CORS Award of Merit Committee Chair
Department of Industrial Engineering
Dalhousie University
E-mail: corinne.macdonald@dal.ca

CORS Service Award

If you know of anyone who has dedicated their time to CORS and who has a longstanding service record, please consider nominating him or her for the CORS Service Award. CORS Council urges all local sections to consider and nominate their best candidates. Nominations should include the candidate's name, activities, positions and corresponding years of service. The Awards Committee will evaluate the submissions and bring forward potential recipients to Council for approval. Nominees will be evaluated based on a point system shown in the table below. As a guideline, winners should have 2000 or more points. Previous winners are not eligible for additional service awards. A list of past CORS Service Award recipients may be found at: http://www.cors.ca/en/prizes/i_service.php.

Please submit nominations before **March 1, 2015** to:

Fredrik Odegaard
CORS Awards Committee Chair
Ivey Business School
Western University
E-mail: fodegaard@ivey.uwo.ca

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Service Award Point System

Responsibility	Point Value
CORS Council	
President	500
Vice-President	350
Secretary	300
Treasurer	300
Councillor	250
Appointed	200
Past-President	150
International Conference	
Conference Chair	350
Committee Chair	300
Committee Member	200
National Conference	
Conference Chair	300
Committee Chair	250
Committee Member	200
Publications	
Bulletin Editor	350
INFOR Editor	350
Special Editions	150
Others	200
Local Council	
President	350
Vice-President	250
Secretary	200
Treasurer	200
Others	150
Past-President	100
Miscellaneous	
IFORS Executive	250

CORS Harold Larnder Prize

If you know of any individual who is known internationally for his or her contributions to the theory and/or practice of OR, please nominate them for the CORS Harold Larnder Prize.

The Harold Larnder Prize is awarded annually to an individual who has achieved international distinction in operational research. The prize winner delivers the Harold Larnder Memorial Lecture, on a topic of general interest to operational researchers, at the National Conference of the Canadian Operational Research Society. Nominees can be from any country.

The Awards Committee will evaluate the submissions and bring forward potential recipients to Council for approval.

Please submit nominations before **January 15, 2015** to:

Fredrik Odegaard
CORS Awards Committee Chair
Ivey Business School
Western University
E-mail: fodegaard@ivey.uwo.ca

CORS Omond Solandt Award

If you know of any private or governmental organization that has made an outstanding contribution to OR in Canada, please nominate them for the Omond Solandt Award.

The Awards Committee will evaluate the submissions and bring forward potential recipients to Council for approval.

Please submit nominations before **January 15, 2015** to:

Fredrik Odegaard
CORS Awards Committee Chair
Ivey Business School
Western University
E-mail: fodegaard@ivey.uwo.ca

CORS PRACTICE PRIZE COMPETITION

Changes are being considered for the practice prize process and an announcement will be made in the next bulletin, and will be sent by the CORS ListServ when approved.

CORS STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Each year the Canadian Operational Research Society conducts a student paper competition to recognize the contribution of a paper either directly to the field of operational research through the development of methodology or to another field through the application of operational research. The competition serves to showcase the high quality of OR education in Canada as well as the excellence of the new generation of operational researchers. Prizes are awarded in two categories: Undergraduate and Open.

Application Process

Requirements
The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in a Canadian institution, in an undergraduate, masters, or PhD program during the school year 2014 to 2015. Canadians who are studying outside of Canada are also eligible. Applicants in undergraduate programs are eligible to apply in both categories: Open and Undergraduate.

To be eligible for First Prize or Honourable Mention, selected articles must be presented at the 2015 annual conference. This rule applies to both categories: Open and Undergraduate.

Instructions
Fill out the competition Application Form: http://web4.uwindsor.ca/users/r/rcaron/CORS.nsf/SPC

The application deadline for the Open Category is **March 15, 2015**.

For the Undergraduate Category, candidates must submit their intent to participate by sending an email with the title and abstract to the Chair of the Undergraduate Category. The deadline to indicate your intent to participate is **February 15, 2015**. And the full paper should be submitted by **March 31, 2015**.

The Chairs of the competition are:

Open Category: Benny Mantin
University of Waterloo, bmantin@uwaterloo.ca

Undergraduate Category: Anjali Awasthi
Concordia University, awasthi@ciise.concordia.ca

The entry includes:
1. Cover page containing the following information:
   - Abstract of 200 words or less. Author's name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. Make sure the abstract clearly highlights the motivation, contribution, and potential impact of the paper.
   - Academic institution and supervisor's name, if applicable.
   - Indication of whether the paper is submitted to a journal.
2. A PDF copy of the paper:
   - No longer than 35 pages (with minimum 1-inch margins, maximum 34 lines per page and minimum font size of Times 11) including all figures, tables, appendices, and references.
   - The first page would be a blind title page containing the title, an abstract, and key words. Ensure the manuscript is blind throughout. Also remove journal identifiers.
3. A letter of support from the supervisor indicating that the student is the main author of the paper (does not have to be first) meaning he/she has carried out the majority of the work.

Once the submission has been completed, the Competition Chair will email the student indicating the status of the manuscript.

Selection Criteria:
   - Contribution of the paper either directly to the field of Operational Research through the development of methodology or to another field through the application of Operational Research (40%).
   - Originality (20%).
   - Writing style, clarity, organization and conciseness of the paper (20%).
   - Presentation (20%). Note that papers selected as Finalists must be presented at the conference in order to further be considered for First Prize or Honourable Mention. Conference calls will not be allowed.

Awards
Open Category: First Prize $500, Honorable Mention $100
Undergraduate: First Prize $200, Honorable Mention $50
All papers selected as Finalists receive a certificate.

If an undergraduate wins the open competition, no undergraduate prize will be awarded. In the case of close competition, papers not winning an award may receive honourable mention. Finalists selected for the undergraduate category will be eligible to apply for partial funding to attend the CORS annual conference. The Education Chair will contact finalists with details.

CORS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

CORS Council approved a policy on Special Interest Groups (SIGs). A SIG provides a mechanism to promote CORS, the SIG area and the SIG members, as well as the opportunity for CORS members with common interests to interact and network.

SIGs formed so far include:
- CORS Queueing Theory SIG: contact Doug Down (downd@univmail.cis.mcmaster.ca, McMaster University, Department of Computing and Software).
- CORS Health Care Operational Research SIG: contact John Blake (john.blake@dal.ca, Dalhousie University, Department of Industrial Engineering).
- CORS Forestry SIG: contact Jean-François Audy (Jean-Francois.Audy@cirrelt.ca, Researcher & Network Liaison Manager at the NSERC Strategic Research Network on Value Chain Optimization), or go to http://cors-forestrysig.pieorswirls.com/.

If you would like to join a SIG, contact the persons listed above, or simply indicate that you would like to join when you renew your CORS membership.

CORS encourages members with common interest in an area within or related to operational research to form additional SIGs. More information about SIGs can be found online at http://www.cors.ca/en/membership/index.php. Discussions are underway about forming SIGs in several additional areas. If you are interested in forming a SIG in a particular area, then feel free to contact the CORS SIG Committee Chair: Fredrik Odegaard (fodegaard@ivey.uwo.ca).

CORS FORESTRY SIG STUDENT PRIZE

A call for submissions will be sent to CORS ListServ members via e-mail in November.

CORS QUEUEING SIG STUDENT PRIZE

Please check the SIG page next month for details about submissions in this category: http://www.cas.mcmaster.ca/~downd/corsqsig/

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CORS SIG NEWS

Forestry

The Forestry SIG is pleased to announce that Jean-François Audy (Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières) and Mikael Rönnqvist (Université Laval) will team up again this year for co-chairing the OR in Forestry Cluster to be held during the 2015 CORS/INFORMS Joint Conference. A call will be released soon and will include as well a call for papers for the second edition of the David Martell Student Paper Prize in Forestry. This award recognizes outstanding scientific contributions on the theory, methodology and/or practice of OR in forestry submitted by an undergraduate, a graduate student or a postdoctoral fellow. So, get your paper ready! Following the FSIG bylaws adoption process agreed at our 2014 annual meeting, no major modification were requested so the FSIG bylaws have been approved by the members and transmitted to all members, the SIGs Chair and CORS President.

If you would like to join the Forestry SIG, please contact
Jean-François Audy (jean-francois.audy@uqtr.ca).

CORS SECTIONS NEWS

Toronto Student

CORS/INFORMS Toronto Student Chapter held 8 academic and 5 social events since August 2014, including:

- Meet and Greet with MIE Seminar Speaker: Dr. John Birge, University of Chicago Booth School of Business (October 10)
- Meet and Greet with MIE Seminar Speaker: Dr. Miguel F. Anjos, Polytechnique Montreal & GERAD (October 24)
- Board game nights (September 25, October 30)
- Outdoor social (August 27)
- Student talks by Curtiss Luong, Bart Gajderowicz (Aug 12 & 19), Vahid Roshanaei, Taewoo Lee (September 10 & 24), Tsoleen Ayanian (October 8)
- Annual Fall Social to Welcome incoming graduate students (September 8)
- Participated as a UTORG team in the CIBC Run for the Cure (October 5)
- Latex Workshop by Professor Dionne Aleman (October 27)

Please visit our website http://org.mie.utoronto.ca for upcoming events and to become a member. Follow us on the internet: Facebook, @utorgcafe, Flickr

Carly Henshaw

Faculty Position in
The Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
Virginia Tech

The Grado Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at Virginia Tech is seeking outstanding faculty candidates to help lead our instructional and research efforts in **mathematical optimization and operations research.** We particularly seek individuals with expertise in the **theory and methodological foundations of optimization. Applications from leaders in any area of optimization are welcome.** Appointments at all ranks will be considered. For particularly well-established Full Professor candidates, an Endowed Professorship may be available.

Applicants should have achieved, or show potential to develop, a strong program of externally funded research and scholarship. The position requires a Ph.D. degree, with at least one degree in industrial engineering or a closely related field. We are seeking candidates with exceptional potential for leadership in research and education, and strong commitment to high quality research. The successful applicant will also be expected to provide skilled teaching of foundational and advanced courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Candidates for Associate or Full Professor should have a strong record of research leadership, publications, and external funding.

Applications must be submitted online at *jobs.vt.edu* (posting number TR0140122) and include a cover letter, current vita, research statement, teaching statement, up to three relevant research publications, and the names of three references providing recommendation letters (these must be submitted separately by the references). Details on how to prepare and submit all materials can found under "Posting Details" for this position on the website. Review of applications will begin on **January 5, 2015**: applications submitted after this date may not be considered.

Virginia Tech has a strong commitment to the principle of diversity and inclusive excellence, and, in that spirit, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, minorities, and people with disabilities. Virginia Tech is the recipient of a National Science Foundation ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Award to increase the participation of women in academic science and engineering careers.

Faculty Positions in Management Science

The **Ivey Business School** at Western University seeks candidates for a Probationary (tenure-track) appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, or a Tenured appointment, at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor in the area of Management Science and a Limited Term appointment at the rank of Lecturer, Assistant, Associate, or Professor. These positions are available to begin in July 2015, although alternate starting dates may be arranged.

The successful candidates will contribute to one of the School's current areas of scholarly/thought leadership (see http://www.ivey.ca/research/) and/or complement the research goals of the Management Science group. Candidates with demonstrated interest in application areas such as sustainability and energy systems, healthcare applications, revenue management, strategic management science, sports analytics and statistical and data mining tools for big data sets are especially encouraged to apply. The School supports high quality managerially oriented research targeted at high impact academic and practitioner journals in all management disciplines.

Successful candidates will be expected to teach Management Science/Analytics subjects in our student-centered, case-based undergraduate, MBA, or EMBA programs, or in the MSc or PhD programs. A willingness to teach executive education programs in Asia is valued.

TENURED POSITION: Applicants for a tenured appointment at the rank of Associate Professor will hold a PhD (or equivalent degree). The ideal candidate will have demonstrated the ability to publish in the highest quality academic outlets and is a recognized expert in his or her field of research. Demonstrated ability to successfully teach in core undergraduate and/or MBA courses using a case discussion format is required.

PROBATIONARY POSITION (tenure-track): Applicants for a probationary (tenure-track) appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor must already have, or be nearing completion of, their doctorate. Candidates should have a strong academic background and the ability to publish in the highest quality academic outlets. The ability to teach in core undergraduate and/or MBA courses using a case discussion format is essential.

LIMITED TERM POSITION: Applicants for a Limited Term appointment are expected to have an MBA or similar advanced degree plus significant industry experience, or to be at or nearing completion of, their doctorate. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated excellence in case teaching in core undergraduate and/or MBA courses using a case discussion format.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Applicants are encouraged to submit materials (curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation and copies of research papers) online to facultypositions@ivey.ca (See http://www.ivey.uwo.ca/faculty/career-opportunities/ for other application details). *Please ensure that the form available at http://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/faculty/Application-FullTime-Faculty-Position-Form.pdf is completed and included in your application submission.* Review of applicants will commence on November 3, 2014 and applications will be considered until the position is filled.

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The **Ivey Business School** is Canada's premier business school and is recognized worldwide for the quality of its management education and research. The School's major activities include: a highly regarded MBA program and undergraduate program; a well established doctoral program active in most major areas of management; as well as an expanding portfolio of programs for executives, including an expanding Executive MBA delivered in Canada and Hong Kong. The School is internationally oriented in terms of curricula, research, faculty, and student exchanges.

All positions are subject to budget approval. Applicants must have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, under Canadian immigration requirements, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. The Ivey Business School and Western University - Canada are committed to employment equity and welcome applications from all qualified women and men, including visible minorities, aboriginal people and persons with disabilities.

ÉTS
Le génie pour l'industrie

Professor of Industrial Engineering - Three Openings

Description of Position

The École de technologie supérieure Automated Production Engineering Department is seeking Professors of Industrial Engineering. Candidates shall mentor graduate students and conduct funded or conventional research projects. They shall deliver courses as part of the Automated Production Engineering and/or Operations and Logistics Engineering programs. The ability to deliver a course under the Innovation management program will be an asset. Candidates must have solid expertise in research, mentoring and teaching.

Selection Criteria:

- Hold a Doctorate degree
- Be a member of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec or qualified to become one
- Have relevant industrial experience
- Be a publishing researcher
- Be able to prepare and submit grant applications, particularly to the NSERC

Candidates must fall under one of the following three expertise profiles:

Production management

- Operations management (manufacturing and services fields)
- Logistics
- Lean/continuous improvement
- Process improvement
- Stochastic simulation/processes
- Flexible production systems

Information systems

- Integrated management process (ERP)
- Corporate information systems
- Business processes
- Databases
- Data mining

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Innovation and corporate strategy

- Integrated digital enterprise
- Innovative business engineering
- Quality management
- Knowledge management
- Innovation management
- Collaborative design
- PLM and PDM systems

See Conditions of employment

In addition to the *curriculum vitae* and the equal access to employment form, candidates must provide a sample of their research accomplishments (for example, a scientific article).

Please note that at ÉTS, courses are taught in French.

Application deadline: January 31, 2015

Start: Spring 2015

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

CORS Business Meetings

May 28, 2014	CORS Council Meeting, Ottawa, ON
September 19, 2014	CORS Council Meeting, Teleconference
November 28, 2014	CORS Council Meeting, Teleconference
January 24, 2015	CORS Council Meeting, Toronto, ON
March 27, 2015	CORS Council Meeting, Teleconference
April 24, 2015	CORS Financial Planning Committee Meeting
June 13, 2015	CORS Council Meeting, Montreal, QC
June 14, 2015	CORS Council Meeting, Montreal, QC
June 15 or 16, 2015	CORS Annual General Meeting, Montreal, QC

CORS Annual Conferences

June 14–17, 2015	CORS/INFORMS International Conference, Montreal, QC
2016	CORS Annual Conference, TBA
July 17–21, 2017	CORS/IFORS Conference, Quebec City, QC

Other Conferences

2014 Nov. 9–12	INFORMS 2014, San Francisco, CA

WWW Conference Listings

CORS-SCRO Conference Page: http://www.cors.ca/en/conferences/i_other.php

INFORMS Conference Home Page: http://www.informs.org/Conf/Conf.html

IFORS Conferences: http://www.ifors.org/panorama/conferences/index.shtml

Netlib Conferences Database: http://www.netlib.org/confdb/Conferences.html

SIAM Conference Home Page: http://www.siam.org/meetings/calendar.php

POMS Conference Page: http://www.poms.org/conferences/

CORS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate Student Funding to Attend CORS Conferences

CORS funds graduate students attending CORS annual meetings, using funds from SSHRC, when available. This funding is subject to availability and the following eligibility criteria:
- Student is a member of CORS
- Student is enrolled in a graduate program in a field related to operational research
- Student is studying at a Canadian university, or student is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident studying abroad

The following criteria will be used to determine the amount awarded to each eligible applicant:
- Whether the applicant is presenting a paper at the conference.
- Travel cost from student's home city to the conference.

Instructions
- Fill out the competition entry form at
  http://web4.uwindsor.ca/users/r/rcaron/gscs.nsf/StudentCORSWebForm
- Fill out the expense reimbursement form, and bring the form and your receipts to the 2015 CORS Conference registration desk.
  http://www.cors.ca/en/students/CORS_Expense_Reimbursement_Form.doc

Applications must be received by **March 15, 2015** to receive full consideration. Applicants that meet this deadline will be notified at least one month before the conference date whether their application was successful. For further information, contact the CORS Education Chair:

Mehmet Begen
Tel: (519) 661-4146
E-mail: mbegen@ivey.uwo.ca

CORS Traveling Speakers Program

The Traveling Speakers Program (TSP) enables local sections to bring Canadian OR practitioners / researchers as speakers to their local events. In order to keep costs in line while maximizing the CORS National profile, CORS sponsorship will be limited to 50% of the total expenses, up to a maximum of $500 per speaker or $1000 for a single event (conference, workshop). Other expenses can be covered by the local section. The program of the event must acknowledge the contribution of CORS. Each local section must contact the TSP coordinator to obtain approval for funding preferably at least one month in advance of the event date. Payment will be made by the CORS Treasurer upon receipt of the expense report.

Corinne MacDonald, CORS TSP Coordinator, E-mail: corinne.macdonald@dal.ca

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THE NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Bulletin is scheduled to appear in November. Along with the regular features and news from the local sections, it will contain more information about the next CORS conference. Contributions to this issue, especially news on the activities of SIGs, local sections or CORS Members, should be submitted by **January 16, 2015** to:

> Andrea Friars
> Editor, CORS-SCRO Bulletin
> 11 Sawgrass Drive
> Oakfield, NS B2T 0G1
> Phone: 902-895-8430 ext. 3236
> E-mail: andreafriars@gmail.com

The preferred method of submission is by an MS-Word attachment to an e-mail.

CORS BULLETIN TRANSLATION POLICY

Items that are CORS business will be translated into English and French. All other items will be published in the language they are submitted in.

CORS BULLETIN ADVERTISING POLICY

Ads cost $120 per page, proportional for fractional pages. Logos and prepared layouts can be accommodated. This fee also includes distribution of the advertisement on the CORS ListServ. Direct inquiries to the Editor.

CORS LISTSERV

As a benefit of membership, members may use the CORS ListServ to transmit messages, announcements, and job postings to the entire membership or to a targeted subgroup such as a local section. For example, you can send
- messages regarding the activities and business of the Society;
- announcements about conferences, conference sessions, special journal issues, seminars or other activities provided that these are related to operational research in its broadest sense;
- job postings of general interest to CORS members.

The ListServ is not used for commercial purposes, and all messages are vetted before they are sent out. To submit items to the ListServ, e-mail Erla Anderson, CORS Membership Services at erla@shaw.ca.

For non-members, a fee of $60 is charged for the distribution of Job Postings and other announcements or messages of interest to the CORS membership.

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The **Canadian Operational Research Society** was founded in 1958. Its goal is to advance the theory and practice of OR and to stimulate and promote contacts between people interested in the subject.

Publications: A quarterly scientific journal called *INFOR* and a news *Bulletin*.

Meetings: An annual National Conference with award ceremony, occasionally organized jointly with an international society (IFORS, INFORMS), as well as numerous local events organized by the local sections.

Local Sections: CORS has twelve local sections located throughout Canada and three student sections.

Awards and Prizes: CORS presents the following annual Awards and Prizes at its National Conference:

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