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## 2000 Annual Meeting Award Winners

**2000 Dennis E. Grawoig Distinguished Service Award Winner:**  
James R. Evans, University of Cincinnati

**2000 DSI Fellows:** P. George Benson, University of Georgia, Mark M. Davis, Bentley College, Lori S. Franz, University of Missouri-Columbia, and Anne B. Koehler, Miami University

**2000 Instructional Innovation Award Winners:**  
Robert P. Minch and Sharon W. Tabor, Boise State University

**Elwood S. Buffa Doctoral Dissertation Competition Winner:**  
Qiang Tu, Rochester Institute of Technology

**Best Application Paper Award Winner:** Kathleen L. McFadden, Northern Illinois University

**Best Environmental Issues Paper Award Winners:**  
Peter Neergaard, and Bettina Kildegaard Winstén, Copenhagen Business School

**Best Interdisciplinary Paper Award Winners:**  
Stelios (Steve) H. Zanakis, Florida International University, Michael Doumpos, Technical University of Crete, Constantin Zopounidis, Technical University of Crete

**Best Theoretical/Empirical Research Paper Award Winner:**  
Paul C. Nutt, The Ohio State University

**Best Case Studies Competition Award Winner:**  
Rebecca A. Grant, University of Victoria

For more details, please see related articles and photos in the 2000 Annual Meeting section, pages 28-36.



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### A Great Beginning to a New Century

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We started the new century (or the end of the old one for the purists) with an outstanding Decision Sciences Institute Annual Meeting. It is a credit to the membership that the quality and professionalism of the Decision Sciences

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Institute's Annual Meeting continues to grow with each passing year. The 1300+ attendees were the major reason for the great success of this year's meeting. During my many interactions in sessions and meetings with participants, I continued to be impressed and appreciative of the contributions of so many individuals. It has certainly been an honor to share with each of you a common commitment to professional development in interdisciplinary teaching, research, and administration. My thanks to all the participants for their contributions to the success of this Annual Meeting.

As a previous program chair, I am well aware of the time and energy required of so many people to plan and implement such an annual meeting. I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to all of the individuals involved in planning this year's meeting and, in particular, I would like to recognize and thank:

- **Gary L. Ragatz**, Michigan State University, Program Chair
- **Paul A. Rubin**, Michigan State University, Associate Program Chair
- **Morgan Swink**, Michigan State University, Proceedings Coordinator
- **Manouchehr Tabatabaei**, University of Tampa, Local Arrangements Coordinator

Also, my thanks and appreciation to:

- **Gary Klein**, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, Placement Coordinator
- **Al Avery**, Towson State University, Conference Management Consultant

I believe this team of individuals put together a program that sets a high standard for future annual meetings.

In addition to the traditional sessions, panels, and workshops, the meeting featured a number of special events/sessions that contributed to increasing the breadth and quality of the 2000 Annual Meeting. These included the Academic Administrator Program (Ronald E. Shiffler, Western Carolina University), Case Studies Competition (David P. Christy, Penn State University), Curricular Issues Program (Barbara B. Flynn, Wake Forest University), Doctoral Dissertation Award Competition (Nancy C. Weida, Bucknell University), Doctoral Student Consortium (Soumen Ghosh, Georgia Tech), Instructional Innovation Award Competition (Janet Hartley, Bowling Green State University), MBA Program (Timothy L. Smunt, Wake Forest University), New Faculty Development Consortium (Scott T. Young, Utah State

University), Ph.D. Curricular Issues Program (Asoo J. Vakharia, University of Florida), Professional Development Program (Joseph R. Carter, Arizona State University), Service Operations Miniconference (Janelle Heineke, Boston University), and the Undergraduate Curriculum Program (Gary Kern, Indiana University-South Bend). I would like to thank the above mentioned coordinators as well as the many individuals who participated in these special events/sessions.

Supporting the many individuals who planned and implemented the 2000 Annual Meeting is the Home Office staff. I join with the program planning committee in expressing my special thanks to Carol Latta, Executive Director, and to Sandra Storrod, Hal Jacobs, and Eric Foston. The efforts of the Home Office staff to coordinate the multitude of diverse volunteer activities is essential to creating a seamless annual meeting. In addition, I would like to thank the University of Tampa and its support staff who assisted Manouchehr Tabatabaei in handling local arrangements for the meeting.

Right now I would expect the memory of the pleasant weather for the annual meeting at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando is likely comforting our many northern members who are now struggling through this long, cold winter. However, the hotel setting for the conference and level of service provided by the staff created an excellent environment for our program sessions. My thanks and appreciation to the hotel staff for their outstanding support.

Of course, the conference would not be a success without the many meetings and sessions devoted to the latest research/pedagogy presentations or panels discussing the diversity of professional viewpoints on issues of critical importance to Institute membership. I would like to thank each of you who prepared and submitted papers and session proposals. Also, I wish to thank the track/theme chairs who managed the submission reviews and organized the acceptances to form program sessions. I know this is a very time consuming process but, at the same time, it ensures a high quality of program content. From the many submissions to the annual meeting the program committee identifies a small number of outstanding papers for special recognition in the following award categories: Best Application Paper Award,

Best Theoretical/Empirical Research Paper Award, Best Interdisciplinary Paper Award, Best Case Studies Award, Best Environmental Issues Paper Award, Instructional Innovation Award, and the Elwood S. Buffa Doctoral Dissertation Award. I wish to congratulate each of these award winners and runners-up of these competitions. The names and affiliations of the winners and runners-up of the awards are published elsewhere in this issue of *Decision Line*.

I would also like to thank the many contributors and sponsors who helped support the meeting through their many direct and indirect contributions. These contributors include:

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- Wake Forest University, Babcock Graduate School of Management

The generous support of these many sponsors contributed to the monetary awards, receptions, coffee breaks, and other

features that make our meetings unique. It is gratifying that these organizations find the activities and goals of the Decision Sciences Institute worthy of their contributions, and for that we are most grateful.

When I was elected president of the Institute I was told that I was allowed to make only two decisions. One, choice of location for the January Board of Directors Meeting (I chose Sarasota, Florida) and, two, select the winner of the Dennis E. Grawoig Distinguished Service Award. It was a personal honor for me to present the 2000 Dennis E. Grawoig Distinguished Service Award to James R. Evans, University of Cincinnati. This award is presented to recognize a member of the Institute who demonstrates outstanding service to the Institute and represents the very best in terms of belief and participation, in furthering the goals and objectives of the Decision Sciences Institute. It is true as I said at the presentation ceremony—that "Jim has done it all!" There is no Institute leadership position of responsibility that Jim has not accepted willingly and performed at an ex-

ceptional level. The Institute is certainly indebted to Jim's tireless contributions to improve the quality and professionalism of the Institute.

Four other individuals also received special recognition for their outstanding contributions to the decision sciences in the areas of research and scholarship, teaching and/or administration, and service to the Institute. Those individuals, who were recognized as Fellows of the Institute, include: **P. George Benson**, University of Georgia, **Mark M. Davis**, Bentley College, **Lori Franz**, University of Missouri, and **Anne Koehler**, Miami University. My congratulations to each of them for this well-deserved award.

With the 2000 Annual Meeting behind us, it is time to begin thinking and planning for our next meeting. It will not be long before the deadline for submitting pedagogy/research/case papers as well as special session proposals for the 2001 Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held in San Francisco. Program Chair Vicki Smith-Daniels, Arizona State University, and As-

sociate Program Chair Thomas Choi, Arizona State University, have organized an outstanding program. The details of the program are presented elsewhere in this issue of *Decision Line*. Please take time to review the program and think about how you might **contribute** to the quality of the program by participating—and by all means submit a paper or proposal to Vicki. The success of the 2001 Annual Meeting depends on your contribution and participation in the program. Also there are other opportunities for you to contribute to the Institute. Just get in touch with Vicki Smith-Daniels, Program Chair, Bob Jacobs, 2001-2002 President, Carol Latta, or myself.

I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco next November. In the interim, I wish each of you a happy and successful 2001. ■

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