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2013 SIM Paper Awards Recognize Industry Academics and Practitioners

Each year, the Society for Information Management sponsors the SIM Best Paper Awards. This competition encourages research that impacts practice. Winning papers must be collaboration between academic professionals and industry practitioners. Since SIM's thrust is toward executive management, the work should describe an initiative of interest to senior IT leaders and should have a significant impact on the organization involved.

The research paper competition encourages author teams to address these five criteria, and both the abstracts and papers are reviewed using these criteria:

- Innovation: Are new strategies and approaches described?
- Impact: Does the paper address the real problem and does it help to solve the problem?
- Implementation: Is the innovation operational?
- Re-applicability: Is the approach applicable to other organizations?
- Appeal and readability: Will the paper appeal to SIM membership?

SIM would like to formally recognize the winners of the 2013 SIM Best Paper Awards Competition. The first place winners are **Chetan S. Sankar**, COB Advisory Council Professor of Information Systems, Auburn University, and **Bill Rushing**, Vice President, R&D, Berntsen International, Inc., for their paper titled "Critical Role of IT In Improving Disaster Management by Digitizing Utility Facility Objects (DUFOS)."

The reviewer team consisted of three IT industry leaders and three academic professionals in the IT field. The competition reinforces the importance of research which impacts practice and research which provides valuable insights to inform leaders in information technology. The papers will be published in *MIS Quarterly Executive* which is available to all SIM members at the SIM web site: www.simnet.org

If you have an innovative case study or best practice to share, please organize a team consisting of an academic professional and an industry practitioner and develop a paper for the 2013 competition. Guidelines can be found here: http://www.simnet.org/?page=PA_Compensation. If you have any questions, please contact SIM Liaison for Academic Affairs, Mary Sumner (msummer@siue.edu).

