

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

A full paper in the format specified by *Radio Science* must be submitted on the GA website by the specified deadline. An application by the student and a certification by the student advisor are needed. Both documents are to 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. 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 receive a certificate identifying them as a finalist at the assembly 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 US 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

