Jean Tague-Sutcliffe
Doctoral Student Poster Competition
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: October 1, 2013
Notification of Acceptance: November 2, 2013

About the Jean Tague-Sutcliffe Doctoral Poster Competition

This competition was established in memory of Jean Tague-Sutcliffe, professor and former dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Western Ontario (now the Faculty of Information and Media Studies). During her thirty-year career, Professor Sutcliffe's research on the measurement of information made significant contributions to the theoretical, methodological, and practical foundations of library and information science. This award, established by students at UWO in 1997, also recognizes Professor Sutcliffe's dedication to the education of information professionals by awarding a certificate, a one-year student annual membership to ALISE, and a $200 cash prize to the first-place winner.

Eligibility

- Only one submission per student is permitted.
- Only doctoral students who have completed or are near completion of their doctoral dissertation research (e.g., post-proposal; the core data have been analyzed; the student is at the stage of drawing conclusions from the research findings) are eligible to enter this competition. Students whose posters are accepted must submit a final copy of the poster as a PDF by December 15, 2013. Failure to submit a poster at this time will result in elimination from the competition. As with poster proposals, final poster submissions will be made through EasyChair (see below for more information).
- Students whose posters are accepted are required to register for and attend the ALISE 2014 Conference in Philadelphia, PA, on January 21-24, 2014.

Judging Criteria

Posters will be judged according to the following criteria on a scale of 1-5:

Practical, theoretical, and statistical significance: The discovery has broad application and potential benefit for practice, promotes the understanding of theory or suggests a new theoretical direction, and reports results that are statistically significant or provide a persuasive basis for argument.

Design and method: Research design is logical and appropriate to the problem or research question(s), and method(s) of data collection, and analysis is appropriate, well described and demonstrates meaningful results.

Oral presentation: Presentations are clear and to-the-point and are no longer than necessary to describe broadly the overall nature of the problem, the design and methodology, the results, and their implications.

Organization, clarity, and aesthetics of visual materials: Posters should be well organized and attractive, understandable without the oral presentation, and coherent with the oral presentation.

Submission Requirements

Submissions should include the following:
- Student's name and the name of the student's advisor
- Title of the research study
- 50-word brief abstract (for the conference program)
- 500-word extended abstract (in Word format)

Submissions should be made by midnight October 1, 2013, through the Easy Chair system, at http://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=alise2014.

Follow these steps:
1. Log on the system (create an EasyChair account if you do not already have one).
2. If you are also a reviewer, please be sure to select "author" as your role for your own submission.
3. Select "New Submission".
4. Complete all the information requested. Enter a title and provide a 50-word abstract for your submission. This will be used for the Conference Program.
5. Upload your Word file (extended abstract) and press "Submit".   You should receive a confirmation from the EasyChair system.

Please note: submitting a proposal constitutes your permission for ALISE to publish the brief and extended abstracts in the conference program and on the ALISE website, if your proposal is accepted.

Questions?

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