2024 AT-RASC Student Paper Competition

11th INTERNATIONAL URSI STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

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Student Paper Prize winners will be awarded certificates, and checks in the amounts of \$1000, \$750, \$500 and \$250, respectively, for 1st place through 4th place

Rules and Guidelines

- The first author and presenter must be a full-time university student.
- The topic of the paper must be related to the field of one of the ten URSI Commissions.
- A Full Paper, not longer than 10 pages and not shorter than 4 pages in single-column, single spaced format meeting the requirements of the URSI Template, must be submitted by **January 20, 2024.**
- Each student is allowed to submit one paper only for the Student Paper Competition.
- Applicants to the previous URSI Student Paper Competitions will not be eligible to participate with the same paper.
- Submissions should be made through the AT-RASC 2024 online paper submission system, with the appropriate box (indicating the Student Paper Competition) being checked during the paper submission.
- The Full Paper will be evaluated within the Competition and will not be published to ensure that there are no subsequent prior-publication issues for those students who wish to submit the work to a journal. This means that the ten-page Full Paper will not be included in the symposium proceedings.
- The student must also submit a Summary Paper or Extended Abstract on the same subject to the appropriate session. The Summary Paper or Extended Abstract will be included in the symposium proceedings.
- A paper that is submitted to a journal before submission to the student competition is ineligible. However, students are encouraged to submit their papers to a journal after January 20, 2024.
- A letter from the student's advisor on university letterhead must be appended to the Full Paper. The letter must state that the author is enrolled as a full-time university student in a degree program. If the Full Paper is coauthored, the letter must state that all coauthors played only an advisory role. No other students are permitted as coauthors.
- Ten finalists will be chosen based upon quality, originality and scientific merit. They will receive free access to all social activities and will be recognized. Prizes will be presented to the four top finalists.
- The finalists will present their papers in a special SPC session at AT-RASC 2024. They will be judged by a panel consisting of the ten URSI Commission Chairs or their authorized representatives.
- All finalists in the SPC must present their paper in person.
- The prizes will be awarded to top 4 presenters based on the clarity of the presentation, adherence to time, accessibility to the broad audience of the ten URSI Commissions, and the ability to answer questions on the work. The remaining six will be awarded "Honorable Mention" certificates.
- All finalists attending the AT-RASC in person will be offered a free ticket to the gala dinner. Those who do not show up at the awards ceremony will forfeit their prize.
- Submissions must use the following file naming convention, where "Lastnameauthor" text is replaced by the student's surname: SPCFullLastnameauthor.pdf, SPCSummaryLastnameauthor or SPCAbstractLastnameauthor.pdf and SPCLetteradvisorLastnameauthor.pdf