CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS
Extended abstracts due November 20th, 2017

We also invite extended abstract submissions to be considered for the Student Competition of the 2018 SCALE Latin America Conference, hosted by the MIT Center for Transportation & Logistics in Cambridge, MA on April 15-16 2018.

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.

Motivation

Latin America faces complex socioeconomic challenges due to growing urbanization, volatile economic and political conditions. This paper competition seeks to inspire students propose solutions through a strong focus on logistics, supply chain, operations management and research in the region.

Students can submit their works in any of the aforementioned topics. Students must submit their extended abstract before November 20th, 2017 following same guidelines as other extended abstracts using EasyChair and they will be evaluated using similar criteria (see Call for extended abstracts section).

During the conference, 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 from a student currently enrolled in a graduate program will receive the MIT Global SCALE Network Latin American Conference Graduate scholarship for the MIT GCLOG Program. The scholarship is composed of 50% and 25% tuition waivers to students in the winning team. Participation in the GCLOG Program is subject to meeting requirements of eligibility and admission.

In addition to the graduate student competition the best undergraduate students will compete for the MIT Global SCALE Network Latin American Conference Undergraduate Student scholarship composed of a 50% tuition waiver to the UCLOG Program. Participation in the UCLOG Program is subject to meeting requirements of eligibility and admission.

Topics

The 2018 MIT SCALE Latin America Conference covers the following thematic areas:
- Data-driven and emerging technologies in supply chain management (SCM)
- Agro-logistics, mining and livestock in supply chains
- SCM for small firms and retailing operations for nanostores
- Urban logistics and last-mile operations
- Resilience and risk in supply chains
- Humanitarian logistics and relief operations
- Sustainability in supply chains
- Innovations in education-related to SCM
- Logistics public policy-making and infrastructure

Extended abstract submission

Extended abstracts must be written in English and submitted by November 20th, 2017 using EasyChair platform
(https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=2018scalelatam).
Manuscripts are limited from 1500 to 2000 words in the content plus tables, charts and figures, a non-technical abstract with 150-200 words and a title containing maximum 150 characters (including spaces). The abstract must include a research/educational statement, a concise justification, an overview of methodology and data used; and a summary of main results, findings and conclusions, including relevance to Latin America and the Caribbean. Authors must add their full contact information, the topic that best fits their research and at most 5 keywords. The content of the manuscript should follow recommendations/guidelines from the conference template. Only submissions that include attached extended abstracts up to 6 pages will be considered. Finally, authors must indicate if their research is a finished work or a work in progress (WIP).

Eligible student competition works

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. Despite the difference on levels, referees will evaluate scope, rigor, quality of the research, impact and writing depending on each education level.

About the extended abstract for the student competition

- The extended abstract must be submitted in English.
- The extended abstract must be written in teams of maximum 3 persons, all of which should be eligible students.
- The extended abstract 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

November 20th, 2017 – Deadline for the submission of extended abstract
December 4th, 2017 – Registration for participant opens
January 10th, 2017 – Extended abstract reviewed and notification to authors
April 14th, 2018 - Registration of participant closes
April 15-16th, 2018 – Conference
May 15th, 2018 - Publication of proceedings e-book
July 16th, 2018 - Deadline to submit full paper version to be considered for a special issue

Additional steps regarding special issue will follow journal's revision standards.

Evaluation Criteria

All submissions will be assessed considering:

- Fitting to the topics of the conference
- Contribution (originality, quality, potential)
- Applicability (potential to be applied in the real world)
- Academic rigor and methodology
- Originality and creativity
- Language usage

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