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IN THIS ISSUE

Dear CORS members,

Firstly, preparations are coming along for next year's conference in London, Ontario. Abstract submissions will be opening soon, and this issue outlines the details on all competitions and their submission deadlines. Mark them in your calendar and don't forget to apply or encouraging your students to apply.

While you're at it, please also encourage students to attend the conference and apply for graduate student funding to help with their travel expenses.

It is also time to consider nominating an exceptional individual or organization for the Harold Lardner Prize, the Omond Solandt Award, the Award of Merit, or the Eldon Gunn Service Award. All the details on each award and their submission deadlines are outlined in the bulletin.

Lastly, you'll find an update from the Queueing and Applied Probability Special Interest Group (SIG) on their recent CanQueue workshop, and a call for papers to a special issue of *INFOR: Information Systems and Operational Research*, dedicated to the founding of the Transportation and Logistics SIG.

Cheers,

Andrea

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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 the CORS website for a complete listing.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As the leaves turn golden, fall reminds us of the beauty and necessity of change. This season, filled with transformations, is the perfect setting for the shifts we wish to bring about in our society.

Reflecting on my journey, I'm now five months into my term as president. It fills me with immense pride and gratitude to see the remarkable progress we've made towards realizing the goals I envisioned for my term.

I'm excited to share the initiatives that stand testament to our commitment towards Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI). Firstly, the Call for EDI Event Proposals Fund, an invitation to envision and support events that amplify these core values. Secondly, the Call for Applicants: EDI Excellence Award, a recognition of the tireless efforts of those championing the cause.

Moreover, this November we will launch our much-anticipated EDI survey. Your voices and opinions are instrumental in shaping our path forward, so I urge each of you to participate actively.

We are also actively engaged in enhancing the connection between the academic world and the industrial sector through our strong industry committee. I observe a remarkable level of enthusiasm within this committee, and I anticipate that it will result in great outcomes. Stay tuned for updates.

Preparations are in full swing for the CORS Conference, set to take place from June 3–5, 2024, in the lovely city of London, Ontario. Make a note of these dates, submit your abstracts, and make arrangements to join us in London next summer!

Lastly, stay tuned for an upcoming announcement regarding the call for nominations for Council positions. The Council will be reviewing these nominations during its upcoming meetings. If you or someone you're acquainted with is keen on contributing to CORS at the Council level, please reach out to me. I'd be delighted to explore your potential involvement.

As always, we eagerly await your valuable feedback to drive our profession and society toward progress. Please don't hesitate to share your suggestions with us.

I wish you continued success in your professional endeavors for the remainder of 2023 and beyond!

Samira A. Rahimi

Samira A. Rahimi





2024 CORS Annual Conference

Dear CORS Members,

The [CORS Annual Conference in 2024](#) will be held in London, Ontario from Monday, June 3 to Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Registration and abstract submission will open soon; stay tuned!

The conference venue is the [DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel](#) in downtown London, steps away from the scenic Forks of the Thames, Victoria Park, Grand Theatre, Budweiser Gardens, Covent Garden Market, and many of London's finest restaurants and pubs.

Find out why London is known as the Forest City!



Fredrik Ødegaard, Conference Chair, Ivey Business School

Tiffany Bayley, Program Chair, Ivey Business School

Gregory Paradis, Conference Treasurer and CORS Council Liaison, University of British Columbia



Call for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Event Proposals Fund

CORS is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Event fund. This grant is designed to support individuals, groups, and organizations in creating events that actively promote and celebrate equity, diversity, and inclusion within our community. We invite you to submit your innovative event proposals for consideration.

About the fund:

The EDI Event Fund is aimed at empowering initiatives that foster a more inclusive and equitable environment within CORS members community. Through this fund, we aim to encourage and support events that:

- Raise awareness about the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Create platforms for underrepresented voices and communities to be heard.
- Educate and engage the community in constructive conversations around EDI topics.
- Celebrate and showcase diverse cultures, perspectives, and experiences.

This event could be applied to any communities (e.g., indigenous community) in different levels (e.g., university, sections, SIGs etc.) within CORS.

Details:

Eligibility: Individuals, and groups within CORS are eligible to apply.

Grant Amount: Funds of up to \$1000 will be awarded to selected proposals.

Application Deadline: All proposals must be submitted by December 15, 2023.

Timeline: Proposed events must take place between January 1, 2024, and May 30, 2024.

Evaluation Criteria: Proposals will be evaluated based on their alignment with EDI and CORS goals, innovation, impact, feasibility, and community engagement.



Application Guidelines:

Interested applicants should submit maximum **two-page proposal*** that includes the following information:

Event Overview: A brief description of the event, including its objectives, format, and intended outcomes.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Focus: Clearly outline how the event aligns with EDI principles and contributes to creating a more inclusive environment.

Target Audience: Identify the intended audience for the event and explain how it will be accessible and inclusive to diverse participants.

Event Agenda: Provide a detailed agenda or program outline, including speakers, workshops, activities, and any interactive components.

Budget: Breakdown of how the grant funds will be utilized, including expenses for venue, materials, speakers, promotion, and other relevant costs.

Community Impact: Describe the expected impact of the event on the community, such as any anticipated outcomes, learning experiences, or changes in perspectives.

*Proposals written in French will be allowed to submit additional half page, “in support of evidence demonstrating that French documents require approximately 20% more space than similar English documents. (ref: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29300.html>)”

Submission Instructions:

Submit your proposal electronically in PDF format to CORS secretary and EDI chair(s) (secretary@cors.ca, and president@cors.ca) by **December 15, 2023**. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

EDI Committee



Call for Applicants: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Excellence Award

We are excited to announce the first call for applicants for the prestigious Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Excellence Award presented by CORS. This award recognizes individuals, groups, or initiatives that have demonstrated outstanding commitment and achievements in advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion within CORS.

About the Award:

The EDI Excellence Award is designed to honor those who have gone above and beyond to create a more inclusive and equitable environment for all members of our society. We are seeking applicants who have made significant contributions to promoting diversity, ensuring equal opportunities, and fostering an atmosphere of respect and understanding.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to individuals or groups within CORS (nominated or self-nomination).
- Applicants must have made notable contributions to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion within CORS.

Award Categories:

Individual/Group Excellence: Recognizing an individual or group of individuals who has shown exceptional dedication to promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Application Guidelines:

- Interested applicants should submit maximum two-page* application letter that includes the following information:
 - ⇒ Provide detailed description of the applicant/group's contributions to EDI.
 - ⇒ Highlight specific achievements, initiatives, or strategies employed to foster an inclusive environment.
 - ⇒ Include supporting evidence such as testimonials, impact metrics, and relevant documentation.

Submissions should be concise, focusing on key achievements.

*Proposals written in French will be allowed to submit additional half page, "in support of evidence demonstrating that French documents require approximately 20% more space than similar English documents. (ref: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29300.html>)"



Selection Process:

CORS EDI committee will evaluate all applications. Applications will be assessed based on the significance of impact, innovation, sustainability, and collaboration. Award recipients will be notified via email and announced on CORS annual conference.

Recognition: Award recipients will receive a distinguished certificate and 500\$ award honoring their achievement.

Application Deadline:

Please submit your applications in PDF format to CORS secretary and EDI chair(s) (secretary@cors.ca, and president@cors.ca) by **February 19, 4:00pm EST** to be considered for this award. Late submissions will not be accepted.

EDI Committee



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership

You can renew your CORS membership now, and it will last until March 31, 2025.

You may be able to use an NSERC grant to pay membership dues for yourself and your graduate students. Please renew your membership on the CORS website.

For more information, email members@cors.ca

CORS DIPLOMA

The CORS Diploma is awarded by the Canadian Operational Research Society, in association with participating Canadian universities, to recognize CORS members who have successfully completed a program of study which has included significant exposure to operational research in the following areas: OR techniques, probability and statistics, computers and systems, and applications of OR. The objective of the Diploma is to encourage students to pursue an educational program in the field of operational research and to recognize their achievement in successfully completing such a program. It benefits the university by highlighting the fact that a student can gain significant exposure to operational research through a particular course of study offered at that university. It benefits CORS by encouraging students to pursue a career in OR and by attracting new members.

For more information, see the CORS website.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Traveling Speaker Program (TSP)

The Traveling Speaker Program (TSP) enables local sections to bring OR practitioners and researchers in Canada as speakers to their local events. 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. Payment will be made by the CORS Treasurer upon receipt of the Expense Form (WORD) or the Expense Form (PDF).

The president of the local section fills out the application form on the CORS website and submits the form to the TSP Coordinator Peter Vanberkel (pastpresident@cors.ca)



Graduate Student Funding

Description

CORS partially funds graduate students attending CORS annual meetings.

Eligibility

The candidate must:

- Be a Student Member of CORS
- Be enrolled in a graduate program in a field related to operational research
- Be studying at a Canadian university or a Canadian citizen or permanent resident studying abroad
- 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 and Student Affairs 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.

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 28 March 2024 to
CORS Education and Student Affairs Chair Nadia Lahrichi (nadia.lahrichi@polymtl.ca)**



CORS AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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 CORS Annual Conference. Harold Larnder was a well-known Canadian in wartime OR. He played a major part in the development of an effective radar-based air defense system during the Battle of Britain. He returned to Canada in 1951 to join the Canadian Defence Research Board and was President of CORS in 1966–67.

**Please submit nominations to CORS Awards Committee Chair
Anjali Awasthi (vicepresident@cors.ca)**

OMOND SOLANDT AWARD

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 chair of the Defence Research Board (DRB). At various times in his life, he headed the Science Council of Canada, was vice chair of Canadian National Railways (CNR), and Chancellor of the University of Toronto.

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 2024 to CORS Awards Committee Chair
Anjali Awasthi (vicepresident@cors.ca)**

AWARD OF MERIT

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. 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 1 March 2024 to CORS Award of Merit Chair
Peter Vanberkel (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 them 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 on the CORS website.

**Please submit nominations by 6 March 2024 to
CORS Awards Committee Chair Anjali Awasthi (vicepresident@cors.ca)**

POINT SYSTEM

Responsibility	Points	Responsibility	Points
CORS Council		Publications	
President	500	Bulletin Editor	200
Vice-President	350	INFOR Editor	350
Secretary	300	INFOR Special Issue	250
Treasurer	300	Others	150
Councillor	250		
Appointed Member	200	Local Council	
Past President	250	President	250
		Vice-President	175
International Conference		Secretary	150
Conference Chair	350	Treasurer	150
Committee Chair	300	Others	100
Committee Member	200	Past President	100
National Conference			
Conference Chair	300		
Committee Chair	250		
Committee Member	200		



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 3 March 2024 applicants must submit electronic 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 email addresses of all authors and of at least one executive of the client organization.

By 28 March 2024 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 28 April 2024 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 **2023–2024**. Canadians who are studying outside of Canada are also eligible. Papers for which all applicants are undergraduates may be submitted to either category: Open or Undergraduate, but not to both. Papers for which 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 at

<https://www.cors.ca/?q=content/student-funding>

Application deadline: 25 March 2024

Open Category Chair: Andre Ciré (andre.cire@rotman.utoronto.ca)

Undergraduate Category Chair: Fatma Gzara (spc@cors.ca)



Entry Requirements

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. Supervisors must agree to be part of the competition's arbitration committee, which requires the evaluation of three competition documents in April. If this is not possible, the supervisor should designate an appropriate alternate member of the committee.

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.



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.

Analytics SIG

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Health Care Operational Research SIG

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Queueing and Applied Probability SIG

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Teaching and Learning SIG

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Ivey Business School
www.cors.ca/SIG/Teaching

Transportation and Logistics SIG

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University of Waterloo
www.cors.ca/SIG/Transportation

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 on the CORS website.

**If you are interested in forming a SIG in a particular area, contact
Anjali Awasthi (vicepresident@cors.ca)**



SIG NEWS

Queueing and Applied Probability SIG

The 23rd edition of the CanQueue workshop was held on August 25–26, 2023, at the beautiful town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON. There were 37 registered attendees and 26 talks, including one keynote talk by Dr. Cynthia Rudin. Twenty-nine people attended the Friday dinner. The conference was co-organized by Dr. Amir Rastpour and Dr. Yiqiang Zhao.



Transportation and Logistics SIG

We invite researchers to submit their papers to the special issue of INFOR: Information Systems and Operational Research, dedicated to the founding of the Transportation and Logistics SIG. The special issue is on novel applications and methodologies of operations research in emerging topics in transportation and logistics. The deadline is December 31, 2023, but the authors are encouraged to submit sooner than the deadline. Papers will be reviewed as they are received. More information and the submission link are available here: <https://www.callforpapers.co.uk/infor-transportation-logistics>

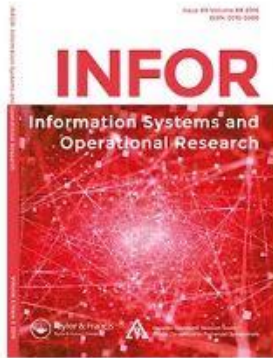


Call for Papers



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Emerging Topics in Transportation and Logistics

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This special issue is dedicated to exploring novel applications and methodologies of operations research in emerging topics in transportation and logistics” including but not limited to:

- Drones
- Electric vehicles
- Autonomous vehicles
- Crowdsourcing applications (such as ridesharing, crowdshipping)
- Truck platooning
- Online retailing and E-commerce
- Smart warehouse management
- Humanitarian logistics
- Sustainability



MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Business Meetings

May 31, 2023	Meeting #1, Montreal
Sep 29, 2023	Meeting #2, Teleconference
Nov 24, 2023	Meeting #3, Toronto
Jan 26, 2024	Meeting #4, Teleconference
Mar 15, 2024	Meeting #5, Teleconference
April 19, 2024	Meeting #6, Teleconference, Financial Planning Committee
June 2, 2024	Meeting #7, Conference
June 3, 2024	Meeting #8, Conference, SIGs, Sections, Chapters
June 4, 2024	Meeting #9, Conference, CORS AGM

CORS Annual Conferences

3–5 June 2024 Annual Conference, London, Ont.

WWW Conference Listings

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

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