

Production and Operations Management Society

Best Paper Award Competition *College of Humanitarian Operations & Crisis Management*

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The POMS College of Humanitarian Operations & Crisis Management invites all HOCM researchers to submit their papers to the HOCM Track Best Paper Award. The award will be presented at the POMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta. The objective of the competition is to identify and honor outstanding papers in the fast-growing field of HOCM. Submissions will be judged based on their contribution towards the advancement of theory and practice of HOCM. All research methods, including field/case studies, empirical and analytical methods are encouraged.

Submissions to the competition should have relevance to theory and a potential to impact practice. Naturally, the topic of the paper should fall within the scope of HOCM. Four papers will be selected as finalists and these papers will be moved to a special award session at the end of which the winner will be announced. This Best Paper Award Session will be scheduled on the first day of the conference.

To be eligible for the Best Paper in HOCM award competition;

- The paper needs to be submitted to the HOCM track,
- The paper must present original research and cannot be previously published or currently under review for publication at the time of submission.
- The entrant is the first author on the paper and only one paper can be submitted to the competition by an entrant.
- The entrant must register for the conference and be ready to present the paper in the designated award session if selected as a finalist.

Submission Process:

1. Submit an **abstract** of the paper either as an invited or contributed presentation in the HOCM Track using the conference website **by December 15, 2013**. Please forward a copy of the abstract along with a short email expressing your intention to join the paper competition to Dr. Nezih Altay (naltay@depaul.edu). Your email should include the title of the paper, list of all authors, their affiliations and email addresses, and the abstract number of the paper.
2. Submit **full-length paper** using the POMS Conference management system **by February 7, 2013** and send a **PDF copy of the paper** in an email attachment to Dr. Nezih Altay (naltay@depaul.edu). This emailed copy should be free of any information that may identify the authors. The paper should be in standard format (1" margins, double-spaced, 12 point font) and should not exceed 30 pages including tables, figures and appendices.