CALL FOR PAPERS: STUDENT COMPETITION
Abstracts due October 15, 2015

We invite abstract submissions to be considered for the Student Competition of the 2016 SCALE Latin America Conference, hosted by the MIT Center for Transportation & Logistics in Cambridge, MA on March 21-22, 2016.

The MIT Global Supply Chain And Logistics Excellence (SCALE) Network is an international alliance of leading-edge research and education centers, dedicated to the development and dissemination of global innovation in supply chain and logistics.

Student Competition Motivation
Latin America is currently facing large and complex challenges given the socioeconomic and political conditions, also found in many countries around the world. This paper contest seeks to inspire students propose novel solutions for the economic, social and environmental challenges of the region through a strong focus on logistics, supply chain and operations management.

Topics
Student papers needed to focus on one or more of the following issues:
• Applied Operations Research
• Innovative case studies in supply chain management
• Sustainability
• Urban Logistics

Submission Procedure
Students must submit on or before October 1, 2015 an abstract (200-500 words) clearly explaining the mission and objectives of the proposed paper. All submissions should be done via EasyChair (https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=scale2016). Selected abstracts will be notified by November 1, 2015.

Selected papers must be submitted via EasyChair before January 15, 2016 and must contain:
• Title
• Authors with full contact information
• Paper abstract (500 words maximum)
• Full paper (5000 words maximum)
• Proposed paper must be original and not have been published elsewhere.

During the conference, the selected student authors will have 15-20 minutes to present their papers plus 5 minutes for questions and answers. Winners will be announced during the final plenary session of the conference. The best paper will receive a scholarship for the GCLOG Program (http://gclog.mit.edu). The scholarship consists of 50% and 25% tuition waivers to students in the winning team. Participation in the GCLOG Program is subject to eligibility and admission (http://scale.mit.edu/gclog-eligible).

Eligibility
Student authors must have been born or be living in Latin America and must be enrolled in an accredited graduate (doctoral or master level) or undergraduate program.

About the Paper
• The paper must be submitted in English.
• The paper must be written in teams of maximum 3 persons, all of which should be eligible students.
• The paper must be written as an academic article (see Formatting Instructions for INFORMS). References must conform to the standard academic norm APAV6.
• The paper must be the student original creation.
• The paper must not infringe on any third party rights.
• The paper must not have already been published previously or submitted for publication elsewhere.

Important dates
• October 15, 2015 – deadline for abstract submissions
• November 1, 2015 – abstracts reviewed and authors notified of results
• January 15, 2016 – deadline for final paper submissions (if applicable)

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