

Production and Operations Management Society

Best Paper Award Competition

College of Humanitarian Operations & Crisis Management

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The POMS College of Humanitarian Operations & Crisis Management (HOCM) invites all researchers/practitioners to submit their papers to the HOCM Best Paper Award Competition. The objective of the competition is to identify and honor outstanding papers in the fast-growing field of HOCM. Naturally, the topic of the paper should fall within the scope of HOCM. Submissions will be judged based on four criteria: (1) contributions towards the advancement of theory of HOCM; (2) methodological rigor; (3) practical relevance; and (4) how well the paper opens up new avenues of research. All research methods, including field/case studies, empirical and analytical methods are welcome.

NEW THIS YEAR: The best paper will qualify for an expedited review process, and publication, if accepted by the Disaster Management Department of the POM Journal.

To be eligible to be considered for the HOCM Best Paper Award Competition;

- The paper must present original research and cannot be previously published at the time of submission.
- One of the authors must register for the conference and the paper presented in the HOCM track of the annual POMS conference.
- A first author can only submit one paper to the competition.
- Finalists will be notified ahead of the conference and must attend the award ceremony which takes place in the HOCM College Business Meeting.

Note that papers under review at the time of submission, can participate in the competition. However, to be eligible for an expedited review at the POM Journal, the best paper cannot be under review at a different journal.

Submission Process:

1. Submit an **abstract** of the paper either as an invited or contributed presentation in the HOCM Track using the POMS conference website **before the conference abstract submission deadline**.
2. If you want to submit a paper for the best paper competition, please forward **a copy of the abstract AND the full-length paper no later than 30th December** along with a short email to Marianne Jahre (marianne.jahre@bi.no). Here you will indicate whether you want to join the best paper award competition. Your email should include the title of the paper, list of all authors, their affiliations and email addresses, and the assigned abstract number of the paper. The emailed copy of the paper should be free of any information that may identify the authors. Use the POM journal manuscript preparation guidelines (ref. http://www.poms.org/journal/author_instructions/). The paper should not exceed 38 pages including tables, figures and appendices. Submitted papers are anonymously judged by reviewers whereupon finalists and the winner are selected.