Test of Time Award

This award will recognize an influential paper from the ACM SIGMETRICS conference proceedings 10-12 years prior, based on the criterion of identifying the paper that has had the most impact (research, methodology, application, transfer) over the intervening period.

In each year, the author(s) of the winning paper will receive a recognition plaque and a check of $1,500 US, to be presented at the annual ACM SIGMETRICS conference.

Selection Process and Timeline

The selection committee for the Test of Time Award will be composed of four members of the SIGMETRICS performance evaluation community. The chair of the committee will be appointed by the SIGMETRICS Executive Committee, with the additional members selected by the Chair and approved by the Executive Committee. The membership of the committee will be renewed annually. Former members are eligible for reappointment to the award committee.

The committee will be constituted no later than April 1 in a given year. They will complete their deliberation and selection process in time for the annual ACM SIGMETRICS conference (typically end of May or early June).

Bootstrapping Process

The inaugural ACM SIGMETRICS Test of Time Award will be presented at the ACM SIGMETRICS conference in 2010 to be held in New York (NY). The chair of the committee for the inaugural award will be Philippe Nain (INRIA).

In 2010 the ACM SIGMETRICS Test of Time Award will be given to at most three papers published between 1973 and 1999 (inclusive). If multiple papers are selected each winning paper will receive the full award ($1,000).

In subsequent years (year N with N>2010), the award will be given to one paper published in either year N-10, N-11, or N-12. For example, for the year 2011, papers eligible for consideration are those papers published in 1999, 2000 and 2001 ACM SIGMETRICS conference proceedings.
With this approach, papers published prior to 1999 will be eligible once (in 2010), papers published in 1999 and in 2000 will be eligible twice (in 2010-2011 and in 2011-2012, respectively), while papers published after 2000 will be eligible three times.