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President's Message

Enlu Zhou

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the 2025 INFORMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta! The business meeting had a great turnout, and your participation truly energized our community. If you couldn't make it, you can check the meeting minutes at the end of this newsletter.

We are excited to share that Professor Chun-Hung Chen has been elected to the INFORMS Fellow Class of 2025. This honor recognizes his fundamental contributions to simulation optimization and stochastic sampling methodology, contributions to O.R. practice in manufacturing, healthcare, air transportation, and defense systems, and sustained service to the profession. Congratulations, Professor Chen!

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for the next ISIM Research Workshop, which will take place at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC, tentatively scheduled for mid-to-late July or early August 2026. The theme will be "Simulation in the Age of Digital Twins and AI". Professors Hong Wan and Sara Shaashani will be leading the way as organizers. We thank them for their dedication to I-SIM and look forward to another successful I-SIM workshop!

We are also happy to mention that a workshop titled ML x OR at the upcoming NeurIPS conference

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President's Message, Continued

Enlu Zhou

in San Diego, with many exciting submissions from I-SIM and the wider OR communities.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our departing Council members Andrea Matta and Hong Wan, Lifetime Professional Achievement Award committee member Peter Glynn, Outstanding Publication Award Committee member Jose Blanchet, Distinguished Award Committee member Christos Alexopoulos, and Ph.D. colloquium member Siyang Gao for their dedicated service. Our current I-SIM committee members are:

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I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Winter Simulation Conference in Seattle! □

Editor's Corner

Wei Xie

I would like to thank the I-Sim Officers and Committees for providing timely updates on the I-Sim business matters. Enjoy the newsletter! □

Secretary's Corner

Eunhye Song

As of October 31, 2025, we have 750 members, of whom 458 are student members and 209 have addresses outside of the United States.

2020	(November)	529 (195 students)
2021	(October)	422 (97)
2022	(October)	566 (220)
2023	(September)	573 (250)
2024	(September)	623 (340)
2025	(September)	750 (458)

We have the highest membership count in 2025 since COVID although we are still at 70% of the pre-COVID membership counts. There has been a significant increase in student membership in the past three years. A more detailed breakdown of the current membership is given below.

Membership Type	Count
Student	458
Regular	266
Retired	7
Community Only (Non-INFORMS Member)	19
Grand Total	750

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Treasurer's Report

David Eckman

Beginning Balance (1/1/2025)	\$134,706.66
Total Revenue	\$4,202.39
• Dues	\$1,427.42
• Interest*	\$2,774.97
Total Expenses	\$1,578.01
• Local Meeting (WSC 2025)	\$425.00
• Membership Expense	\$153.01
• Cash Award Expense	\$1,000.00
Net Gain / Loss	\$2,624.38
Ending Balance** (8/31/2025)	\$137,331.04

* INFORMS is now earning interest on the funds in our bank account and is sharing that interest with the subdivisions in proportion to their fund balance.

** The I-Sim account includes \$20,750 that belongs to the liability account shared by all four WSC sponsors (see Fall 2012 newsletter).

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report on the Distinguished Service Award

Distinguished Service Award Committee: Sanjay Jain (chair), Björn Johansson, Theresa Roeder

The 2025 committee for I-Sim's Distinguished Service Award has selected the recipient, who will be announced at the Winter Simulation Conference. □

Report on the Lifetime Professional Achievement Award

Lifetime Professional Achievement Award Committee: David Goldsman (chair), Barry Nelson, Russell Barton.

The 2025 committee for I-Sim's Lifetime Professional Achievement Award has selected the recipient, who will be announced at the Winter Simulation Conference.

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Report on the Outstanding Simulation Publication Award

Outstanding Simulation Publication Award Committee: Michael Fu (chair), Henry Lam, Raghu Pasupathy

The 2025 committee for I-Sim's Outstanding Publication Award has selected the recipient, who will be announced at the Winter Simulation Conference. □

EDITORS' REPORTS

Report on ACM TOMACS

Wentong Cai, ACM TOMACS Editor

ACM Transactions on Modeling and Computer Simulation (TOMACS) is widely recognized as a primary outlet for the best research contributions referring to all phases of the modelling and simulation life cycle. It has a reputation for publishing methodological work in the areas of modelling and simulation and is an important venue for publishing research works that lie at the intersection of the computer science and the operation research fields. The subjects of emphasis are discrete event simulation, combined discrete and continuous simulation, as well as Monte Carlo methods. TOMACS strives to enhance the understanding, improve the practice, and increase the utilization of computer simulation.

During the last year (since Oct 1, 2024) TOMACS had 124 new submissions with acceptance rate of 18.6% (including desk rejects). The four volumes published since Oct 2024 provide to the readers a total of 26 articles.

To position TOMACS articles in the role of solid references for the community, TOMACS promotes Reproducibility Initiative and has a State of the Art and Open Challenges (STAROC) series. You can check for detailed information at <https://dl.acm.org/journal/tomacs>.

TOMACS achieved an increase from 0.7 to 1.9 in its impact factor in the latest Journal Citation Reports release from Clarivate Analytics. It is now ranked in 1st quartile in the category of Applied Mathematics (70/343).

You are encouraged to submit your work to ACM TOMACS!

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Report on IISE Transactions

Jiaqiao Hu, Methodology Department Editor

From October 1st, 2024 to November 1st 2025, the simulation area of the Methodology Department received 12 papers, including 10 new submissions and 2 resubmissions. During this period, 2 papers were accepted, 5 papers were rejected, and 5 are under various stages of revision. The turnaround time averaged over papers with reviewers is 61 days. The Associate Editors in the simulation area are Ilya Ryzhov and Jie Xu. I would like to sincerely thank them for their time and effort spent in serving the journal. My term as Department Editor will conclude at the end of this year. Starting January 1st, 2026, Ilya Ryzhov will take over as the Editor for the Methodology Department of the Journal.

The department of Stochastic Models and Simulation seeks to publish high-quality research papers that advance the theory and practice in the modeling, analysis, control, and optimization of stochastic systems. The simulation area of the department is interested in research contributions pertaining to all aspects of stochastic simulation. We welcome papers with strong methodological elements, e.g., developing new

simulation methods and tools for general problem classes that have applications in many areas. We also welcome well-executed papers that study important applications arising in, for example, engineering design, manufacturing, communications, and finance, where new or existing simulation techniques are developed or creatively applied. In addition to the conventional topics in stochastic simulation, of particular interest are contributions that address the integration of simulation techniques with other emerging technologies and applications such as high-performance computing, data analytics, artificial intelligence, healthcare, and energy systems.

Please submit your research work via IISE Transactions' manuscript central: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/iietransactions>

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Report on *INFORMS Journal on Computing*

Bruno Tuffin, Simulation Area Editor

The IJOC Simulation Area covers all computational aspects of stochastic simulation. We seek high-quality research on the computational aspects of simulation model building, simulation data structures, simulation modeling and experiment environments, stochastic input modeling, random-variate generation, output analysis, simulation-based optimization, variance-reduction methods for simulation experiments, and other aspects of simulation modeling, experimentation, and analysis.

Submissions to the Simulation Area should not merely use simulation as a tool for generating experiments to test another methodology (these manuscripts should instead be submitted to the IJOC area for which the methodology applies), nor should they only present experimental results from a simulation program. Rather, manuscripts submitted to the area must make a significant contribution to the field of stochastic simulation, as described in the previous paragraph. Complete instructions for preparing manuscripts are available at <http://pubsonline.informs.org/journal/ijoc>. Submissions must be done electronically through Manuscript Central: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ijoc>

During the one-year period starting the 10th of September 2024, the Simulation Area of the INFORMS Journal on Computing (IJOC) received 18 new submissions. During this period, 2 papers were accepted and 12 rejected.

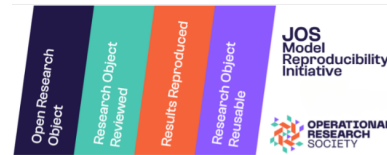
I'd like to thank the associate editors (David Eckman, Henry Lam, Ilya Ryzhov, Eunhye Song, Wei Xie) for their truly outstanding work, and for making my job much more manageable.

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Report on the *Journal of Simulation*

Charles Macal, Navonil Mustafee, Claudia Szabo, and Enlu Zhou, Joint Editor-in-Chief

We are pleased to announce that the **Journal of Simulation (JOS) – Model Reproducibility Initiative (JOS-MRI)** will start from December 2025. JOS-MRI recognises the vital role of Open Science in promoting transparency and accessibility of simulation artefacts, with the ultimate goal of enabling model reuse. Authors will have the option to submit their models and data alongside their research papers for evaluation by Model Reproducibility Editors (Tom Monks, Ignacio Martinez-Moyano, Varun Ramamohan and Chick Macal) and their teams. Authors must have utilised the submitted models within their accompanying research, practice, or technical note papers submitted to JOS for peer review. Successful assessments may result in the award of JOS-MRI Badges. Submitted models will be assessed in alignment with the National Information Standards Organization's (NISO) digital object recognition badges for Open Research, Artefact Reviewed, and Results Reproduced. An additional badge specific to Model Reuse will also be awarded. For further information, please refer to the following webpage: <https://www.theorsociety.com/ORS/Publications/JOS-MRI.aspx> or contact Nav Mustafee, the Managing EIC for JOS-MRI.



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JOS turns 20 in 2026! To mark this important milestone, a special commemorative issue is being published next year. The issue will showcase the most significant advances in M&S, highlighting the evolution of theory, methods, and applications that have shaped the discipline. It will feature contributions across three main areas: foundations of M&S, methodological Innovations and transformative applications. The commemorative issue will also include contributions highlighting developments in M&S from regions around the world, including Africa, Oceania, West Asia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Over 60 themes have been identified, with more than 80 distinguished authors contributing to the issue. Each thematic and regional contribution will form part of a single, integrated article composed of concise expert pieces that offer an overview of the area, highlight notable breakthroughs over the past two decades, and discuss recent developments. The work is led by Andreas Tolk (MITRE, US) and Masoud Fakhimi (University of Surrey, UK), in association with Nav Mustafee.

JOS is supported by an international Editorial Board of over 50 Associate Editors. This year, we have appointed Oliver Rose (Universität der Bundeswehr München, Germany), Zhou Chenhao (Northwestern Polytechnical University, China), Sanja Lazarova-Molnar (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany, & University of Southern Denmark), Martin Schaffernicht (University of Talca, Chile) and Reda Lebcir (University of Hertfordshire, UK). We have appointed Steve Jones (Royal HaskoningDHV, UK) as a member of the Editorial Board. We are interested in receiving AE applications with expertise in agent-based modelling.

In concluding this report, we would like to remind the readers that JOS is a journal of the UK Operational Research Society published by Taylor & Francis. We publish

theoretical and methodological papers that span the breadth of the simulation process, including both modelling and analysis methodologies, as well as practical papers from a wide range of simulation applications. Application-focused papers tend to be original research on methodological and technological advances that represent significant progress toward applying simulation modelling (which often includes a case study). We also welcome literature reviews, technical notes and topics that are not mainstream but are considered evocative to the simulation community.

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Report on Operations Research

Sandeep Juneja, Operations Research Simulation Area Editor

Activity Period: October 9, 2024 to October 08, 2025.

38 new submissions; 4 resubmissions, 30 editorial decisions, including 19 rejections, 9 major revision, 2 reject and resubmit, 0 minor revision and 0 acceptances. The average review time was 120 days.

Of the 30 editorial decisions made in this period, 19 were on time (less than 4 months from the date of submission), 5 were late (between 4 and 6 months) and 6 were very late (6 months or more).

I would like to thank the Associate Editor team, **Jing Dong, Shane Henderson, Susan R. Hunter, Kyoung-Kuk Kim, Henry Lam, Karthyek RA Murthy, Ilya O. Ryzhov, Xiaowei Zhang and Zeyu Zheng** for their wonderful service to the journal.

Please submit your best papers to OR!

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Report on Stochastic Systems

Devavrat Shah, Editor-in-Chief

Editorial Leadership: 1) Appointed as Editor-in-Chief (EiC) in **2023** and 2) Special thanks to **Shane** for his contributions.

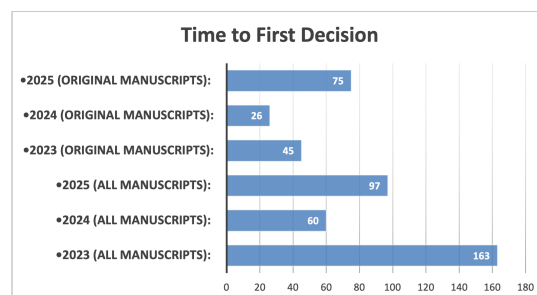
Key Changes: Conference to Journal Policy. Expanded consideration policy – submissions are welcome unless identical to conference versions.

New Area Structure: The journal will now cover a broader range of topics beyond queuing systems.

Please reach out to devavrat@mit.edu

to: 1) Become a **Reviewer** and 2) **Apply** or **Nominate** for an **Associate Editor (AE)** position.

- **2025 (Original Manuscripts):** 75 days
- **2024 (Original Manuscripts):** 26 days
- **2023 (Original Manuscripts):** 45 days
- **2025 (All Manuscripts):** 97 days



- **2024 (All Manuscripts):** 60 days
- **2023 (All Manuscripts):** 163 days

Manuscripts Submitted After Jan 1, 2025

New Manuscripts

- **Immediate Reject:** 14 manuscripts (38.9%)
- **Major Revision:** 11 manuscripts (30.6%)
- **Minor Revision:** 6 manuscripts (16.7%)
- **Reject:** 5 manuscripts (13.9%)

All Manuscripts

- **Accepted:** 5 manuscripts (9.8%)
- **Immediate Accept:** 2 manuscripts (3.9%)
- **Major Revision:** 12 manuscripts (23.5%)
- **Minor Revision:** 11 manuscripts (21.6%)
- **Reject:** 7 manuscripts (13.7%)
- **Immediate Reject:** 14 manuscripts (27.5%)

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Report on *Naval Research Logistics*

Jeff Hong, Simulation Department Editor

Activity Period: August 15, 2024 to October 16, 2025.

The new Simulation Department started in August 2024.

We aim to shorten the overall review time by **reducing the number of rounds**.

26 new submissions, 4 resubmissions; 21 editorial decisions, including 11 rejections, 6 major revision, 1 minor revision, 3 acceptance. The average review time is 95.2 days (with only 1 paper over 6 months).

The 3 accepted papers had one revision (2) and two revisions (1).

I would like to thank the Associate Editor team, **Ben Feng, Shane Henderson, Guangwu Liu, Jun Luo, Xiaowei Zhang** and **Zeyu Zheng**, for their wonderful service to the journal.

Please send your simulation papers to NRL!

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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

NeurIPS 2025 Thirty-Ninth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems

November 30 – December 7, 2025, San Diego, California & Mexico City, Mexico

Susan R. Hunter (source: <https://nips.cc/>)

NeurIPS 2025 ML x OR Workshop, December 6 or 7:

- Embedding OR modeling insights into ML
- Uncertainty mitigation at the interface of data, model, and decision
- Sequential decision-making and online learning from an OR perspective
- Generative AI for decision-making



Organizing Team: Jose Blanchet, Jing Dong, Henry Lam, Min-hwan Oh, Qiaomin Xie, Yao Xie, Assaf Zeevi, Enlu Zhou

Contact: neurips.mlxor.workshop@gmail.com



2025 Winter Simulation Conference

Look to the future! Simulation 2050 and Beyond

December 7–10, 2025, Seattle, Washington

Susan R. Hunter (source: <https://meetings.informs.org/wordpress/wsc2025/>)



“Winter Simulation Conference 2025 highlights the latest advances in simulation theory and applications showcasing both the current state-of-the-art and what our field will look like in 2050 and beyond.”



2026 INFORMS Optimization Society Conference

March 20–22, 2026, Atlanta, Georgia

Susan R. Hunter (source: <https://ios2026.isye.gatech.edu/>)

The theme of IOS 2026 is “Optimization at the Interface of Data, Decisions, and Society.”

The program will feature plenary lectures by distinguished scholars, a broad range of invited and contributed sessions, and ample opportunities for interdisciplinary networking and collaboration.



INFORMS Analytics+ Conference

April 12–14, 2026, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center National Harbor, Maryland

Susan R. Hunter (source: <https://meetings.informs.org/wordpress/analytics/>)



“Sharpen your skills, broaden your horizons and accelerate your career at Analytics+, where data meets decision-making. Network and swap ideas with the most accomplished professionals in the field of advanced analytics.” □

2026 IISE Annual Conference & Expo

May 16–19, 2026, Arlington, Texas

Susan R. Hunter (source: <https://iise.org/Annual/>)

“Present at the IISE Annual Conference & Expo 2026 and connect with the professionals who understand



the complexity and impact of industrial and systems engineering. Share your research, solutions, and innovations with professionals and students who recognize what you accomplish every day.” □

SIAM Conference on Optimization (OP26)

June 2–5, 2026, Edinburgh, UK

Susan R. Hunter (source: <https://www.siam.org/conferences-events/siam-conferences/op26/>)



Conference on Optimization

The SIAM Conference on Optimization showcases the latest research in the theory, algorithms, software, and applications of optimization. The conference serves as a platform for specialists and users of optimization in academia, government, and industry to collaborate and share insights. □

MCQMC 2026: 17th International Conference on Monte Carlo and Quasi-Monte Carlo Methods

June 8–12, 2026, Edinburgh, UK

Susan R. Hunter (source: <https://maths.ed.ac.uk/events/mcqmc-2026>)

Important Dates:

- First call for special sessions, contributed talks: November 2025
- Special sessions submission deadline: January 2026
- Contributed abstracts submission deadline: March 2026
- Acceptance notification: February 2026 □



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ICML 2026 Forty-Third International Conference on Machine Learning

July 6–12, 2026, Seoul, South Korea

Susan R. Hunter (source: <https://icml.cc/>)



The International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) is the premier gathering of professionals dedicated to the advancement of the branch of artificial intelligence known as machine learning. □

2026 I-Sim Research Workshop

mid-to-late July or early August 2026, Raleigh, North Carolina

Hong Wan

- I-Sim Research Workshop will be held mid-to-late July or early August 2026 at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- Organizers: Sara Shashaani, Hong Wan (NC State University)
- Venue: Hunt Library, Fitts-Wood Hall, Centennial Campus, NC State University
- Research theme: Simulation in the Age of Digital Twins and AI
- Local support: NC State University (ISE Department, College of Engineering, and Operations Research Graduate Program), SAS, and potentially NSF. □

2026 INFORMS Annual Meeting

November 1–4, 2026, San Francisco, California

Susan R. Hunter (source: <https://meetings.informs.org/wordpress/sanfrancisco2026/>)

“Join us at the Moscone Center & Marriott Marquis San Francisco, where more than 6,000 INFORMS members, students, prospective employers and employees, and academic and industry experts will share the ways O.R. and analytics are fueling Smarter Decisions for a Better World.” □



2026 Winter Simulation Conference

December 6–9, 2026, Glasgow, Scotland

Susan R. Hunter



General Chair: Navonil Mustafee
Program Chair: Stephan Onggo □

CALL FOR PAPERS

INFORMS Journal on Data Science, Virtual Special Issue on “Data Science for Digital Twin Technologies”

Eunhye Song

Topics include but are not limited to:

1. *Development of data-driven and/or hybrid digital twin frameworks*
2. *Data acquisition, integration, and operation of digital twins*
3. *Digital twin-supported decision-making*

Important Dates:

- **Jan 15, 2026:** Submission deadline
- **Apr 15, 2026:** 1st round decision
- Maximum **two** rounds of revisions

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Andrea Matta, andrea.matta@polimi.it

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We encourage simulation researchers to submit their DT related work.



I-SIM BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

INFORMS Simulation Society Business Meeting:

2025 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 26, 2025

Eunhye Song

6:55 PM Enlu Zhou starts the meeting & shares the agenda.

6:56 Enlu announces Chun-Hung Chen has been elected as an INFORMS fellow. Congratulations, Chun-Hung!

6:57 Hong Wan shares the information on the I-SIM research workshop that will be held at NCSU in Raleigh in 2026.

6:59 Eunhye Song announces call for papers for INFORMS Journal on Data Science Special Issue on Data Science for Digital Twins.

7:00 Enlu announces the meeting minutes of the I-Sim business meeting at the Winter Simulation Conference 2024 & the group votes to approve.

7:02 Enlu announces committees; two new committees have been added (Peter D. Welch & Robert G. Sargent Simulation Scholarship Award committees).

7:03 Susan announces the upcoming conferences: NeurIPS 2025, Winter Simulation Conference 2025, 2026 INFORMS Optimization Society Conference, 2026 INFORMS Analytics+ Conference, 2026 IISE Annual Conference, 2026 SIAM Conference on Optimization, MCQMC 2026, ICML 2026, 2026 INFORMS Annual Meeting, 2026 Winter Simulation Conference.

7:11 Eunhye announces the secretary's report regarding the membership trends.

7:12 David Eckman presents the treasurer's report; changes on the member dues are proposed; Shane Henderson suggests increasing expenditure and bringing the balance down; Susan Sanchez urges the members to consider ways to increase the student membership.

7:21 INFORMS Journal on Computing area report is presented by Henry Lam on behalf of Bruno Tuffin.

7:22 Journal of Simulation editor report is presented by Enlu.

7:24 IISE Transactions area report is presented by Ilya Ryzhov on behalf of Jiaqiao Hu.

7:24 Operations Research area report is presented by Ilya Ryzhov on behalf of Sandeep Juneja.

7:25 ACM TOMACS area report is presented by Enlu on behalf of Wentong Cai.

7:26 Stochastic Systems area report is presented by Shane on behalf of Devavrat Shah.

7:27 Naval Research Logistics area report is presented by Jeff Hong.

7:29 Enlu adjourns the meeting.

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MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations! Chun-Hung Chen was elected to the INFORMS Fellow Class of 2025!



Celebrating Excellence: Chun-Hung Chen Honored as INFORMS Fellow (Photos: (a) Chun-Hung Chen; (b) Receiving the award from INFORMS President Dave Hunt; (c) With I-Sim Fellows Russell R. Barton, Sheldon H. Jacobson, and Enver Yucesan at the INFORMS Fellow Luncheon.)

INFORMS Fellow Recognition: Chun-Hung Chen has been named an INFORMS Fellow for his fundamental contributions to simulation optimization and stochastic sampling methodologies, which have advanced the theory and practice of operations research. His work has had significant impact across diverse application domains, including manufacturing, healthcare, air transportation, and defense systems, driving innovation and efficiency in complex decision-making environments. In addition to his scholarly achievements, Dr. Chen has demonstrated sustained service to the profession, mentoring future leaders and actively contributing to the growth of the operations research community. This prestigious honor reflects his outstanding influence on both research and practice.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Event Calendar

Wei Xie

The 39th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
Nov 30 – Dec 7, 2025, San Diego, California & Mexico City, Mexico
<https://nips.cc/>

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December 7–10, 2024, Seattle, Washington
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<https://iise.org/Annual/>

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