

OR FOR DEVELOPMENT PRIZE COMPETITION

The IFORS Prize for OR in Development, 2005

IFORS is pleased to continue the tradition of the IFORS Prize for OR in Development, to be awarded at the close of the 2005 IFORS Triennial Conference to be held in Hawaii. A grand prize of US\$2,000.00 and a runner-up prize of US\$1,000.00 are offered. Entries are automatically reviewed for publication in the International Transactions in Operational Research, an IFORS publication.

The Prize Committee welcomes all entries meeting the following criteria:

- The paper describes a practical OR application in a developing country, conducted to assist a specific organization in its decision-making process, with original features in methodology or implementation.
- Principal authors and presenters are nationals of a developing country. While recognising that “developing country” is a fuzzy concept, the committee will consider the eligibility of an entry on the basis of the levels of economic, social and political development of the country, as well as the extent to which the practice of OR is embedded in its public and private sectors.
- If selected to be among the finalists, the entry should be presented by one of the principal authors during the 17th IFORS Triennial Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii on July 11-15, 2005.
- The paper includes some description of the application’s social context and its impact on the decision-making process or on the organization for which it was conducted. Where appropriate, the relevance of the country’s state of development to the study is addressed. A stress on developmental issues will be an important factor in the judging. Papers of a purely technical nature, or those which have no relevance in the developmental context, will not be considered.
- Length of the paper does not exceed 25 pages (1½ spacing). Papers exceeding this length will be rejected. Electronic submission of Microsoft Word files are acceptable provided that:
 - (i) font type is Times New Roman at font size 12, and
 - (ii) if requested, authors will be able to send a hard copy within one week of request.
- Winners will be selected on the basis of problem definition, creativity and appropriateness of approach, MS/OR content, stress on developmental issues, impact of the study, paper organization and structure and quality of written and (if selected as finalist) oral presentation.

- The winning paper will automatically be considered for publication in the International Transactions of Operational Research (ITOR).

All contestants may send by e-mail or by post, a copy (two copies, if by post) of their paper along with their names, affiliations, nationality, full mailing address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers to:

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Important dates:

- Last day for submission of entries: December 31, 2004
- Acknowledgement of receipt: January 31, 2004
- Notification of finalists: March 31, 2005
- Presentation: July 11, 2005