

# SIGecom News

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We have had another successful year! As always, let me ask that you remember to **join the SIG**<sup>1</sup> to keep our membership healthy and be able to participate in the nominating process for our awards, and upcoming elections for new officers. Also remember to use the *ACM Author-Izer* to **drive additional revenue** to the SIG.<sup>2</sup>

I'm happy to report that the latest edition of the ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (newly renamed) was a great success. EC'14 was held at Stanford University, Palo Alto CA in June 2014, and was collocated with a meeting of the NBER Market Design working group and the NSF/CEME Decentralization Conference. The conference again broke all previous attendance and submission records, with more than 220 attendees and 290 submissions. 80 papers were accepted, for an acceptance rate of just under 28%. Congratulations to everyone involved, and special thanks to Moshe Babaioff, Vincent Conitzer and David Easley.

We are now looking forward to the *16th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation*, which will take place June 15-19, 2015, at the ACM's Federated Computing Research Conference (FCRC) in Portland, OR. The conference will partially overlap with the 47th ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC 2015) and we anticipate some opportunities for collaboration between the conferences. The General Chair for EC'15 is Tim Roughgarden (Stanford University) and the Program Co-Chairs are Michal Feldman (Tel Aviv University) and Michael Schwarz (Google Strategic Technology). The deadline for paper submissions is February 10, 2015. Please consider submitting a workshop or tutorial proposal to EC'15. Workshops are a good way to bring together an interdisciplinary audience around a new set of problems. I'm sure that Arpita Ghosh (workshop chair, [ec15-workshops-chair@acm.org](mailto:ec15-workshops-chair@acm.org)) and Liad Blumrosen (tutorial chair, [ec15-tutorial-chair@acm.org](mailto:ec15-tutorial-chair@acm.org)) would be glad to provide informal feedback about ideas in advance of the February 17, 2015, proposal deadline.

Looking further ahead, initial planning is underway to collocate EC'16 with the 2016 Game Theory World Congress (July 24-28, 2016) in Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Happily, I can announce that we have passed a significant landmark and made

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the first award this past year of the SIGecom Doctoral Dissertation Award. This year this went to Balasubramanian Sivan (University of Wisconsin) for his thesis, “Prior Robust Optimization.” Runner-up awards went to Yang Cai (MIT) and Sigal Oren (Cornell University). Congratulations to all! We are again soliciting nominations for our two SIG awards:

- The **SIGecom Doctoral Dissertation Award**, which recognizes an outstanding dissertation in the fields of electronic commerce, and economics and computation; and,
- The **SIGecom Test of Time Award**, which recognizes an influential paper or series of papers by a single author or team of authors that has had significant impact on research or applications in the fields of electronic commerce or economics and computation.

**Deadlines for these two awards are February 28, 2015 and March 13, 2015, respectively, and you can see the complete instructions here <http://www.sigecom.org/awards.html>.** Thanks to the two committees that have agreed to adjudicate these awards, and especially to Michael Wellman and David Pennock for agreeing to chair this year’s committees.

This year we continued to support as an in-cooperation event the *Conference on Web and Internet Economics* (WINE), which will take place in Beijing, December 14-17, 2014. The *7th International Symposium on Algorithmic Game Theory* (SAGT), which took place in Patras, Greece, September 30-October 2, 2014, is another in-cooperation event.

In closing, thanks to all of the volunteers that make the activities of the SIG possible. A special shout-out this year to Ariel Procaccia for his wonderful efforts in regard to editing our newsletter, SIG Exchanges, and to Shaddin Dughmi for taking over as editor.

Don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions about the SIG, and see you in Portland in 2015!

Yours,  
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