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The CORS Bulletin

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Dear CORS Members,

Nominations for the positions of vice president and two councillors are due no later than **February 23, 2018**. Please consider getting involved, either by nominating yourself or suggesting it to a colleague.

Preparations for the upcoming 2018 CORS conference are in full swing, and the bulletin is no exception. You will find details about the process for nominating someone for the Service Award and the Award of Merit, which will both be awarded at the conference. Deadlines are approaching for submissions for the practice prize, student paper competition, and healthcare optimization workshop. The deadline for general abstract submissions has been extended to **March 1, 2018**, and the early bird registration prices are in effect until **April 16, 2018**. Please visit www.cors2018.ca for all the details, to get yourself registered, and to book your hotel.

If you have content you would like to see in the next bulletin, submit it to me at AndreaFriars@gmail.com

Cheers,

Andrea Friars

Editor

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THE 2017–2018 COUNCIL

CORS Council consists of the officers of the society, four councillors, the immediate past president, a representative designated by each local section and chapter of the society, and the standing committee chairs. Contact information for council representatives is below. See www.cors.ca for a complete listing.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow CORS members,

Happy New Year! Like all new years, January for CORS Council is off to a fast start, just having held our annual January face-to-face meeting, an epic seven-hour test of endurance in Toronto. We cover a lot of ground in these meetings, some of it logistical minutia, some of it newsworthy determinations. Here is a rundown of all the interesting items from this year's meeting.

On the **logo competition** to celebrate our 60th anniversary, we received 26 submissions! I want to personally thank everyone who participated in the contest — Council was deeply impressed by your creativity, talent, and enthusiasm. We have selected two finalists whose entries stand out: **Martim Joyce-Moniz** and **Antoine Prouvost**! Congrats! We will work with a design company to refine these entries, and then will have a full-membership logo vote on the two finalists and the current logo in the coming months. Stay tuned.

Starting this year, CORS will donate funds annually to **TORCH: The Operations Research Challenge**, an annual high school outreach event started by CORS member **Daria Terekhov**. You can learn more about TORCH here: http://orchallenge.org/. If you know about other OR outreach events, please let me know!

INFOR is going strong, thanks to exceptional leadership from co-Editors-in-Chief **Samir Elhedhli** and **Elkafi Hassini**. A special issue for the CORS 60th Anniversary (edited by Samir and Elkafi), consisting of contributions from past Merit Award winners, is sure to be a high-impact must-read issue. Another special issue on "Continuous Optimization and Applications in Machine Learning and Data Analytics" is also upcoming, thanks to guest editors **Miguel Anjos**, **Fabian Bastin**, **Sébastien Le Digabel**, and **Andrea Lodi**.

CORS is in a financially solid position with about $100K in the bank, with an additional $79,000 expected from the CORS/IFORS 2017 conference in Quebec City, turning our position **from healthy to wealthy**. If these record profits weren't enough of a coup, the IFORS 2017 organizing committee members were just named **Quebec City ambassadors**, and IFORS 2017 was named Quebec City's **event of the year**! Truly an astounding feat, and many congratulations go to organizing committee and to conference co-chairs **Iréne Abi-Zeid**, **Bernard Gendron**, **Michael Morin**, and **Angel Ruiz**! Read more about the conference's amazing attendance (1600 attendees from 65 countries) and impact here: https://www.convention.qc.ca/en/2017/07/ifors-2017-brings-1600-specialists-quebec-city/

I don't know how the 2018 conference in Halifax (June 4–6) will manage to keep this conference energy continuing, but I bet **lobster and drink tickets** will have something to do with it. This conference, chaired by **Corinne MacDonald**, will celebrate CORS' 60th anniversary at the brand new Halifax Convention Centre and will coincide with the 200th anniversary of Dalhousie University. **Register for the conference now** so you don't miss out on all the celebration! https://eventspe.com/cors2018/Halifax

Best wishes for 2018!

Dionne Aleman
@CORS_President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to renew your CORS membership

The CORS website is ready to accept payment of membership fees for the upcoming year: **April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019**. You may be able to use an NSERC grant to pay CORS membership dues.

Renew your membership at this link:
http://www.cors.ca/sites/cors_php/en/membership/renewal.php

If you have any questions, contact Membership Services at membershipservices@cors.ca

Follow CORS on LinkedIn

www.linkedin.com/company/canadian-operational-research-society

COUNCIL CORNER

This section of the CORS Bulletin highlights recent discussions by the CORS Council and motions of particular interest that have been passed.

- Council passed a motion to see Saskatoon host the CORS annual meeting in 2019. The General Chair will be Kent Kostuk and the Program Chair will be Hamed Samarghandi.

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CORS 2018

June 4-6, 2018
Halifax, Nova Scotia
www.CORS2018.ca

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax council voted to declare the donair as the city's official food in 2015. It joined the Sable Island horse as Halifax's official horse, and the red spruce as the city's official tree. You will have no trouble finding a donair to sample on your visit, although the Sable Island horses are much more elusive.

Registration is Live!

Visit the conference website for complete details and to register directly. The early bird deadline is **April 16, 2018,** so don't delay, register today!

Abstract Submissions

The online abstract submission system is up and running and ready for your content. Present your research and reach an engaged audience from a variety of backgrounds. The final deadline has been extended but is quickly approaching, so be sure to get your 100 word write up submitted no later than **March 1, 2018.**

Book Your Hotel

Reserve your room at either of our host hotels to guarantee the special CORS rates. Find the booking link at www.CORS2018.ca

Browse the Program

Check out the jammed packed itinerary for this year's conference, and start to plan your visit. There's something for everyone at CORS 2018.

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CALL FOR CORS COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

There are three positions to fill for the 2018–2019 CORS Council. To nominate a CORS member to serve in one of these positions send his/her name and contact information **by February 23, 2018 to Fredrik Ødegaard, Past President (fodegaard@ivey.uwo.ca)**; please make sure your nominee is aware of the nomination. Note that self-nominations are welcomed.

For more details regarding the various positions visit: www.cors.ca; in particular see the Bylaws and Administrative Handbook online at www.cors.ca/?q=content/library All nominees will be contacted and asked to provide a write-up for the May edition of the Bulletin.

Vice-President (President Elect)

The Vice President (one-year term) assists the President, participates in special projects and ad-hoc committees through the year, and takes over the role of President at the following Annual General Meeting (AGM). Only those who have served at least one year on Council shall be eligible for the office of Vice-President.

Two Councillors (Two-year term)

A total of four councillors sit on council, and participate in the management of the society. Often, councillors are called upon to chair or serve on ad hoc or standing committees, and work on special projects.

CORS AWARD OF MERIT

We are seeking nominations for the 2018 Award of Merit. The Award of Merit acknowledges significant contributions of a current or past CORS member to the profession of Operational Research. This includes many different aspect such as (but not limited to): being specially recognized as an operational research practitioner; development of a methodology relevant to the use of operational research; supervision and development of operational research competence in others; 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.

For more information and a list of previous distinguished recipients visit:
http://www.cors.ca/?q=content/award-merit

To nominate a current or past CORS member for the Award of Merit, please send his/her name, contact information and a summary of their contributions **by February 23, 2018, to Fredrik Ødegaard, Past President (fodegaard@ivey.uwo.ca).**

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CORS SERVICE AWARD

If you know of anyone who has dedicated their time to CORS and who has a longstanding service record, 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. As a guideline, winners should have 2000 or more points. Previous winners are not eligible for additional service awards. A list of past recipients may be found at
www.cors.ca/?q=content/service-award

Submit nominations by **March 5, 2018** to:

Mehmet Begen, CORS Awards Committee Chair (mbegen@ivey.uwo.ca)

Service Award Point System

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

CORS PRACTICE PRIZE

The Practice Prize Competition recognizes the outstanding application of OR by practitioners in Canada and it attracts quality papers to the CORS Annual Conference.

Award: The Prize Committee will determine, at its discretion, First, Second and Honourable Mention awards and the distribution of up to $1800 in prize money according to the extent to which the finalists have reported on a completed, practical application with results that had a significant, verifiable and (preferably) quantifiable impact on the performance of the client organization. Every member of the winning teams receives a certificate.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a resident of Canada. The submission must include work completed over the last two years, but the entire project may have taken place over a longer period. The project may include published work, but it cannot have been previously submitted to this competition.

Application Instructions:

By February 28, 2018 submit e-copies of the following to:

Mikael Rönnqvist, Chair (mikael.ronnqvist@gmc.ulaval.ca)

1. An abstract, not exceeding 500 words, outlining the successful application of OR;
2. A letter from an executive of the client organization attesting that the application had an impact and giving permission for the project to be presented at the CORS Annual Conference;
3. The names, titles, phone numbers and email addresses of all authors and of at least one executive of the client organization.

By March 16, 2018 the judging committee will select up to four finalists according to these criteria:

1. The challenge of the application of OR and the significance of the problem.
2. The quality of the analysis and modeling, and implementation of the results.
3. The impact on the client organization.

By May 18, 2018 the finalists must:

1. Submit a detailed written report, not exceeding 25 pages in the body, presenting a "case history" of the project describing its development from start to finish and focussing on the challenges and results.
2. Submit a one-page project summary, suitable for publication in the CORS Bulletin and on the CORS website.
3. Present the project at the Practice Prize Sessions at the CORS Annual Conference.

On the basis of the written report and the oral presentation, the judges will determine the prizes to be awarded and announced at the banquet. The committee reserves the right not to award any prize.

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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 showcases 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.

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 2017–2018. Canadians who are studying outside of Canada are also eligible. Applicants in undergraduate programs are eligible to apply in both categories: Open and Undergraduate.

Instructions:

The application deadline for the Open Category is **March 31, 2018**.

For the Undergraduate Category, candidates must submit their intent to participate by sending an email with the title and abstract to spc@cors.ca
The deadline to indicate your intent to participate is **March 1, 2018**.
The full paper should be submitted by **March 31, 2018**.

Chair, Open Category: Nadia Lahrichi (nadia.lahrichi@polymtl.ca)

Chair, Undergraduate Category: Stan Dimitrov (sdimitro@uwaterloo.ca)

Undergraduate Category Applicants fill out the EasyChair online application form (https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=corsundergraduatestu). The form is automatically submitted to the Chair of the competition. Please remove personally identifiable information from the document (names, university affiliation, email addresses, etc.), as all personal information will be collected through the EasyChair system. Please add your supervisor as an author of the paper, so that your supervisor will be notified when the paper is submitted and when finalists are selected.

The entry includes:

1. Abstract of 200 words or less. Author's name, address, phone number, and email address. Make sure the abstract clearly highlights the motivation, contribution, and potential impact of the paper.
2. Academic institution and supervisor's name, if applicable.
3. Indication of whether the author is planning to attend the conference regardless of the outcome. Note that papers selected as Finalists must be presented at the conference in order to further be considered for First Prize or Honourable Mention.
4. Indication of whether the paper is submitted to a journal.

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5. 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.
- With separate title page containing the name of the authors, their coordinates and affiliations. Ensure there are no identifiers on the other pages;
6. An email from the supervisor indicating that the participant is the first author of the paper should be sent to the Competition Chair.

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.
- Originality.
- Writing style, clarity, organization and conciseness of the paper.

Awards:

- Open Category: First Prize $500, Honorable Mention $100
- Undergraduate Category: 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 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate Student Funding

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, enrolled in a graduate program in a field related to operational research, studying at a Canadian university, or student is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident studying abroad
- Student must attend the conference and present their registration receipt to receive any funding

The following criteria will be used to determine the amount awarded to each eligible applicant:

- If the applicant is presenting a paper at the conference.
- Travel cost from student's home city to the conference.

The application deadline is **March 31, 2018**
Anjali Awasthi, CORS Education Chair (anjali.awasthi@concordia.ca)

Traveling Speakers Program (TSP)

The 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 form (http://www.cors.ca/?q=content/traveling-speakers-program).

Fredrik Ødegaard, TSP Coordinator (fodegaard@ivey.uwo.ca)

CORS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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 Forestry SIG**
  contact Tasseda Boukherroub (tasseda.boukherroub@cirrelt.ca)
  École de technologie supérieure
  www.cors.ca/SIG/Forestry

- **CORS Health Care Operational Research SIG**
  contact Sonia Vanderby (sonia.vanderby@usask.ca)
  University of Saskatchewan
  www.cors.ca/SIG/HCOR

- **CORS Queueing Theory SIG**
  contact Qi-Ming He (q7he@uwaterloo.ca)
  University of Waterloo
  www.cors.ca/SIG/Queueing

If you would like to join a SIG, contact the people listed above, or 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 www.cors.ca/?q=content/communities

If you are interested in forming a SIG in a particular area, contact:

Mehmet Begen, SIG Committee Chair (mbegen@ivey.uwo.ca)

SIG NEWS

Forestry

4th David Martell Student Paper Prize in Forestry

The 4th edition of the David Martell Student Paper Prize in Forestry (DMSPPF) will be organized as usual at the CORS annual conference, which will be held in Halifax this year.

This award recognizes outstanding scientific contributions on the theory, methodology and/or practice of OR in forestry by an undergraduate, a graduate student or a postdoctoral. The competition is for the best student paper submitted, published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal in the two years before the year of the competition. The award was named in honor of Professor Martell for his outstanding contributions to the development and application of OR in forestry in Canada and beyond as well as for his many contributions to the CORS Society. (FSIG bylaw articles 8a, 8b, and 8c)

This year, the preliminary jury is formed by: **Pr. David Martell, Pr. Mikael Rönnqvist and Pr. Tasseda Boukherroub.**

The important dates are as follows:

Paper submission deadline: **March 5, 2018**

Announcement of finalists: **April 23, 2018**

Presentation of the finalist papers at CORS annual conference: **June 4–6, 2018 (the precise date will be announced later)**

You are all encouraged to submit your papers. Please, send your paper by e-mail to Tasseda.Boukherroub@etsmtl.ca

To be eligible to participate in the competition, you must satisfy bylaw articles 8c, 8d, 8e, and 8g:

8c) The competition is for the best student paper submitted, published or accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal in the two years before the year of the competition.

8d) At the time the paper was written, applicants should have been an undergraduate, a graduate student or a postdoctoral at a Canadian university or a Canadian studying in a university outside of Canada.

8e) No paper can be submitted more than once.

8g) (...) The finalists must be prepared to present their work in a special session at the annual conference (...)

Health Care Operations Research

Canadian Healthcare Optimization Workshop (CHOW)

HCOR is planning a workshop in conjunction with the 2018 CORS annual meeting in Halifax. We invite young academic scholars (doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers and non-tenured faculty) to submit working or research papers for presentation and discussion at the workshop.

* Full Paper Submission: **March 1, 2018**
* Notification of Acceptance: **April 15, 2018**
* Deadline to Update Accepted Papers: **May 1, 2018**
* Registration Deadline Presenters: **May 1, 2018**

Papers should be submitted by email to CHOWworkshop2018@gmail.com
Please see the website for further details and to register: http://www.cors2018.ca
Contact Marco Bijvank (marco.bijvank@haskayne.ucalgary.ca)

Oral Presentation Competition

The CORS Health Care Operations Research SIG oral presentation competition for graduate students emphasizes the importance of presentation skills and provides an opportunity for students to receive formal feedback, learn best practices from their peers, and be recognized for excellence in this area.

The goal is to have students demonstrate mastery of coherent and engaging presentations describing a completed research project on a significant healthcare topic within a five-minute time limit. The competition will involve self-videotaped presentation submissions judged on presentation quality and quality of the research. Judge-chosen finalists will be invited to give their presentation at the 60th Annual CORS Conference in Halifax, NS (June 4 to 6).

The deadline for self-videotaped presentations is **March 31, 2018** with the announcement of finalists expected **by April 30, 2018**. Submission process details will follow on the CORS website and via the CORS email listserv. For further information please contact Valérie Bélanger (valerie.3.belanger@hec.ca).

Queueing Theory

Planning is in the works for the Queueing Cluster at the CORS Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to be held June 4–6, 2018. If you wish to get involved and are interested in organizing a session or giving a talk, please contact Opher Baron (opher_baron@rotman.utoronto.ca) and David A. Stanford (stanford@uwo.ca). We will do our best to get you on the schedule!

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

CORS Business Meetings

July 20, 2017	CORS Council Meeting, Quebec City, QC
August 25, 2017	CORS Council Meeting, Teleconference
November 24, 2017	CORS Council Meeting, Teleconference
January 26, 2018	CORS Council Meeting, Toronto, ON
March 30, 2018	CORS Council Meeting, Teleconference
April 27, 2018	CORS Financial Planning Committee Meeting
May 11, 2018	CORS Council Meeting, Teleconference
June 3, 2018	CORS Council Meeting, Halifax, NS
June 4, 2018	CORS Council Meeting, Halifax, NS
June 5, 2018	CORS Annual General Meeting, Halifax, NS

CORS Annual Conferences

June 4–6, 2018	CORS Annual Conference, Halifax, NS https://eventspe.com/cors2018/index
2019	CORS Annual Conference, Saskatoon, SK

WWW Conference Listings

CORS Conference Page: www.cors.ca/?q=content/cors-annual-conferences

INFORMS Conference Home Page: www.informs.org/attend-a-conference

IFORS Conferences: www.ifors.org/web

Netlib Conferences Database: ftp://ftp.cc.ac.cn/netlib/confdb/Conferences.html

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

POMS Conference Page: www.poms.org/conferences

EURO Conferences : www.euro-online.org/web/pages/460/calendar

THE NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Bulletin is scheduled to appear in **May**. Along with the regular features and news from the local sections, it will include more information about the next CORS conference. Contributions to this issue, especially news on the activities of local sections or CORS members, should be submitted by **April 20, 2018** to:

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

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

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, email CORS Membership Services at membershipservices@cors.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 an award ceremony, occasionally organized jointly with an international society (IFORS, INFORMS), and numerous local events organized by local sections.

Local Sections & Chapters: CORS has twelve local sections located throughout Canada and four student chapters.

Awards and Prizes: CORS presents the following annual awards and prizes at its annual conference:

Award of Merit for significant contributions of a present or past member of CORS to the profession of OR.
Harold Larnder Award to an individual who has achieved international distinction in OR.
Omond Solandt Award to an organization, private or governmental, that is deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to OR in Canada.
Practice Prize for the challenging application of the OR approach to the solution of applied problems.
Service Award for outstanding contributions of time and service to the society.
Student Paper Competition to recognize the contribution of a paper either directly to the field of OR through the development of methodology or to another field through the application of OR.

Graduate Student Funding: CORS encourages attendance of graduate students at its annual conference by providing partial funding. Visit CORS website for details.

CORS Diploma: This diploma is awarded to students graduating from a university curriculum comprising several OR courses. Criteria may be found on the CORS website.

Membership Directory: An online directory of CORS members is available as a membership benefit.

To join CORS: Go to the CORS website and join online by credit card using the form found under membership or complete the PDF application form found on the CORS website and mail it with payment to the address below.

Fees: Member $110; Retired Member $55; Student Member $45 (including post-doctoral fellows)

Website: www.cors.ca

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/canadian-operational-research-society