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IN THIS ISSUE

Dear CORS members,

A number of council positions are open for the 2015-2016 year. Please see the call for nominations section for details, and be sure to send in your nominations by March 15, 2015.

Nominations are also being accepted for the CORS Service award, to be presented at this year's CORS/INFORMS conference. Please also note that the submission deadline for conference papers has been extended to February 9, and the practice prize competition is still accepting submissions until March 31.

It's time to renew your CORS membership, which is now easier than ever thanks to the online payment process. Head directly to the CORS website (<http://www.cors.ca>) to renew.

Lastly, I'm always interested in hearing from members about the articles and features you would like to see in your bulletin. Please don't hesitate to contact me with suggestions.

Cheers,

Andrea Friars

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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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Waterloo Student	Saul Qishu Cai, University of Waterloo, saulcai@hotmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CORS Members,

I hope you all had a great holiday season and wish you a wonderful year ahead. I am happy to report to you Council's progress on a number of important matters. The first phase of revamping our website is completed now. This included migration of members' data to a new dataset and adding the capability of online renewal of membership. The website is alive now and the online process has made the membership renewals faster. The membership numbers, especially student memberships, are up compared to that at this time last year and we hope this trend will continue. The second phase of website which includes database management and new design will start shortly.



An improved format for reporting our finances is adopted to make the reporting clear in terms of actual payments/ receipts and commitments that were made in prior year(s). In the new format, monthly activities regarding our receipts and expenses will be shown. Also, late receipts and previously committed expenses will be tracked in our income statement.

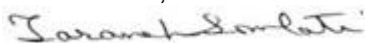
Council established an ad-hoc committee called "Industry Committee" in our face-to-face meeting in Toronto on Jan. 24th to work on improving industry participation and membership. The initial discussions on this matter indicated how it is tied to many of our activities and services including our journal, membership, conference, bulletin, website, local chapters and competition/ prizes. It was recognized that industry revival efforts should be part of our broader attempt of CORS branding and it should be in accordance with our other revamping efforts such as those for our journal and website. To start, the committee will look into the idea of 1) providing a lower membership fee for recent graduates and young professionals in order to have some incentives for them to be engaged with the society while they start their careers, and 2) offering some services valuable to industry through for example our practice prize competition, journal and bulletin. Please share your ideas and comments on industry revival with us. The committee's plan is to have some proposals to our members at the AGM this year.

INFOR editors were successful in raising funds from their institutions to support editorial activities and they have been in contact with top publishers and have been assessing options for manuscript submission system. I would like to encourage you again to submit your top quality papers to INFOR.

The CORS/INFORMS International Conference is right on track. Abstract submission deadline is beginning of February and the schedule will be finalized soon. The nominees for the Larnder and Solandt awards are approved by Council. We anticipate the conference will attract many participants and look forward to seeing you all in Montreal.

At the end, I would like to draw your attention to the nominations for different Council positions in this issue of the bulletin.

Best wishes,



Taraneh Sowlati

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

2015–2016 Council Positions

The following positions are open for the 2015–2016 CORS Council:

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). The President oversees the general management of the Society in accordance with CORS Constitution. After a one-year term, the President then steps into the role of Past President for one year. The Past President's primary role is to advise the incoming President and Council.

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.

Secretary

The secretary provides the administrative organization for Council. The secretary is primarily responsible for organizing Council meetings, recording minutes, organizing the AGM, organizing elections, and maintaining council documents.

Treasurer

The treasurer is responsible for all financial matters of the society. The treasurer maintains the Society's accounts, handles all disbursements and receipts of funds, provides financial reports to Council and to the members at the AGM, and chairs the Financial Planning Committee.

For more details on the responsibilities of each officer, please see our Administrative Handbook online at <http://www.cors.ca/documents/AdminBook.pdf>

To nominate a member to serve in one of these positions, please send his/her name and contact information by **March 15, 2015** to:

Corinne MacDonald
Department of Industrial Engineering
Dalhousie University
corinne.macdonald@dal.ca

All nominees will be contacted and asked to provide a write-up for the April edition of the Bulletin.

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

Service Award Point System

Responsibility	Point Value	Responsibility	Point Value
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	Local Council	
Appointed	200	President	350
Past-President	150	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		



CALL FOR PAPERS

You are cordially invited to join us at the CORS/INFORMS 2015 Joint International Meeting in Montréal, upcoming June 14 to 17th.

Submission deadline extended to February 9th

Submit your abstract

meetings2.informs.org/montreal2015/abstract.html

Register now

meetings2.informs.org/montreal2015/register.html

Book your room at Le Centre Sheraton Hotel Montreal

meetings2.informs.org/montreal2015/hotel.html

Louis-Martin Rousseau, Conference Chair, École Polytechnique de Montréal
Michel Gendreau, Program Chair, École Polytechnique de Montréal

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

COUNCIL CORNER

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

- That Council establish an Industry Committee to promote industry involvement with CORS.

CORS PRACTICE PRIZE COMPETITION

Purpose: 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. Every member of an award winning teams receives a certificate. The Prize Committee will be made up of at least three past (first place) winners of the Practice Prize. CORS Council will select the Chief Judge and the Chief Judge will select the remaining judges, usually after receipt of the applications.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a resident of Canada. The submission must include work completed over the two year period prior to the application deadline, 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

1. By **March 31, 2015** email a single pdf file to the Chief Judge, Rick Caron (rcaron@uwindsor.ca). The file is to include:
 - a. A detailed written report, not exceeding 25 pages, presenting a "case history" of the project describing its development from start to finish and focussing on the challenges and results.
 - b. A Letter from an executive of the client organization describing the impact of the project and giving permission for the project to be presented at the CORS National Conference.
2. By **April 15, 2015** the Judging Committee will select up to three finalists according to the following criteria:
 - a. 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.
 - b. The challenge of the application of OR and the significance of the problem.
 - c. The quality of the analysis and modeling, and implementation of the results.
 - d. The impact on the client organization.
3. By **April 30, 2015** the finalists must provide:
 - a. A list of all team members and their affiliations, a project title, and an abstract for publication in the Conference Program. The person(s) presenting the application at the conference must be indicated.
 - b. A one page summary of the project for publication in the CORS Bulletin.
4. The applicant must present the project at the Practice Prize Sessions at the CORS National Conference in Montreal (**June 14-17, 2015**).

Judging: The judges will determine the prizes, if any, to be awarded on the basis of the written report, the letter from the client organization, and the presentation including the question answer period. The award winners will be announced at the Conference Banquet.

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 SIG NEWS

Forestry

The Forestry SIG encourage contributions to the OR in Forestry Cluster during the 2015 CORS/INFORMS Joint Conference. Jean-François Audy and Mikael Rönnqvist team up again this year for co-chairing this cluster. The released call proposes the following sessions: Forest Management Planning; OR Applications in Forestry; Forest Management Planning under Uncertainty; Management of Forest Bioenergy Value Chains; OR in the Forest Products Sector; Forest Fire Management and Supply Chain Analysis; Transportation and Wood Handling; and Educational tools in OR/MS applied to the Forest Sector. Please let them know if you would like to organize another session topic or to chair one of them (special welcome to junior researchers).

The Forestry SIG also encourage student's paper submissions to the 2nd edition of the David Martell Student Paper Prize in Forestry. See competition details at <http://meetings2.informs.org/montreal2015/competitions.html> and please note the February 15th submission EXTENDED deadline.

Following the FSIG bylaws, a new President must be elected in 2015. On behalf of the FSIG, I would like to acknowledge the Election Committee composed by Mustapha Ouhimmou and Reino Pulkki that will handle this democratic election process leading to an announcement at the next annual meeting. All FSIG members are more than advised to pay special attention to their upcoming communications in that regard. Your prompt collaboration is critical for the successful election of a new President: an essential 'orchestrator' for the FSIG affairs. If you would like to join the Forestry SIG, please contact its President, Jean-François Audy (jean-francois.audy@uqtr.ca).

Queueing

Planning is in the works for the Queueing Cluster at the joint CORS/INFORMS Meeting in Montreal - if you are interested in giving a talk, please contact Doug Down (downd@mcmaster.ca). We will do our best to get you on the schedule!

For those attending the Montreal meeting, please join us at our Business Meeting. Highlights include the presentation of the Student Paper Prize.

Mark your calendars for this year's edition of CanQueue, taking place at Dalhousie on September 3rd and 4th. Peter Vanberkel and David Stanford are the organizers. Details can be found at <http://www.dal.ca/faculty/engineering/industrial/canqueue-2015.html>

CORS SECTIONS NEWS

Quebec

The Quebec CORS section held the 80th meeting of the European Working Group on Multiple Criteria Decision Aiding at Laval University, Québec, Canada from October 9th to 11th, 2014.

The meeting was hosted by the Faculté des Sciences de l'Administration (FSA-ULaval) and organized by Pr. Irène Abi-Zeid, with the help of the Service des communications et de recrutement of FSA-ULaval. The program committee was composed of I. Abi-Zeid, S. Ben-Amor, and J.-P. Waaub, while the organizing committee was composed of I. Abi-Zeid, M. Gagné, A. Pellerin, and M. Morin. The meeting was a great success with 81 participants from 11 countries, including 31 students and 15 participants from the non-academic world.

The topic of the meeting was "Transparency in Public Decisions". The objective was to discuss multicriteria methods and approaches to improve public decision making in order to avoid unfortunate situations such as collusion and corruption. The meeting was supported by EWG-MCDA, the Canadian Operational Research Society (CORS), the Telfer School of Business at Ottawa University, the research groups CERMID, CIRRELT, and GERAD, as well as the Department of opérations et systèmes de décision and FSA-ULaval.

The meeting took place in the building of FSA-ULaval, Pavillon Palasis-Prince. Contributed sessions started on Thursday afternoon, after the opening ceremony by Pr. Michel Gendron, Dean of FSA-ULaval, followed by an address by Pr. Abi-Zeid, general chair of the meeting. The submitted papers were organized in 6 sessions over two days. There were 19 oral presentations and 6 papers submitted for discussion. The abstracts were printed and are available on the web page of the meeting (see below). The banquet was held Thursday evening at the George-V at Hôtel Château Laurier in old Québec.

The social program on Saturday included a guided tour of the Wendake Amerindian Reserve (Hurons-Wendats nations) and of the Hotel-Museum Premières Nations, followed by a visit to the Park of Chute-Montmorency. The group then headed to Île d'Orléans to enjoy lunch at l'Auberge la Grange de l'île. The day ended with a guided tour of Vieux-Québec including the Old Port, la Grande Allée, and the Plains of Abraham.

More information about the meeting can be found at:

www.fsa.ulaval.ca/MCDA2014

Pictures of the event can be found at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/fsaulaval/sets/72157648790354255/>

Toronto Student

CORS/INFORMS Toronto Student Chapter held 8 academic and 4 social events during Nov 2014-Jan 2015:

- Student talks by Philip Mar (November 5) and Kimia Ghobadi (November 19)
- Talk by distinguished speaker Dr. Gonzalo Romero, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto (November 25)
- Board game nights (November 27, January 29)
- Talk by distinguished speaker Dr. Daniel Ding, Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia (November 25)
- End of term social (December 4)
- Tutorial on Julia Programming by Shuvomoy Das Gupta (January 12)
- Winter social (January 22)
- Tutorial on MATLAB (January 26)
- Hosted Meet and Greet with MIE Seminar Speaker: Dr. Candi Yano, University of California, Berkeley (January 9) and Dr. Amy Cohn, University of Michigan (January 30).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time to renew your CORS membership

Don't forget to renew your CORS Membership.

Go to <http://www.cors.ca> to renew online using your credit card or PayPal account

OR

Mail a cheque payable to the Canadian Operational Research Society to CORS-SCRO,
Box/C.P. 2225, Station D, Ottawa, ON K1P 5W4.

If you do not wish to continue as a member of the Society, please contact CORS Membership Services at membershipservices@cors.ca

CORS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

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
May 30 – June 1, 2016	CORS Annual Conference, Banff, AB
July 17–21, 2017	CORS/IFORS Conference, Quebec City, QC

Other Conferences

September 1–4, 2015	International Conference on Operations Research, Vienna, Austria http://or2015.univie.ac.at
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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/
Netlib Conferences Database:	http://www.netlib.org/
SIAM Conference Home Page:	http://www.siam.org/meetings/calendar.php
POMS Conference Page:	http://www.poms.org/conferences/

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 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 **April 17, 2015** to:

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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.

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