

2008 URSI General Assembly

August 7-16, 2008 – Chicago, Illinois, USA

Student Paper Competition

Eligibility

Any full-time university student from any country, who is the first author and presenter of a paper (oral or poster) at the General Assembly (GA), can be a candidate.

Requirements

In addition to the normal abstract and summary required for all submissions to the GA, a full paper in the single-column format specified by *Radio Science* must be submitted on the GA website by the specified deadline. Instructions on manuscript preparation may be found online at:

http://www.agu.org/pubs/au_contrib_rev.html. The length of the paper must not exceed 25 double-spaced pages, including figures. The text and caption font must be 12-point Times Roman. In using the *Radio Science* manuscript format, line numbers are not required, nor is it essential to start each section on a new page.

A student application needs to be completed during abstract submission on the web site. A certification letter from the student's advisor must be provided on university letterhead, signed by the advisor and stating that the author is a full-time university student for degree. If the case of co-authors, the letter must state that their role was primarily advisory in nature. No other students are allowed as co-authors. This letter must be submitted electronically, concurrently with the paper submission.

The ten finalists will receive free lodging at the GA headquarters hotel, Hyatt Regency in downtown Chicago, for the ten-day duration of the GA, based on double-room occupancy. Students must check into the hotel on Thursday, August 7, 2008 and present their contribution orally in a special session on Friday morning, August 8. They will also have to present their contribution in a regular session (oral or poster).

All ten finalists will have free access to a workshop or short course of their choice on either Friday afternoon, August 8, or Saturday, August 9. All ten finalists are required to attend the official banquet where winners will be announced.

Procedure

The ten URSI Commission Chairs will constitute the Panel of Judges. Each Judge will obtain three peer reviews for each student paper submitted through his/her Commission. The competition Chair will forward the top papers from each Commission along with their reviews to all ten Commission Chairs for ranking, to arrive at the names of the ten finalists. The process must be completed by June 1, 2008.

Awards

The ten URSI Commission Chairs (or their Vice Chairs, if the Chairs cannot attend) will be the judges at the competition among the ten student paper finalists on August 8. The five non-winning finalists will each receive a certificate identifying him/her as a finalist at the banquet. The five winners will receive prizes as follows at the banquet:

1 st prize:	a certificate and a check for \$1,500.
2 nd prize:	a certificate and a check for \$1,250.
3 rd prize:	a certificate and a check for \$1,000.
4 th prize:	a certificate and a check for \$750.
5 th prize:	a certificate and a check for \$500.

Financial Obligation

The \$5,000 in prizes, the cost of preparing award certificates, and other expenses related to the student competition will be funded by the U.S. National Committee of URSI as a contribution to the GA.

Contact

The person who will conduct the student paper competition is Prof. Steven Reising at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, USA. He may be contacted by e-mail at: steven.reising@colostate.edu