

SPES Awards for Outstanding Presentations Announced

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The Section on Physical and Engineering Sciences is pleased to announce the results of its annual Outstanding Presentation competition for papers given at the 2002 JSM in New York City. These awards are based on audience evaluation of papers contributed to SPES-sponsored sessions at the Joint Statistical Meetings. The purpose of the awards is to encourage continuous improvement in the presentation of statistical information by recognizing at least some of the truly excellent talks given each year in SPES sessions. The winners will receive cash awards as part of their recognition. \$100 will be awarded for best presentation, \$50 will be awarded for runner-up, and \$25 will be given for honorable mentions. Certificates will also be awarded. The awards this year, which will be presented at the SPES mixer during the meetings in San Francisco, are:

Outstanding Presentation Award to Dr. Russell Barton, of the Pennsylvania State University, for his SPES Contributed Paper presentation, “Experiment Designs for Simultaneous Forward and Inverse Approximations”.

Runner-Up Outstanding Presentation Award to Dr. Alexandra Kapatou, of the University of Michigan, for his SPES Contributed Paper presentation, “Robustness of Multivariate EWMA Control Charts When the Covariance Matrix is Estimated Using Small Samples”.

Honorable Mention Outstanding Presentation Award to Dr. Woollcott Smith, of the Temple University, for his SPES Contributed Paper presentation, “Projection Pursuit for k-Dimensional Instabilities”.

Honorable Mention Outstanding Presentation Award to Dr. Mark Vangel, of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, for his SPES Contributed Paper presentation, “Bayesian Multiple-Use Calibration”

Honorable Mention Outstanding Presentation Award to Dr. Michael Conerly, of the Alabama University, for his SPES Contributed Paper presentation, “A Best Subsets Approach for Interpreting Out-of-Control Signals from Hotelling's T2 Chart”.

Honorable Mention Outstanding Presentation Award to Dr. Ivelisse Aviles, of the National Institute of Standards & Technology, for her SPES Contributed Paper presentation, “Optimal Designs for Mixed-Effects Models with Two Random Nested Factors”.

I would also like to thank all session chairs for helping organize the evaluations. They are Dr. David Banaszak of Air Force Research Laboratory, Dr. David A. Harville of IBM T. J. Watson Research Center, Dr. Douglas DePriest of Hampton University, Dr. Martin Meckesheimer of the Boeing Company, Dr. Peter W. Hovey of University of Dayton, Dr. Michael Trosset of College of William & Mary, Dr. David Banks of Food & Drug Administration, Dr. Justin Wade Davis of University of Missouri – Columbia, Dr. Richard N. McGrath of Bowling Green State University, Dr. Felix Famoye of Central Michigan University, and Dr. Jonathan Hosking of IBM Research Division. In addition, Dr. Bob Rodriguez helped collect some evaluation forms, and Dr. Wayne Nelson also kindly offered to help with the data collection for the awards. Without the help of session chairs and dedicated volunteers, the SPES awards program would not be possible.

If you would like to see your name listed among the SPES Outstanding Presentation Award winners next year, just start sharpening your speaking skills for San Francisco! If you would like to help with the data collection for the Presentation Awards at future meetings, please contact me at wli@csom.umn.edu or 612-625-6841. Volunteers will be recognized on the SPES web site and in the Newsletter. Your involvement would be much appreciated.