

**SIGSIM FY'14 Annual Report**  
**July, 2013 – June, 2014**  
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1. Awards

ACM Distinguished Contributions Award (December 10, 2013) to Professor Richard Fujimoto, Georgia Tech University presented at the 2013 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC) in Washington, DC. SIGSIM is one of the co-sponsors of WSC.

6 Travel Awards to PhD students to attend WSC @ \$1K each as available based on receipts provided by students to ACM HQ. An amount up to \$1K was provided.

3 Travel Awards to PhD students to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACM SIGSIM-PADS Conference in Denver, Co (May 2014) – similar to WSC payment (up to \$1K each based on expenses).

SIGSIM Awards are documented here:

<http://www.acm-sigsim-mskr.org/awards.htm>

2. Significant Papers

The Best Paper student paper award given at the 2013 Winter Simulation Conference co-sponsored by ACM SIGSIM:

<http://www.acm-sigsim-mskr.org/bestPhDpaperAwardRecipients.htm>

3. Significant Programs

The main program was the introduction of student travel awards for both the Winter Simulation Conference and the flagship SIGSIM-PADS conference. For the prior year, the main contribution was the comprehensive web presence for the MSKR: [www.sigsim.org](http://www.sigsim.org) which continued to grow during the past year.

4. Innovative Programs

There is a new Education Chair responsible for coordination of student activities (the Sunday Colloquia at WSC and SIGSIM-PADS) and travel awards. The Chair is Dr. David Bell, Brunel University, UK. There are plans to introduce additional certificates and prizes for students but the proposals have not yet been addressed.

5. Events or programs that broadened participation either geographically, or among under-represented members of your community

None added during performance period.

## 6. Key issues

### a) Growing the membership of SIGSIM

Social networking is currently an issue – not enough of it. A small move in the right direction is to moderate the huge number of Calls for Papers (CFPs) submitted to the main list. Also there were two original lists, but these lists have been merged into a single list with the help ACM HQ and John Tufarolo (Social Networking chair). We will attempt to re-engage the membership in social networking for modeling and simulation but this has been ongoing problem for us.

### b) Increasing the registration for the annual SIGSIM-PADS conference

The main issue is there are not enough registrants, especially for the most recent conference in Denver (May 2014). We must fix this issue. One solution we are putting in place for the 2015 conference in London is to allow for “invited papers” from known contributors, or groups that we’d like to involve in SIGSIM who are in other, technically-related, societies. The hope is that this will increase registrations and revenue. Also, the European venue is expected to increase revenue as it did for the Winter Simulation Conference in Berlin, Germany (Dec 2012). The goal is to be extremely proactive for the 2015 conference to ensure steady growth in conference attendance.