SIGSIM FY '15 ANNUAL REPORT
July 2014 – June 2015
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1. **Awards**

   NOTE: no ACM Distinguished Contributions Award given (committee convened and reviewed candidates).

   ACM SIGSIM Best PhD Student Paper Award 2015, London, June 2015.

   9 Travel Awards to PhD students to attend WSC @ $1K each as available based on receipts provided by students to ACM HQ. An amount up to $1K was provided.

   5 Travel Awards to PhD students to attend the 3rd ACM SIGSIM-PADS Conference in London, UK (June 2015) – similar to WSC payment (up to $1K each based on expenses).

   SIGSIM Awards are documented here:

   http://www.acm-sigsim-mskr.org/awards.htm

2. **Significant Papers**

   The Best Paper student paper award given at the 2014 Winter Simulation Conference co-sponsored by ACM SIGSIM:

   http://www.acm-sigsim-mskr.org/bestPhDpaperAwardRecipients.htm

3. **Significant Programs**

   - Increasing student travel awards for SIGSIM-PADS and WSC conferences
   - Continued expansion of MSKR: www.sigsim.org (Balci, Editor in Chief)

4. **Innovative Programs**

   - SIGSIM Digest started 08/14: www.modelingforeveryone.com (Fishwick, Chair). Current Subscribers: 57
   - Twitter feed started 02/15 (Loper, Vice Chair), Current Followers: 204

5. **Events or programs that broadened participation either geographically, or among under-represented members of your community**

   None added during performance period.

6. **Key issues**

   a) Improving benefits to becoming a SIGSIM member

   We are shifting the Simulation Digest Blog to be "member only" by changing the hosting from modelingforeveryone.com to an ACM hosting machine.

   b) Increasing the registration for the annual SIGSIM-PADS conference

   SIGSIM-PADS conference running in the black from a fiscal perspective. A new strategy to start for SIGSIM-PADS 2016 is to provide free one year SIGSIM membership for everyone who attends the conference. We hope this will help to increase the number of registrants.