Best Paper Award Selection Methodology

The process for selection of BEST PAPER AWARD will comprise of 3 sets of inputs. The *Chairman's* and the *Co-Chairman's* feedback and the average of the *Audience* feedback.

In the *Audience* feedback, only complete feedbacks will be considered. Also, responses that fall outside 2 times standard deviation from mean value will not be considered. Also, if the overall rating for a particular speaker is very different from the average of the ratings on the individual parameters for that speaker, that audience response will also not be considered. The ratings will be on a scale of <1-5>, with 5 being the highest. The student volunteers will distribute and collect the responses from the audience.

In the case of tie, the Originality parameter will be the first tie-breaker. The Relevance to NDT Community parameter will be the second tie-breaker. The third tie-breaker will be Style and Clarity parameter of the presentation. These will be used as elimination criteria in the given tie-breaker order. Finally, if there are more than one paper that satisfy the criteria, the judgment of the technical committee will be considered.

Sample Audience response parameters are provided below:

1. Originality of Content
2. Presentation Style and Clarity
3. Relevance to NDT community
4. Speaker's response to Questions
5. **Overall rating of the paper.**

Sample Chairman's and Co-Chairman's feedback parameters are provided below.

1. Introduction/Problem Definition
2. References to Previous Work
3. Description of the Approach
4. Summary of the Work Done
5. Clarity and Style of Presentation
6. Originality of the Paper
7. Relevance to the NDT Community
8. Speaker's response to Questions
9. Adherence to time allotted
10. **Overall rating of the paper.**