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Dear CORS members,

This issue begins with the president’s message in which Peter shares many updates and changes on behalf of the CORS council.

The 2023 conference planning is well underway and this issue points you to the website where you can get the latest details as they become available. The bulletin also has information on how to apply for funding to help with CORS related travel for the conference and otherwise.

Lastly, you’ll find the calls for award nominations and competition submissions, including important deadlines to keep in mind. Please consider nominating a standout member or organization and encourage your students and peers to take part in the competitions.

Cheers,

Andrea
CORS COUNCIL

CORS Council consists of the officers of the society, four councillors, the immediate past president, 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

Dear Colleagues,

I hope everyone is adjusting well as the leaves change and the cool weather sets in. As I mentioned in the last bulletin, Council has prioritised initiatives to support a number of areas: Micro-events, Special Interest Groups, students, accounting system updates, our journal, and equity, diversity, and inclusion. This update is all about our Special Interest Groups. We are proud to have launched two new SIGs, we have a newly renamed SIG, and council has allocated funds to support SIG functions. Thanks to SIG committee chair Sibel Alumur Alev for championing these initiatives.

I’m happy to share on behalf of Council, the founding of a new Special Interest Group on Teaching and Learning. The main research interests for the Teaching and Learning SIG pertain to pedagogical design of analytics-related topics and teaching materials in higher education, and their impact on instructor effectiveness and student learning and engagement. Thank-you to founding president Tiffany Bayley and the 61 founding members for bringing this SIG to CORS/SCRO.

The second new Special Interest Group is for Transportation and Logistics. The main research interests for this SIG are topics related to transportation science and logistics including current and potential problems and contributions to their solutions to extend, unify, and integrate knowledge and practice. Thank-you to founding president Sibel Alumur Alev and the 28 founding members.

As reported in the last bulletin, the name of the Queueing SIG has officially been changed to the Queuing and Applied Probability SIG. The name change aims to encompass emerging areas such as random graphs, statistical learning, simulation, etc., and potentially attract more scholars to this SIG. Thank-you to Yichuan Ding for leading this change with the support of SIG membership.

Last but certainly not least, Council approved a motion and policy to allocate $1,000 annually to each SIG. The objective is to provide financial support to undertake activities that will strengthen the SIG communities and the overall CORS/SCRO community. These activities are to be open to all SIG members and reasonable efforts should be made to ensure maximum participation. When possible, CORS/SCRO members interested in the SIG should be included even if they are not currently SIG members.

Our next council meeting will be in-person, in Montreal, in November. This is the only in-person council meeting outside of the annual conference and is the first in-person council meeting in two years (due to COVID). This is also the first to be held in Montreal since 2010. Returning to Montreal feels overdue and will give Council a chance to see firsthand the planning and preparations for CORS 2023 to be held in Montreal. This will also be our first council meeting to include a student representative.

Peter
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORS/Optimization Days Conference
29–31 May 2023, Montreal, QC

We now have the names of the plenaries, and the information will be on the website shortly. Please see the website: http://www.symposia.cirrelt.ca/CORS-JOPT

CORS Membership

The CORS website is ready to accept payment of membership fees for the upcoming year April 2023–March 2024 for those who want to renew before the end of the year. Renewal details will be emailed to members in January. You may be able to use an NSERC grant to pay membership dues.

Please renew your membership at (http://www.cors.ca/sites/cors_php/en/membership/renewal.php). For more information, please email members@cors.ca

Council Corner

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

- **Motion**: That CORS/SCRO purchase directors and officer's insurance.
- **Motion**: That the name of "Queueing Special Interest Group (SIG)" to "Queueing and Applied Probability Special Interest Group (SIG)"
- **Motion**: That council adopts the SIG Funding policy which allocates $1,000 annually to each Special Interest Group.
- **Motion**: To found a Special Interest Group (SIG) within CORS on Transportation and Logistics
- **Motion**: To found a Special Interest Group (SIG) within CORS on Teaching and Learning
- **Motion**: That a non-voting graduate student representative is selected and invited to council meetings.

Traveling Speakers Program (TSP)

https://cors.ca/?q=content/traveling-speakers-program

The Traveling Speakers Program (TSP) enables local sections to bring O.R. practitioners / researchers in Canada 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. The president of the local section must contact the TSP Coordinator to obtain approval for funding at least one month in advance of the event date.

The president of the local section fills out the application form (http://www.cors.ca/sites/default/files/documents/tsp.pdf) and submits the form to the TSP Coordinator, Jules Comeau (pastpresident@cors.ca)
Graduate Student Funding to Attend CORS Conferences

Description
CORS partially funds graduate students attending CORS annual meetings.

Eligibility
The candidate must be:
- a Student Member of CORS
- enrolled in a graduate program in a field related to operational research
- studying at a Canadian university or a Canadian citizen or permanent resident studying abroad
- student must attend the conference and present their registration receipt to receive any funding.

Selection Considerations
The following criteria are to 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.

Application Process
The application form for funding is available on the CORS website. Applications must be received at least two months before the conference date to receive full consideration. Applicants who meet this deadline will be notified at least one month before the conference date whether their application was successful.

Administration of Funding
The CORS Education Chair determines who will receive funding and the amount of the award. The CORS Treasurer administers the distribution of funds after receiving confirmation that the student attended the conference.

New Reimbursement Process
Students must submit proof they attended the conference (e.g., boarding pass, selfie at conference site) within 30 days of the Annual CORS Conference to (treasurer@cors.ca) and must copy their supervisors on the email. The CORS Treasurer administers the distribution of funds after receiving confirmation that the student attended the conference and will notify the student’s supervisor.

Please submit applications by 31 March 2023 to
CORS Education Chair, Nadia Lahrichi (nadia.lahrichi@polymtl.ca)
CORS AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

OMOND SOLANDT AWARD

Description
The Omond Solandt Award is presented to an organization, private or governmental, that is deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to Operational Research in Canada. Dr. Solandt was the founder and first chairman of the Defence Research Board (DRB). At various times in his life he headed the Science Council of Canada was a vice-chairman of Canadian National Railways (CNR), and Chancellor of the University of Toronto.

Selection Considerations
It is the responsibility of the Awards Committee, with input from the Local Conference Organizing Committee, to select the recipient of the Solandt Award. Where possible, the nominee is a local organization, or a regional or national organization that is significant to the local area. To nominate a company for the award, please email the company’s name, headquarters location (city, country), and a brief statement supporting the nomination. Please also provide a contact person within the company if possible.

Please submit nominations by 17 January 2023 to CORS Awards Committee Chair, Samira Abbasgholizadeh-Rahimi (vicepresident@cors.ca)

AWARD OF MERIT

Description
The Award of Merit is presented annually to a current or past member of CORS in recognition of significant contributions to the profession of operational research.

Selection Criteria
Significant contributions to the profession of OR 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 by 6 March 2023 to CORS Award of Merit Chair, Jules Comeau (pastpresident@cors.ca)
ELDON GUNN SERVICE AWARD

Description
The Eldon Gunn Service Award is presented to members of the society who have made outstanding contributions of time and service to the society, at the national or local level, as conference organizers or as editors of CORS publications. Eldon Gunn was a major contributor to the society since the early 1980s and to operational research in Canada since the 1970s. He was one of the first recipients of the Service Award in 1987 after serving on council and acting as conference chair for the 27th annual conference in Halifax in 1985. He went on to serve as president of the society in 1991 and continued his service with passion up until his passing in 2016.

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 Eldon Gunn 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 can be found at www.cors.ca

Please submit nominations by 6 March 2023 to CORS Awards Committee Chair, Samira Abbasgholizadeh-Rahimi (vicepresident@cors.ca)

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CORS COMPETITIONS

PRACTICE PRIZE COMPETITION

Description: 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.

The Process

By 26 February 2023 applicants must submit e-copies of the following to the Chair of the Practice Prize Committee Antoine Legrain (antoine.legrain@polymtl.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 e-mail addresses of all authors and of at least one executive of the client organization.

By 2 April 2023 the judging committee, consisting of three past winners of the Practice Prize, will select up to four finalists according to the following 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 7 May 2023 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 focusing on the challenges and results.
2. Submit a one-page project summary including key messages and best practices, 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.

Based on 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.
STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Description
Each year CORS 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.

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 2022–2023. Canadians who are studying outside of Canada are also eligible. Papers where all applicants are undergraduates may be submitted to either category: Open or Undergraduate, but not to both. Papers where some authors are graduate students must be submitted to the Open category. MBA students (and other specialized master students) must submit to the Open category with their applied projects. Published papers are eligible for the competition only if their initial submission date (for publication) is after the previous year’s CORS Annual Conference.

Supervisors and industry partners may appear as coauthors on the paper, but the first authors must be the applicants. The applicants must have made substantial contribution to the project and have written the paper with only minor editorial assistance. If the paper includes such non-student authors, the supervisor should include information about the roles of the various authors when confirming the eligibility of the students.

All competitors should apply for CORS student funding by the deadline, in case they become a finalist.

Open Category
Chair Tamon Stephen (spc@cors.ca)

Undergraduate Category
Chair André Ciré (spc@cors.ca)
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 team is planning to attend the CORS Annual Conference if selected as Finalists. Note that papers selected as Finalists must be presented at the conference to further be considered for First Prize or Honourable Mention.

4. 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 submitted paper must not contain any information identifying the authors or their institutions.

5. 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

- Prizes are awarded per paper. Cheques are sent to the first authors (unless otherwise specified), and allocation of prize money is up to the co-authors.
- Open Category: First Prize $500, Honorable Mention $100. One award per team.
- Undergraduate Category: First Prize $200, Honorable Mention $50. One award per team.
- All papers selected as Finalists receive a certificate.
- If an undergraduate student wins the open competition, no undergraduate prize will be awarded. Honourable mentions will be provided if there is no winner.
CORS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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.

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

If you are interested in forming a SIG in a particular area, contact:
Samira Abbasgholizadeh-Rahimi (vicepresident@cors.ca)

Queueing and Applied Probability SIG

At the meeting on Friday September 16, 2022, the CORS Council passed the motion submitted by Prof. Yichuan Ding, the President of the Queueing SIG, that changes the name of "Queueing Special Interest Group (SIG)" to "Queueing and Applied Probability Special Interest Group (SIG)".
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CORS Annual Conferences

29–31 May 2023  Annual Conference, Joint with Optimization Days, Montreal, QC

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