Awards

Outstanding Paper Awards

This year, AAAI's Conference on Artificial Intelligence honors the following papers that exemplify high standards in technical contribution and exposition. Candidate papers for the AAAI-13 awards were selected based on overall ratings and nominations by the PC and Senior PC. A committee composed of the Program Cochairs and several Associate Chairs and Senior Program Committee Members reviewed all candidate papers and selected the winning papers. This year, two papers were selected for their exceptional quality in all review categories. In addition, four papers were selected for honorable mention, based on their overall high quality and particularly outstanding contributions in specific areas.

Outstanding Paper Awards

SMILe: Shuffled Multiple-Instance Learning
Gary Doran, Soumya Ray

HC-Search: Learning Heuristics and Cost Functions for Structured Prediction
Janardhan Rao Doppa, Alan Fern, Prasad Tadepalli

Outstanding Paper Awards, Honorable Mention

For Outstanding Technical Quality and Clarity of Presentation
On the Value of Using Group Discounts under Price Competition
Reshef Meir, Tyler Lu, Moshe Tennenholtz, Craig Boutilier

For Outstanding Formal Analysis
PAC Optimal Exploration in Continuous Space Markov Decision Processes
Jason Pazis, Ronald Parr

For Outstanding Novelty of Research Question
Sensitivity of Diffusion Dynamics to Network Uncertainty
Abhijin Adiga, Chris Kuhlman, Henning S. Mortveit, Anil Kumar S. Vullikanti

For Outstanding Engineering Design
Effective Bilingual Constraints for Semi-supervised Learning of Named Entity Recognizers
Mengqiu Wang, Wanxiang Chez, Christopher D. Manning

Outstanding Program Committee Members

Each year, AAAI recognizes several outstanding program committee and senior program committee members. These individuals have gone above and beyond the expectations for the role, showing exceptional judgement, clarity, knowledgeability, and leadership in reaching a consensus decision.

Outstanding Senior Program Committee Members

Ariel Felner (Ben-Gurion University, Israel)

David Pynadath (USC Institute for Creative Technologies, USA)

Neil Yorke-Smith (American University of Beirut, Lebanon)

Outstanding Program Committee Members

Paul Harrenstein (University of Oxford, UK)

Malte Helmert (University of Basel, Switzerland)

Kristian Kersting (Fraunhofer IAIS and University of Bonn, Germany)

Steven Okamoto (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)

Gabriele Röger (University of Basel, Switzerland)

Ashish Sabharwal (IBM Watson Research Center, USA)