

Dear Corresponding Author,

I am writing to you to announce that the national organizing committee of the 2012 IFAC Workshop on Time Delay Systems has decided to recognize the talented student authors with a "Best Student Contribution Award".

Two awards will be given, one in theory and the other in practice. Theory category refers to contributions to problems strongly relevant to the field and is of theoretical and mathematical nature, and practice category refers to contributions to problems strongly relevant to the field and is of experimental and/or computational nature.

ELIGIBILITY: The student should be the lead author on the article submitted to the workshop. By the time of final manuscript submission, *student status* should hold. The students should be pursuing either an MS or PhD degree, should also present the candidate paper at the Workshop.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: The supervisor of the student should send a "signed" nomination letter to the General Chair Prof. Nejat Olgac (olgac@engr.uconn.edu) and CC to Rifat Sipahi (rifat@coe.neu.edu) indicating at least the following:

- The reason for nomination, the relevance of work to the field, in what ways the student contributed to the work and how this contribution advances the state-of-the-art,
- A clear statement mentioning that the student has made major contributions to the work,
- A statement indicating that the nominee is a student, and will still be a student at the time of final manuscript submission.
- For which category (theory or practice) is the nomination? Make it on the subject line please.
- The reference provider can also discuss about student's academic performance to make a stronger case.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Pre-selection of students will be based on the following:

- Enthusiasm of the reference provider in the nomination letter
- Reviewer reports of the manuscript.

After pre-selection, NOC and the Editor will form a short list of candidates for both theory and practice categories, and the corresponding authors will be contacted to announce the pre-selection results.

IPC members attending the workshop will be asked to anonymously fill out an evaluation form, which will then be evaluated to determine the awardees, one in theory and one in practice.

CEREMONY: During the closing luncheon on June 24, 2012, a ceremony will be held to present the awards.

DEADLINE: April 26, 2012, Midnight US Pacific time (GMT -8 hrs).

Best regards on behalf of NOC,

Rifat Sipahi