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President's Message

This is my first "Message from the President," and I am quite angry. I thought that among the perks associated with this job were 1) lots of cash, and 2) lots of free stuff. I am starting to suspect that this is not the case. I am finding, however, many other benefits associated with the position.

I am pleased to be able to serve the College as president and hope to make a difference in the simulation community. First I have the opportunity to work with many of the leaders in the simulation community. I am always impressed with the amount of work and time that some of our senior distinguished members are willing to give to College matters on a voluntary basis, and with the quality of their work. I am also pleased to be able to work with some of the younger and newest members of the College and impressed with their enthusiasm and level of commitment. Both senior and junior members of the College have enormous professional and personal pressures placed on them in their jobs and personal lives, so to choose to volunteer so much time and energy to the College is truly impressive. The College officers and the membership are truly grateful for this generous donation of energy by volunteer committee members.

The 1998 election results are in: John Charnes has been elected Vice President / President Elect, and Susan Sanchez has been elected Secretary / Treasurer, and Jesse "the Body" Ventura was elected Governor of John's home-state and my adopted home-state, Minnesota. Congratulations to all, and I look forward to working with two of you.

Russell Barton has taken over as Editor of the Newsletter and Steve Chick is the new Associate Editor of the Newsletter. Diane Bischak did a wonderful job as Editor and I am confident that Russell and Steve will do so as well. Thanks for agreeing to serve! Also, the Web Team has a new member. Felisa J. Vazquez-Abad has joined Peter Welch, Jim Wilson and David Goldsman on the Web Team as Assistant Editor. Peter is the Editor, and Jim and Dave are Web Liaison guys. The web has a new look, which took a lot of work. Thanks to all! (See <http://www.isye.gatech.edu/informs-sim/>).

Among the many other volunteers that serve the College are the members of the following committees: 1) Lifetime Professional Achievement Award; David Goldsman (new chair), Gordon Clark (exiting member), Steve Roberts (exiting Chair), and Julian Reitman (new Chair), 2) Outstanding Publication Award; Sheldon Jacobson (Chair), Peter Glynn, and George Fishman, 3) Distinguished Service Award; Jim Wilson (Co-Chair), Bruce Schmeiser (new member), Tom Schriber (Co-Chair), 4) Membership Committee; David Goldsman and Dean Hartley, 5) Underrepresented Minorities and Women; Harriet Black Nembhard (Chair), David Goldsman, Jorge Romeu, Ann Dunkin, and Susan Sanchez, 6) ICS representatives to the WSC Board; Jim Wilson and David Kelton, 7) Conversion-to-an-*INFORMS*-Society; Bruce Schmeiser and Barry Nelson, 8) World-Wide-Web Liaison; Jim Wilson and David Goldsman, 9) Web Page; Peter Welch (Web Editor), Felisa J. Vazquez-Abad (assistant Web Editor), 10) Simulation Archive Liaison; Jim Wilson, and 11) ICS History Project; Dick Nance and Bob Sargent.

The last two committees mentioned are new and will be reported on at the Business Meeting at the WSC '98. The History Project Committee will prepare a history of the *INFORMS* College on Simulation. All members who would like to contribute to either the history or the archives should contact Dick Nance, Bob Sargent or Jim Wilson.

Bruce Schmeiser and Barry Nelson are preparing the petition for the College's request to become an *INFORMS* Society. *INFORMS* considers Societies to be the "flagship" interest groups within *INFORMS*.

The College has several other issues to consider at the Business Meeting at the WSC '98. Among them are the issues associated with the *INFORMS* 2000 Conference Structure, which provides just one annual general conference, to be held in the late fall. Because of the close proximity in time of this conference to WSC, it may well be that the Simulation community more-or-less skips over the *INFORMS* conference. I find this a bit troubling, and would like the College members to continue to interact with other branches of *INFORMS* at a conference. We should consider is whether or not to urge our WSC Board members to suggest moving the WSC to either very late winter (Feb or March) or perhaps holding the Winter Simulation Conference in the summer. We will also discuss the trajectory of the College. What are the grand initiatives to be in the next few years? One initiative may focus on ways to increase the networking among College members and especially the newest members. To help achieve that purpose we may want to follow the lead of the WSC Board and establish a Web based e-mail listserver (see <http://www.wintersim.org/listserve.htm>), for instance. We may also want to alter our business-meeting/brief-reception practice at the *INFORMS* and WSC Conferences to holding a business meeting, and then later in the evening holding a reception in a different location. This was the practice many years ago and provided a wonderful setting for us all to interact. We will have a full agenda in Washington, and I look forward to seeing you all there and participating in the Business meeting discussions.

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Editor's Corner

This issue highlights the Winter Simulation Conference, the premier conference of our college. In addition to conference information, we have news of those receiving travel scholarships for WSC'98, a bit about WSC'99, and a report on work to establish a formal constituency e-mail list for WSC. In addition, if you know of an institution in need of *WSC Proceedings* back issues, Dave Goldsman has an offer you can't refuse.

I am happy to begin my tenure as Editor of the *Newsletter*. Well, perhaps happy is not the right word, but I am very thankful for the tutelage of Diane Bischak, former newsletter editor and halibut fishing record-holder. I will try to have the patience that she had, as deadlines approached and she waited for *my* material. I am fortunate to have the assistance of a new Associate Newsletter Editor, Steve Chick, who has come up to speed quickly, and I thank all of the contributors to this issue.

We welcome your submissions for the *Newsletter*. Send us news about you or your friends, about conferences, new books, or new simulation tools. We are particularly interested in feature articles, so if you have a special application, a research program or a teaching strategy that you would like to talk about, send it to us please.

Finally, this issue begins a new era for the *Newsletter*. No, I don't mean me, but a switch from Pagemaker to Microsoft Word. We have an exciting and active group working on the College web page, who will get these newsletter pages as html files as well as pdf files, giving them more flexibility and simplifying production (we hope).

Russell Barton

See the INFORMS College on Simulation World Wide Web Page. Its URL is

<http://www.isye.gatech.edu/informs-sim>

This web page is designed to be a general source of information and WWW links for the simulation community, with a particular focus on College interests and activities. The main page headings include *College Information*, *College Newsletter*, *Conferences and Workshops*, and *Simulation Information and Links*. There are often additional special items, such as WSC'98 and upcoming INFORMS conferences. The WWW address for WSC'98 is <http://www.wintersim.org/>



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INFORMS College on Simulation Treasurer's Report

Net Worth
11 November 1998

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INFORMS Account	5921.22
INFORMS-CS Checking	14215.44
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	20136.66
TOTAL ASSETS	20136.66
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LIABILITIES	0.00
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NET WORTH	20136.66

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Respectfully submitted by John M. Charnes, former Secretary/
Treasurer, 11 November 1998.

1998 Year-to-Date Cash Flow report
11 November 1998

INFLOWS	
Interest Income	176.19
WSC Seed Return	2000.00
WSC Surplus Return	1692.87
TOTAL INFLOWS	3869.06
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OUTFLOWS	
CUMW Award	246.54
Monthly Service Charge	44.35
Newsletter Expenses	651.01
Outstanding Service	505.90
Ph.D. Colloquia	400.00
Snacks	554.04
WSC Seed Money	2000.00
WSC Travel	664.74
Uncategorized Outflows	89.76
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	5156.34
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OVERALL TOTAL	-1287.28

Report on the INFORMS College on Simulation Business Meeting, Seattle, Washington, October 27, 1998

Minutes for this meeting, and the meeting held at Montreal will be included in the next newsletter. Below is the agenda for the Seattle meeting, provided by Michael Taffe.

INFORMS College on Simulation
Business Meeting - Seattle INFORMS Conference - 1998
AGENDA, October 27, 1998
Michael R. Taaffe, President, presiding

- * Call to Order
- * Minutes of the Montreal Meeting
- * Election Results
 - o Vice President/President-Elect (1998-2000, 2000-2002): John Charnes (University of Kansas)
 - o Secretary/Treasurer (1998-2000): Susan Sanchez (University of Missouri - St. Louis)
- * OFFICERS
- * Vice President's Report
 - o INFORMS Cincinnati Report and Call for Philadelphia
- * Treasurer's Report
 - o Report
 - o New Expenditures (25 CD's of the WSC '98 Proceedings at ~ \$3.00 ea.)
- * WWW page Report
- * Publication Award Committee Report
 - o New member: George Fishman
 - o Report: Sheldon Jacobson
- * Committee on Underrepresented Minorities and Women
 - o Report: Harriet Black Nembhard
- * Simulation Area Journal Editors' Reports
 - o INFORMS Journal on Computing (Michael R. Taaffe)
- * Winter Simulation Conference 1998 - Washington D.C.
 - o WSC '98 Status Report (John S. Carson)
 - o WSC '99
- * Converting-the-ICS-to-an-INFORMS-Society Committee Report
 - o Bruce Schmeiser
- * The INFORMS College on Simulation History and Archives Projects
 - o The History and Archives projects
 - o Committee:
 - + Dick Nance, Co-chair
 - + Bob Sargent, Co-chair
 - + James R. Wilson
 - + Tom Schriber
 - + David Goldsman
 - + Bruce Schmeiser
 - + Others
 - o Planned ICS Simulation Archives.
(For more information see: NCSU Libraries' Engineering and Technology Collections Initiative)
- * Discussion Points
 - o Timing of WSC with respect to INFORMS 2000 new conference structure
 - o Other...
- * Other New Business or Questions?
- * Adjournment

The 1998 Winter Simulation Conference

Web Page: <http://www.wintersim.org/>



The 1998 Winter Simulation Conference will be held December 13 – 16 at the Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Phone: (202) 582-1234. All sessions will be held at the hotel. This year's theme will be "Simulation in the 21st Century" to stimulate thinking about the future of simulation in the coming millennium. The conference will have a special minitrack of presentations on leading edge technologies that may have a significant effect on simulation in the coming years.

Conference Location

The Grand Hyatt Washington is a beautifully appointed hotel with an atrium that soars 12 stories to the 13,000 square-foot glass-enclosed mansard style roof. It is noteworthy for its waterfalls and baby grand piano island floating in the middle of a 7,000 square-foot lagoon. It is located within walking distance to the White House, Ford's Theatre and Lincoln Museum, the National Portrait Gallery, and Chinatown. Also nearby are the U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian, Washington Monument, National Theatre and many other monuments and museums.

Transportation

If you arrive by air, we recommend you take the Super Shuttle to the Grand Hyatt Washington. The cost is \$8.00 one way from National Airport; \$16 one way from Dulles Airport; and \$28 from Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI). The cost of a taxi ranges from \$13 to \$55, depending on the airport. A "Shared Cab" service is provided to major downtown hotels. If you arrive by train, Union Station is located just minutes from the Grand Hyatt Washington. Guests can take the MetroRail from Union Station to Metro Center, which is only three (3) stops away on the red line train marked Shady Grove. There is also underground access to the hotel at the 11th Street Exit and through the Washington Convention Center. For guests who will be driving to the Grand Hyatt Washington and need directions, feel free to call their "Driver Direction Line" at 202-582-1234 and ask for ext. 6666.

Spouse/Guest Activities

As an opportunity to get acquainted, there will be a Continental Breakfast, just for Spouses/Guests, on Monday morning, December 14, 1998. There are many ways to tour and see the many attractions Washington, D.C. has to offer. The Concierge will be happy to assist you with additional information and maps. In particular, two guided bus tours leave directly from the Grand Hyatt Washington:

Gold Line/Gray Line: Stops at Hotel three times a day - 7:50 AM, 1:10 PM and 7:05 PM, offering a variety of tours, with prices starting at \$25. Tickets may be purchased at the Concierge Desk located on the Lobby Level of the hotel.

Old Town Trolley: Stops at Hotel every half-hour between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, offering historic tours, with the option of getting off/on at any stop. Tours are approximately two and a half hours (if you don't get off at any stop), and the cost is \$24. Tickets for this tour may also be purchased at the Concierge Desk.

Keynote Speaker

Matt Hennessee will speak on "Challenges Facing Global Supply-Chains in the 21st Century." He is the Director of Global Operations at Nike Equipment Division at Beaverton, OR. He has been part of the NIKE team since October 1990 as a marketer of NIKE's Electronic Data Interchange service package in the Customer Service Division. He moved on to integrate EDI processes with NIKE's Strategic Service Plan which connected EDI with customer friendly packaging as a matter of strategic importance to NIKE's major customers. In the abstract for his talk, he says "We need processes, people, and software systems flexible enough to manage our business in such a way that a consumer can track and trace his/her product, adjust their order, cancel their order, customize their order, provide input on the quality of the product and service, and do it with or without vendor-based intervention."

Sunday Poster Session and Ph.D. Colloquium

The technical program of WSC'98 begins on Sunday afternoon. The Sunday afternoon poster session is an opportunity for attendees to view applications and research results in an informal atmosphere, with plenty of time to interact one-on-one with authors. This year's poster session has been organized by Jim Swain. The Ph.D. Colloquium to be held on Sunday evening provides an opportunity for recent graduates to present their work, to view the work of others, and to hear experienced simulation researchers provide important career information. This year's Ph.D. colloquium has been organized by Marvin Nakayama.

Proceedings

The WSC Proceedings will be produced in hardcopy and CD-ROM. Each attendee will receive both formats. The hardcopy version will be softbound in two volumes. The CD-ROM will be fully searchable; documents can be viewed or printed using the Adobe Acrobat reader, which will be included. To order copies of the Proceedings after the conference, contact the Society for Computer Simulation at (619) 277-3888.

Meeting Schedule

Sunday, December 13

- Noon - 6:00 pm Registration Open
- 2:00 pm - 3:20 pm Exhibitor Training Program - First Sessions
- 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Exhibits Open
- 3:40 pm - 5:00 pm Exhibitor Training Program - Second Sessions
- 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Poster Session
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm First-Time Attendee Orientation
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm International Attendee Reception
- 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Ph.D. Colloquium

Monday, December 14

- 7:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration Open
- 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Speakers' Ready Room Open
- 7:00 am - 8:30 am Speakers' Breakfast
- 8:00 am - 9:30 am Spouse/Guest Breakfast
- 8:30 am - 10:00 am Plenary Session
- 10:00 am - 10:30 am Coffee Break
- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Exhibits Open
- 10:30 am - 5:00 pm Technical Program Sessions
- 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Coffee Break
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Reception

Tuesday, December 15

- 7:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration Open
- 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Speakers' Ready Room Open
- 7:00 am - 8:30 am Speakers' Breakfast
- 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Technical Program Sessions
- 10:00 am - 10:30 am Coffee Break
- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Exhibits Open
- 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm Coffee Break
- 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm INFORMS College on Simulation Meeting
- 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm ACM/SigSim & IEEE/CS Meeting
- 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm SCS Meeting
- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Vendor User Groups

Wednesday, December 16

- 7:00 am - Noon Registration Open
- 7:00 am - 11:00 am Speakers' Ready Room Open
- 7:00 am - 8:30 am Speakers' Breakfast
- 8:30 am - Noon Technical Program Session
- 10:00 am - 10:30 am Coffee Break
- 10:00 am - Noon Exhibits Open

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Underrepresented Minorities and Women WSC'98 Travel Awardees

WSC Sponsorship Awards go to Nine Students and Faculty

The Committee on Underrepresented Minorities and Women held a competition to grant sponsorships to the Winter Simulation Conference. The awards are for students and faculty members who are women or minority, and for faculty members who teach at predominantly women's or minority colleges. In order to focus on attracting new people to the conference, the awards are limited to student and faculty members who have not previously attended the Winter Simulation Conference, and will not be a co-author of a presentation at the conference.

Applicants were judged primarily on the basis of their reasons for wanting to attend the conference. Many of the student winners indicated that their interest was piqued in simulation class or internships involving simulation. Faculty winners were looking for ways to enhance their classroom preparation and network with simulation experts. Students were awarded \$150 to cover the cost of registration and defray the cost of travel. Faculty were awarded \$295 to cover the cost of (early) registration. Here are this year's winners.

Student Winners:

Mr. Diogenes Feldhaus -- Rutgers University
 Ms. Fan Zhang -- Columbia University
 Ms. Ana I. Aviles Lopes -- Northwestern University
 Mrs. Christina Chen -- University of Texas at Austin
 Ms. Amy J. Naylor -- The Pennsylvania State University
 Ms. Teetee W. Roberts -- University of New Haven
 Ms. Nicole M. Smith -- North Carolina A&T State University

Faculty Winners:

Dr. Trevor Hale -- University of Southern Colorado
 Mrs. Josephine B. Stanley-Brown -- Norfolk State University

The committee members are: Harriet Black Nembhard, University of Wisconsin-Madison (chair); Ann Dunkin, Hewlett-Packard Company; David Goldsman, Georgia Tech; and Jorge Luis Romeu, Syracuse University.

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Extra Copies of *Proceedings* for Past WSCs are Available

The College on Simulation has obtained some "extra" *Proceedings* from various Winter Simulation Conferences (1991-1997). As a public service, we will send a *Proceedings* to certain organizations at no charge. Such organizations might include domestic or foreign libraries or schools that would not normally have enough funding to otherwise obtain the *Proceedings*. If you know of a worthy organization in need of a *Proceedings*, please send a note (along with a quick justification for your request) to: Dave Goldsman, School of ISyE, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA 30332, (404)894-2365/2301 (O/F), sman@isye.gatech.edu.

WSC'99 in Phoenix

The 1999 Winter Simulation Conference will travel west to Phoenix, Arizona. The conference will be held at the Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak. The Spanish Mediterranean style of this destination resort features a casual elegance that is ideal for a premier gathering of hundreds of simulation experts, practitioners, and researchers. There will be more than ten concurrent tracks and over 150 state-of-the-art presentations. The conference schedule is structured to blend formal presentations with ample opportunity to visit the exhibit area to catch up on the latest software innovations, plus evening events to gather everyone in an informal setting. The Pointe Hilton Resort at Squaw Peak features unique all-suite accommodations, which include standard two-room suites and spacious two-story casitas. Leisure amenities include recreation at the Hole-In-The-Wall River Ranch featuring 5 heated pools (one 5000 square feet), five spas, a lazy river tube float, a water slide, an eighteen-hole putting course, sports pool for water volleyball and water basketball, and much more. Golf enthusiasts will want to try The Pointe Golf Club on Lookout Mountain, a par-72 course that is PGA approved as the site of the Arizona Classic. The resort is adjacent to the 3000-acre Phoenix Mountain Preserve on Squaw Peak for jogging, hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. The Pointe is only minutes away from downtown Phoenix.

For additional information on WSC '99, contact Dave Sturrock, the WSC '99 general chair (Systems Modeling Corp.; 504 Beaver Street; Sewickley, PA 15090, U.S.A.; Tel: +1-412-741-3727; Fax: +1-412-741-5635; e-mail: DSturrock@sm.com), or Jerry Evans, the WSC '99 program chair (Univ. of Louisville; Dept. of Industrial Engineering; Louisville, KY 40292, U.S.A.; Tel: +1-502-852-0143; Fax: +1-502-852-5633; e-mail: gwevan01@ulkyvm.louisville.edu).

Michael Fu and Stacy Hill Receive IIE Publication Award

Michael C. Fu of the University of Maryland and Stacy D. Hill of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab received the IIE Transactions Award for the best paper in operations engineering on simulation focused issues. The award was presented at the Industrial Engineering Solutions '98 Conference in Banff, Alberta on May 11. This award promotes excellence in industrial engineering research applications by recognizing the best paper in the focused issue. The award was for their paper, *Optimization of discrete event systems via simultaneous perturbation stochastic approximation*. The Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE) serves 24,000 members in more than 90 countries worldwide.

Call for Nominations for the INFORMS College on Simulation LIFETIME PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) College on Simulation has established its Lifetime Professional Achievement Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize major contributions to the field of simulation that are sustained over a professional career, with the critical consideration being the total impact of those contributions on computer simulation. An individual's contributions may fall in one or more of the following areas:

- contributions to research,
- contributions to practice,
- dissemination of knowledge,
- development of software or hardware,
- service to the profession, and
- advancement of the status or visibility of the field.

Given at most once a year, this award consists of a plaque and reasonable travel expenses incurred by the recipient in attending the presentation ceremony during the Winter Simulation Conference. This notice is a call for nominations for an award to be presented at the 1999 Winter Simulation Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

Anyone is eligible to win the award, and the award may be received posthumously. Nominations may be submitted by anyone (including self-nominations), but they may not be made anonymously. The burden of offering evidence of merit falls on the nominator. Each nomination should include:

- the nominee's complete resume;
- a clear-cut, comprehensive description of the nominee's major contributions to the profession, with complete supporting documentation; and
- at least three letters of endorsement providing evidence of the significance and magnitude of the nominee's professional achievements.

Nominations for the award must be received by the chair of the award selection committee no later than June 15, 1999:

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Report on the Simulation Area for *Operations Research*

By David Kelton, Area Editor

The Simulation Area of *Operations Research* seeks papers that make a lasting contribution to the theory and practice of stochastic simulation on digital computers. Associate Editors for the Area are Michael Fu (University of Maryland), Peter Haas (IBM Research), Susan Sanchez (University of Missouri-St. Louis), and Michael Taaffe (University of Minnesota).

I took over the duties of Area Editor in July of 1998 from Barry Nelson, who transferred four ongoing papers to me to continue processing. Since then there have been four new submissions, two rejections, no acceptances, and no withdrawals. Thus, there are now six papers in various stages of the reviewing and revision process. For a complete statement of the editorial policy, as well as detailed submission information, please see

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Status Report on the Stochastic Models and Simulation Department for *Management Science*

By Paul Glasserman, Departmental Editor, and Pierre L'Ecuyer, Retired Departmental Editor

The Simulation Department of Management Science went through major changes in the spring of 1998. Pierre L'Ecuyer decided to step down after a little more than 5 years as Department Editor. Paul Glasserman agreed to take over as Editor of an enlarged department, merging the previous departments of *Simulation* and *Applied Stochastic Models*. The new department is called *Stochastic Models and Simulation*.

The new department seeks high-quality papers dealing with all aspects of stochastic models and simulation relevant to the practice or theory of management science. The department is particularly interested in papers dealing with new areas of application. A fuller statement of the department's editorial objectives appeared in the September 1998 issue of the journal.

Authors can submit their paper to the Departmental Editor either by electronic mail (as one self-contained TeX or LaTeX or postscript file, without encoding) or by regular mail (in four hardcopies). Authors must adhere to the submissions guidelines given in the journal, especially regarding the formatting and length of the papers.

The Associate Editors for the Department are: Thanos Avramidis (Cornell University), Jim Dai (Georgia Tech), Michael Fu (University of Maryland), Perwez Shahabuddin (Columbia University), Jan Van Miegham (Northwestern University), and Garrett Van Ryzin (Columbia University).

Status report submitted by outgoing editor Pierre L'Ecuyer

During the first 10 months of this year, 3 new papers have been submitted to the Simulation Department of *Management Science*; and editorial work has been completed on 9 papers, with 3 papers accepted and 6 papers rejected. For comparison, we had an average of 14 new submissions per year for the five previous years.

Currently the Simulation Department has 7 papers in process, 6 in the hands of authors (we are waiting for their revision) and one in our hands (the author is waiting for our report).

Status report submitted by Paul Glasserman

Since taking over as the new Departmental Editor of the Stochastic Models and Simulation Department of *Management Science* from June of this year, we have received 12 papers of which one was withdrawn shortly after receipt, one was forwarded to another division, 2 were rejected and the balance are in our hands (the authors are waiting for our reports).

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Report on the Simulation Area of the *INFORMS Journal on Computing*

By Michael Taaffe, Area Editor

Since the last report to the INFORMS/CS Newsletter (on March 6, 1998) two new papers have been submitted, none have been accepted, and one has been rejected. Currently there are eight papers in various stages of the reviewing and revision process. The Area Policy statement (in LaTeX input format) is in the file areapolicy.tex and may be obtained by anonymous ftp to econqa.cba.uc.edu (cd pub/keltond/joc), or via the web to ftp://econqa.cba.uc.edu/pub/keltond/joc/areapolicy.tex.

The new Area Editor is Michael R. Taaffe. The Associate Editor for the Simulation area is Paul Fishwick (University of Florida, fishwick@cise.ufl.edu) and I am looking for a second new Associate Editor.

Call for Sessions at the INFORMS Fall 1999 Meeting, Philadelphia

By Chun-Hung Chen, Simulation Cluster Chair

The INFORMS Fall 1999 Meeting will be held in Philadelphia November 7-10. Philadelphia offers many attractions, including the Philadelphia, Rodin, and Barnes Museums of Art, the Franklin Institute, the waterfront and the Camden Aquarium, and Independence Hall. Also, New York City and Washington, D.C. are only 1 and 1.75 hours away by train. I am the chair of the simulation cluster and I would like to invite you to organize invited sessions. If you are interested, please follow the timeline given below. Also, see the message on the back page of this newsletter - you may submit your ideas electronically. Thank you for your attention and hope to see you then.

10/23/98 send me an email indicating your intention to organize invited sessions and the potential topics/areas in your sessions. No details are needed at this point.

1/15/99 send me the final version of the information about your invited sessions, including the title, authors, a short abstract (less than 50 words) for each paper.

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The Board of Directors of the Winter Simulation Conference (WSC) recently established an e-mail list to provide an electronic forum for the worldwide simulation community served by the conference. This list was recommended by a committee charged by the Board to identify a formal constituency for the Winter Simulation Conference. The wintersim e-mail list is designed to be an unobtrusive yet easily accessible means of timely communication within the WSC community on current issues of concern. The constituency committee included Jim Wilson, Chair, Osman Balci, Russell Barton, and *de facto* members Jeff Joines and Peter Welch.

The wintersim e-mail list is moderated by the WSC Board, and routine messages posted to the list will not be broadcast to all subscribers; instead these messages will be archived in a new e-mail list area of WSC's website:

<http://www.wintersim.org>

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WSC Board when major announcements are placed in the e-mail list area of the WSC website. By subscribing to the wintersim e-mail list, you will have the opportunity to voice your opinions about key issues that will shape the future of the field of simulation as well as WSC.

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James Wilson

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Event Calendar

By Steve Chick, Associate Newsletter Editor, October 20, 1998

1998 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC 98), Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC, December 13-16, 1998. Contact John S. Carson, Phone: (770) 955-1501, Fax: (770) 955-1592, Email: johnc@autosim.com, or Mani Manivannan, Phone: (503)499-3550, Fax: (503)499-3858, E-mail: mani@isq91.cnf.com. WWW page: <http://www.wintersim.org/>.

1999 Western MultiConference, Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Francisco CA. Jan 17-20, 1999. Contact the Society for Computer Simulation International Phone: (619) 277-3888; Fax: (619) 277-3930 E-mail: wmc99@scs.org; <http://www.scs.org/confernc/wmc99/wmc99cfp.html>

Simulation and Visualization '99. 10th conference. Otto-von-Guericke-University of Magdeburg, Germany. March 4-5, 1999. Contact Petra Specht, 0391/6718342. E-mail: organisation@tagung.simvis.org. WWW page: <http://www.simvis.org/tagung99/98e.htm>

RESIM '99. Second Workshop on Rare Event Simulation, University of Twente, The Netherlands. March 11-12, 1999. Email contact: resim99@cs.utwente.nl WWW page: <http://www.cs.utwente.nl/~resim99>

BioMedSim'99: 1st Conference on Modelling and Simulation in Biology, Medicine and Biomedical Engineering, ESIEE Noisy-le-Grand, France. April 20-22, 1999. Contact: Prof. Y.Hamam, Tel.: +33-1 45926611, E-mail: hamam@esiee.fr WWW page: <http://www.esiee.fr/~hamamy/bioconf.html>

ModSim'99 Workshop on Modelling and Simulation Methods, ESIEE Noisy-le-Grand, same time as BioMedSim '99. Contact: same as above, but with WWW: <http://www.esiee.fr/~hamamy/confmodsim.html>

Simulation Solutions '99 Conference, Hilton Mesa Pavilion, Mesa, Arizona, March 21-24 1999. Contact IIE's Member and Customer Service at 800-494-0460. E-mail at cs@www.iinet.org. WWW page: <http://www.iinet.org/>

25th International Conference on Computers & Industrial Engineering, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 29-31, 1999. Contact Dr. Sherif Waly, E-mail: smwaly@imse.lsu.edu. WWW page: <http://www.imse.lsu.edu/>

1999 Advanced Simulation Technologies Conference (ASTCJ99), Hyatt Islandia Hotel, April 5-9, 1998. Contact the Society for Computer Simulation for Additional conference and sub-conference details. Voice: (619) 277-3888 E-mail: info@scs.org WWW page <http://www.scs.org/confernc/astc99/astc99cfp.html>.

UK Sim 99 Fourth United Kingdom Simulation Society Conference. St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, UK. April 7-9 1999. Contact: Prof. Russell Cheng, Canterbury Business School, The University of Canterbury at Kent. E-mail: R.C.H.cheng@ukc.ac.uk WWW page: http://eurosim.tuwien.ac.at/eurosim/ukss/ukss_events.html

Applied Telecommunication Symposium (ATS) Telecommunication Modeling and Simulation for the Next Millennium -- Evolution For Change, part of the 1999 ASTC'99 Conference. Hyatt Islandia, San Diego, CA. April 12-15, 1999.

SIGMETRICS '99: 1999 ACM SIGMETRICS Conference on the Measurement and Modeling of Computer Systems, Atlanta Hilton and Towers Hotel, Atlanta Georgia, May 1-4, 1999. Contact Carey Williamson, University of Saskatchewan (carey@cs.usask.ca). WWW pages: <http://www.cs.usask.ca/faculty/carey/sigmetrics99/>,

PADS '99: 1999 Workshop on Parallel and Distributed Simulation, Atlanta Hilton and Towers Hotel, Atlanta Georgia, May 1-4, 1999. Same time/location as SIGMETRICS '99. Contact pads99@dcs.exeter.ac.uk WWW page: <http://www.dcs.ex.ac.uk/~pads99/>

INFORMS Spring 1999. Cincinnati, Ohio, May 2-5, 1999. General Chair: David F. Rogers, Phone: 513-556-7143 FAX: 513-556-5499 E-mail : David.Rogers@UC.edu WWW page: <http://www.cba.uc.edu/dept/qa/cinforms/>

1999 SIAM Annual Meeting (AN99), Sheraton Spirit of Atlanta Hotel, Atlanta, GA May 12-15. Contact Philip E. Gill, University of San Diego, E-mail: pgill@ucsd.edu WWW page: <http://www.siam.org/meetings/op99/index.htm>

Industrial Engineering Research '99 Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, May 22-24, 1999. Held in conjunction with Industrial Engineering Solutions '99 Conference. Contact G. Don Taylor, or Eric M. Malstrom, IERC8 Program Co-Chairs E-mail: gdt-ierc99@enrg.uark.edu Fax: 501-575-8431 WWW page: <http://www.iinet.org/>

ESM'99: European Simulation Multiconference, Warsaw, Poland. June 1-4, 1999. Contact U. Behrend, E-mail: sek-ra@informatik.uni-bremen.de, or program chair Prof. Marek Niezgodka, ICM, Warsaw University Poland Email: marekn@icm.edu.pl WWW page: <http://hobbes.rug.ac.be/~scs/conf/esm99/>

9th International Conference on Flexible Automation Intelligent Manufacturing (FAIM'99), Center for Economics Research (CentER), Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Tilburg, The Netherlands, June 23 - 25, 1999. Contact Mrs. Petra Van der Ham. E-mail: P.H.M.vdrHam@kub.nl. WWW page: center.kub.nl/faim99

19th IFIP TC7 Conference On System Modelling and Optimization. Cambridge, UK. July 12 - 16, 1999. E-mail: tc7con@damtp.cam.ac.uk WWW page: <http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/user/na/tc7con/>

Summer School on Sensitivity Analysis of Model Output, Venice, Venice International University at San Servolo, July 25-30, 1999 Contact Fosca Criscuolo, Secretary to the Organising Committee, Joint Research Centre - European Commission. Tel: +39 (0)332 785476 Fax: +39 (0)332 785733 email: segreteria.uasa@jrc.it WWW page: http://www.jrc.org/isis/sa/activities/summer_school/index.asp#top

MOSIM '99: The Second French Conference on Modelling and Simulation. Annecy, France. October 6-8, 1999. Contact , E-mail: mosim99@esia.univ-savoie.fr WWW page: <http://www.univ-savoie.fr/mosim99/>

INFORMS Philadelphia, November 7-10, 1999 (see page 9).

1999 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC'99). Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak. Phoenix, Arizona. December 5--8, 1999. Contact Dave Sturrock, Systems Modeling Corp.; Phone: +1-412-741-3727, e-mail: dsturrock@sm.com, or Jerry Evans, Univ. of Louisville, Phone: +1-502-852-0143; e-mail: gwevan01@ulkyvm.louisville.edu. WWW page: <http://www.wintersim.org/wsc99.htm>

President's Message (continued from Page 1)

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank Jeff Tew, Past President of the ICS, and Diane Bischak, Past Editor of the Newsletter. Jeff served the College as President for two years, and went out of his way to include me in his deliberations and leadership. The transition has been especially smooth and I hope that we all make a point of thanking Jeff for his distinguished service to the ICS.

Diane did a great job of being persistent in her effort to get the committee chairs, and officers to produce their reports for the Newsletter in a timely manner. The Newsletter and now the Web page are the glue that hold the College together. Thanks Diane!

See you in Washington,

Mike Taaffe

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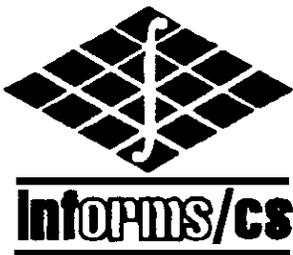
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