

Editorial: Glover-Klingman Prize

Networks has been publishing high-quality articles for more than thirty years now. Our predecessors are to be commended for establishing this journal's excellent reputation. Nonetheless, since becoming Editors-in-Chief, we have worked hard to further improve the journal. There are signs that our efforts are bearing fruit. For example, submissions are up and turnaround times for submitted papers are down. The purpose of this editorial, however, is not to pat ourselves on the back, but to announce an exciting new initiative that we expect to impact the journal's quality, visibility, and reputation in a positive way.

We, hereby, announce the establishment of the Glover-Klingman Prize, which will be awarded each year for the best paper published in *Networks*, starting in 2003. The selection will be made by the two of us, with input from our Associate and Advisory Editors. Each co-author of the winning paper will receive a certificate and a cash award.

Fred Glover and Darwin Klingman (1944-1989) published three articles in *Networks* between 1974 and 1984. Throughout most of the 1970s and 1980s, they published more than 100 articles in a wide variety of journals on the innovative implementation of network optimization algorithms. Their goal was to reduce computation time and memory requirements, thereby enabling solution of the larger, more realistic problems that confronted and continue to confront practitioners. In their joint work, they developed special list structures, labeling techniques, and clever hybrid algorithms and successfully applied these ideas to problems such as the transportation problem, shortest paths, and the minimum cost network flow problem. It was typical for their implementations to outperform commercial software packages by very substantial margins. The Glover-Klingman Prize pays tribute to the high quality of work at the interface of operations research and computer science published by these two scholars. The prize, however, is for outstanding work in the general area of network modeling, analysis, and implementation, and is not limited to papers at the OR/CS interface.

As Editors-in-Chief, we are very excited about this initiative. We look forward to awarding the inaugural prize in early 2004. As mentioned earlier, each winner will receive a cash award. We are especially grateful to Dr. James Kelly at OptTek Systems, Inc. (Boulder, Colorado), Dr. Larry Levy at RouteSmart Technologies, Inc. (Columbia, Maryland), and Robert E. and Elizabeth W. Bixby for their generous financial support.

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