



Call for Papers

WESTERN DECISION SCIENCES INSTITUTE

Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting, April 7-11, 2009

Hilton Kauai Beach Resort, Kauai, Hawaii

Submission Deadline: October 1, 2008

Competitive papers are invited in but not limited to, the topic areas listed. Qualified individuals will referee papers submitted through a double blind peer review process. In addition, we welcome the submission of one-page single-spaced research abstracts (about 900 words). Acceptance of abstracts and papers are subject to final approval by the Track Chairs/Program Chair. All accepted papers and abstracts will be published in the *Proceedings* (available in CD-ROM format only) and scheduled for presentation at the annual meeting. Paper submission acknowledges that the author(s) will register for and attend the conference, and personally present the accepted paper at the time specified in the conference program. Publication in the program *Proceedings* of multiple papers by the same author will be subject to extra page charges.

All complete 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, we will have a Best Student Paper Award. 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 any topic areas.

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WDSI is an international organization and has representatives in several countries outside the United States. For more information on the

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All manuscripts and proposals for the WDSI 2009 Annual Meeting must be submitted electronically. To submit your paper, please go to the WDSI home page (www.wdsinet.org) and click on the Online Submission link. Follow the directions provided there to enter your paper and author information and upload your document. **Note:** The submission site will be activated on **June 15, 2008**, with a submission deadline of **October 1, 2008**. The review process will begin **October 15, 2008** and authors will be notified of manuscript acceptance/rejection by **December 15, 2008**. Accepted papers will be included in the proceedings only if at least one author is registered for the conference by the deadline for proceedings submissions, **January 12, 2009**.

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