MEETING VENUE

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel in the heart of Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The conference organizing committee has negotiated a very competitive room rate for our participants to join us at this landmark hotel.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Competitive papers are invited in, but not limited to, the topic areas listed. In addition, we welcome the submission of research abstracts. Acceptance of regular papers and abstracts are subject to final approval by the Track Chairs and the Program Chair. Paper submission acknowledges that the author(s) will register for the conference and personally present the paper at the time specified in the conference program. Accepted papers of registered authors will be published in the conference proceedings in digital format. Copyright of the papers stay with the author(s).

Accepted regular papers will be considered for the Alpha Iota Delta, the Decision Sciences and Information Systems Honor Society, Best Paper Awards in the following categories:

- Best Application Paper
- Best Case Studies Paper
- Best Environmental Issues Paper
- Best Interdisciplinary Paper
- Best Theoretical/Empirical Research Paper

In addition, awards will be given for the best undergraduate student paper and the best graduate student paper. All awards will be presented at the conference luncheon.

Proposals for cases, workshops, symposia, colloquia, panels, tutorials on current topics of interest, and other special sessions, are also invited in all tracks. Please contact the Program Chair or the appropriate track chair to indicate your interest in a topic area.

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SUBMISSION & IMPORTANT DATES

- Online Submission Site: www.wdsinet.org
- Submission Starting Date: June 16, 2016
- Submission Deadline: October 1, 2016
- Acceptance/Rejection Date: December 15, 2016
- Deadline for Camera-Ready Copy & Regular Registration: January 15, 2017

STAYING AT THE CONFERENCE HOTEL

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