President's Message

As you may know, the College has undergone a number of changes recently. The most obvious concerns our name—we are now (unofficially) the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences College on Simulation (INFORMS/CS). Of course, our new moniker, along with other operational changes, will have to be formally approved in the coming months. Other changes are more interesting. In particular, our representation on the Winter Simulation Conference Board and within INFORMS is not as yet completely clear. I am about to appoint a committee to study the consequences of the merger; it is my hope that any thorny issues will be resolved fairly and equitably as soon as possible.

Perhaps the biggest news is that the College now has a World Wide Web Page,

http://www.isye.gatech.edu/informs-sim/

as well as a page for the 1995 Winter Simulation Conference,

http://www.isye.gatech.edu/informs-sim/wsc95.html

The College page is the brainchild of Webmaster extraordinaire, Peter Welch, and is designed to be a general source of information and WWW references for the simulation community. Additional information concerning the page is available elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter. Please take a look at the page and send us your comments. Peter has really gone above and beyond the call of duty on this project! By the way, when you access the page, the first thing you'll notice is the beautiful color version of the College's logo, courtesy of our logo design czar, Jim Wilson.

Our standing committees are as follows. The Distinguished Service Award Committee consists of David Kelton, Alan Pritsker (Chair), and Steve Roberts (our most recent recipient). The Publication Award Committee is made up of John Fowler, Paul Glasserman (Chair), and Richard Fujimoto (last year's recipient). The Committee on Underrepresented Minorities and Women consists of Sigrún Andradóttir, Darrell Donohue, Susan Sanchez (Chair), and Jorge Romeu. I will also appoint a committee to study the possibility of offering a series of "Fellows of the INFORMS/CS" honorary awards; this honor was suggested by Jim Wilson, and we encourage any exchange of ideas that the membership might have on this type of award.

I look forward to seeing you at the New Orleans INFORMS meeting and at the Washington WSC this year!

David Goldsman
President, INFORMS College on Simulation

Editor's Corner

Welcome to the first issue of the INFORMS College on Simulation Newsletter. The latter portion of this working title awaits formal approval, but the initial acronym reflects our affiliation with the newly formed Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences. However, because the changes to this organ induced by the new formation are nominal, we retain the volume numbering established for the TIMS College on Simulation Newsletter.

This issue marks the college's first venture into publishing on the World Wide Web (WWW). As Dave Goldman points out in his president's message and the formal announcement on page 12, Peter Welch has done the college a great service by taking on the task of coordinating the effort to put up Web site pages for both the college and the Winter Simulation Conference. These sites contain valuable information about the happenings within our group and at upcoming WSCs.

The Newsletter Editor's role has been expanded to include editorship of the college's WWW news pages. We plan to publish there any news pertinent to the members including promotions, new appointments, moves, etc. Please email to me any items that you would like posted on the news pages. All reasonable requests will be honored.

In addition to our regular fare such as the status report from Pierre L'Ecyer on the Simulation Department of Management Science, this issue of the Newsletter contains status reports from Barry Nelson on the Simulation Department of Operations Research, and from David Kelton on the Simulation Area of ORSA Journal on Computing. We also have calls for nomination for our 1995 Outstanding Simulation Publication Award, and Distinguished Service Awards. Read on for news of the 1994 awards, which were made to Richard Fujimoto of
I hope you enjoy this issue of the Newsletter. If all goes well, a hypertext markup language (HTML) version of it will also be available on the college's Web site. I look forward to receiving your items for inclusion on the WWW site and in future hard copies of the Newsletter.

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To join, send name, address, e-mail address (if applicable), and the appropriate fee to: Sheldon Jacobson, Dept. of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0118. Make checks payable to INFORMS College on Simulation. Please pass along this announcement to others who might be interested in joining.

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Status Report on the Simulation Department of Management Science

by Pierre L'Ecuyer, Department Editor, and James R. Wilson, Former Departmental Editor

The Simulation Department of Management Science received 19 new submissions during the calendar year 1994 and 3 more during the first 2 months of 1995. Since the first of this
(Status Report on the Simulation Department of Operations Research

by Barry L. Nelson, Area Editor)

From January 1, 1995, there have been five submissions to the department; all are in review. Since the change in area editor there have been nine submissions: two of these have been rejected, one is in revision, and the average time to review has been five months.

The simulation department encourages submissions describing advances in the theory and practice of system simulation. Four copies of the paper, along with a signed Copyright Transfer Agreement and Statement of Contribution should be submitted to the area editor at the address below. The Copyright Transfer Agreement form can be found in Volume 42, Number 5 (1994); the Statement of Contribution form can be found in Volume 42, Number 6 (1994). These forms must be submitted before the review can begin. Electronic submission of self-contained TeX or LaTeX files is permitted, except for the Copyright Transfer Agreement, which may be faxed.

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(Minutes of the INFORMS College on Simulation Business Meeting WSC 1994 Orlando)

Tuesday, 13 December 1994


1. Dave Goldsman called the meeting to order at 5:25pm.
2. No introductions were made.
3. Doug Morrice summarized the meeting from the ORSA/TIMS Detroit meeting.
   The report was approved.
4. Sheldon Jacobson gave the Treasurer's report.
5. Announcements were made for upcoming conferences: Dave Goldsman for INFORMS New Orleans and Russell Barton for the International TIMS meeting in Singapore.
6. Sheldon Jacobson gave a report on the Ph.D. colloquium. He announced that Enver Yücesan would chair the colloquium for the next two years.

8. Sigrún Andradóttir gave a report for the Committee on Underrepresented Minorities and Women. She reported that there were a total of 25 applications (22 women and 8 minorities) for awards and three awards were given.


10. Steve Roberts gave a report on WSC 1994. He noted that at least 660 people had registered for the conference.

11. David Goldman announced that Steve Roberts had won the distinguished service award and Richard Fujimoto had won the best paper award. Both were congratulated and thanked for their contributions to the field of simulation.

Old Business

1. A discussion was held on the TIMS/CS name change in light of the INFORMS merger. INFORMS has suggested that we call ourselves a "section." Dave Goldman suggested that we might consider a Newsletter vote on this issue. Lee Schruben made a motion to have a Newsletter vote on using the name "INFORMS College on Simulation." The motion was seconded by Keebom Kang. After some discussion, a vote was taken and it was unanimous in favor of Lee's motion. Barry Nelson suggested that prior to the Newsletter vote that the Newsletter print positions on pros and cons of being called a "college" rather than a "section." Jim Wilson agreed to write the pro position and Osman Balci will write on the con position.

2. A discussion was held on the By-Law results. Dave Goldman went over the following results:

(a) Secretary and Treasurer will henceforth be combined.

(b) Non-members of TIMS (and hence INFORMS) can be officers.

3. Dave Goldman made a presentation on the possible outcomes for INFORMS and CS representation on the WSC Board. Steve Roberts explained the current structure of the WSC Board. He explained that as the TIMS/CS representative on the board, his proposal to the board was to maintain the status quo (i.e., a voting board member from INFORMS, a voting board member from CS, with INFORMS and CS bearing 1/7 of the financial responsibilities for the WSC conference, each). He said that his proposal had met with some resistance and might be voted on at the board meeting that evening. After some discussion it was clear that most supported the status quo position and Barry Nelson suggested that Steve Roberts convey this sentiment to the WSC Board.

Jim Wilson thought that this could be separated into two issues:

(a) How many representatives from INFORMS and CS would sit on the board?

(b) How many votes would we get on the board and what would our financial share in the conference be?

Bob Sargent pointed out that the board has usually tried to do what was best for the conference. He thought that in the long run the (2/7) representation might prove to be problematic and that a (1/6) representation might be more acceptable to the other societies. Bruce Schmeiser said that he strongly supports the status quo because he views INFORMS and CS as two distinct organizations. David Kelton (the ORSA representative on the WSC board) supported Bruce's position. Lee Schruben argued that the members of CS should be given the right to vote on this issue in the Newsletter before we accept any vote by the WSC board against the status quo. Tom Schriber suggested that the issue be put on hold for at least one year. He, Barry Nelson, Steve Roberts, and Paul Aughur felt that in all fairness, the WSC board should put off any vote on this issue for at least one year since the issue had come up so recently and there were too many unknowns with the as-of-yet-incomplete merger of INFORMS. Dave Goldman said that he thought the board was trying to be fair. He also said that he would express the concerns of the CS members in his address to the WSC board.

New Business

1. Dave Goldman appointed Enver Yucean to do the WSC Ph.D. colloquium for the next two years. Dave said that he would make other appointments for the Best Paper Award and Service Award committees. He would also appoint two more members to the Women and Underrepresented Minorities Committee.

2. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectively submitted, Douglas Morrice, Secretary.

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Call for Nominations

INFORMS College on Simulation Distinguished Service Award

To recognize individuals providing long-standing exceptional service to the simulation community, the INFORMS College on Simulation has established the Distinguished Service Award, which may be given no more often than annually to an individual. Service to the simulation community should extend over 15-20 years or longer and be acquitted with distinction. The concept of service for this award does not include teaching or research contributions. Areas of volunteer services include but are not limited to:

- elected offices in simulation societies,
- editorial responsibilities for simulation such as department editor, area editor, and editor-in-chief,
- conference responsibilities involving simulation such as program chair, proceedings editor, general chair, and being a member of the organizing or program committee,
- appointed positions for simulation-related activities such as serving on committees and being a newsletter editor, and
- undertakings and actions that promote simulation in the "larger community".

Nominations for the Distinguished Service Award can be made by anyone and are made by sending a letter of nomination to the Chair of the Distinguished Service Award Committee by September 1, 1995.

Letters of nomination should identify and detail the areas of exceptional service, and include the actions and activities that make the nominee deserving of this award. If possible, the nominee's vita should be included with the nomination letter. The individual or individuals making the nomination have the primary responsibility of justifying why the nominee should receive this award. If given, the award will be presented December 4, 1995 in the opening session of the 1995 Winter Simulation Conference, in Washington D.C.

Nominations should be sent to:
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The TIMS College on Simulation has presented the 1994 Distinguished Service Award to Stephen D. Roberts, Head of the Department of Industrial Engineering at North Carolina State University. The presentation took place December 12, 1994 during the opening session of the Winter Simulation Conference, in Orlando.

The Award, first given in 1986, recognizes an individual "...providing long-standing exceptional service to the simulation community ... acquitted with distinction." Professor Roberts is eminently qualified to receive such an award, given his long and impressive list of service activities to simulation.

Beginning as early as 1979, he served as a special editor of Simulettor on health-care systems, and his activities have continued unabated. He has served the Winter Simulation Conference with great time and energy, as Proceedings Editor in 1983, Program Chair in 1986, TIMS/CS representative to the Board of Directors since 1987, and Board Chair from 1987 to 1991. As part of his work as WSC Program Chair in 1986, he instituted the idea of Track Coordinators, without which the sustained growth and success of the WSC would probably not have been possible. An active member of ACM/SIGSIM, he served as Secretary/Treasurer from 1983 to 1987, and then Chair from 1987 to 1991. In addition to his WSC Board service to TIMS/CS, he has also served on the Outstanding Publication Award Committee. In 1984, he served as General Chair for the SCS Conference on Simulation in Health Care Delivery.

His service to journals is as impressive as his work with societies and conferences. A key player in tireless efforts to establish the ACM Transactions on Modeling and Computer Simulation (TOMACS), he additionally served from 1990 to 1994 as an Area Editor, and continues on its Editorial Advisory Committee. He has also accumulated a total of 21 years' service as Associate Editor to Management Science, Simulation, and Simulettor.

In addition to service, Dr. Roberts has been an enthusiastic promoter of simulation through his teaching, work with graduate students, and research.

So it is with great pride that the award is presented to Steve Roberts this year, for truly exceptional, distinguished, and sustained service to the simulation community.

The members of the committee were Richard E. Nance, A. Alan B. Pritsker, and W. David Kelton serving as Chair.

The TIMS College on Simulation is pleased to present its 1994 Outstanding Publication Award to Richard Fujimoto for an exceptionally clear exposition of the concepts and issues in parallel simulation. The paper in question is "Parallel Discrete Event Simulation: A Survey" which appeared in the communications of the ACM, volume 33 (1990), pages 30--53.

The Committee received a total of five nominations for the 1994 award. Serving as the Committee Chair, John Fowler presented the 1994 award to Richard Fujimoto of the Georgia Institute of Technology for his article entitled "Parallel Discrete Event Simulation," which appeared in the Communications of the ACM, volume 33 (1990), pages 30--53.

The Committee made the following statement about this work:

"Parallel Discrete Event Simulation has been an active area of research since the mid 1970's. Professor Richard M. Fujimoto, of the Georgia Institute of Technology, is currently a leading researcher in parallel simulation. His survey article, "Parallel Discrete Event Simulation" published in the October, 1990 issue of the communications of the ACM, presents a comprehensive history and overview of this exciting field. The paper is, simply put, the best general exposition ever written on parallel simulation. It is now THE standard reference on parallel simulation and is cited in virtually every serious paper on the topic.

The article, which is written for a general audience, presents the key ideas in parallel simulation and assesses the (then) current state-of-the-art. The paper describes the author's careful experimental studies comparing the performance of optimistic and conservative approaches to parallel simulation and provides much insight into the workings of both approaches. In addition, the paper summarizes the author's own innovative algorithms that led him to one of the first demonstrations that significant speedups are possible using optimistic methods on non-trivial problems.

The TIMS College on Simulation is pleased to present its 1994 Outstanding Publication Award to Richard Fujimoto for an exceptionally clear exposition of the concepts and issues in parallel simulation."

Minutes of the TIMS/CS Business Meeting ORSA/TIMS Detroit

Tuesday, 25 October 1994

Members Present: Diane Bischak, Dave Goldsman, Dean Hartley, Bob Sargent, Jeff Tew

Nonmembers Present: Johan Denecke, Teun Ott, Milton Pope

1. Dave Goldsman called the meeting to order at 5:51 P.M.

2. Introductions were made around the room.

3. Dave Goldsman summarized the minutes from the Boston TIMS/ORSA meeting, which were approved.

4. Dave Goldsman read the Treasurer's Report. The report was approved.

5. Dave Goldsman read the Vice President's report on sponsored sessions which indicated that there were only two for the Detroit conference. This report was approved.

6. Dave Goldsman read the Newsletter Editor's report.
7. Dave Goldsman announced the call for applicants for WSC stipends from the Committee on Underrepresented Minorities and Women and that there were 10 applicants for these stipends.

8. Dave Goldsman led a discussion on the TIMS/CS name change and suggested that the name of the College be changed to "INFORMS College on Simulation" which was met with general approval and strongly supported by Bob Sargent. Dave also pointed out that we "cannot be called a society because INFORMS says we are not big enough" for society status.

9. Dave Goldsman led the discussion on the summer vote by the College on changes to the By-Laws. Dave indicated that there has been some confusion on the combined office of Secretary and Treasurer. Bob Sargent felt strongly that we should have officers as members of INFORMS in order to receive credibility. Dave also indicated that INFORMS will send to TIMS/CS suggested By-Laws, but that there will be no pressure to adopt them. Dave also proposed that further discussion on By-Laws be tabled until December meeting of the TIMS/CS at WSC in Orlando.

10. Dave Goldsman led the discussion on complications arising from the creation of INFORMS and indicated that it appears that the only problem is with WSC representation. Bob Sargent explained the current structure of WSC. Dave indicated that he would like to solicit comments from TIMS/CS members and defer any decision until the December meeting of the TIMS/CS at WSC in Orlando. This was met with general approval.

11. Dean Hartley suggested that there was some confusion about sub-group representation with INFORMS. It has been suggested by INFORMS that not every sub-group report to the board, but that another layer be put in place and sub-groups be "grouped" together. Dave Goldsman suggested that further discussion on this also be delayed until the December meeting of the TIMS/CS at WSC in Orlando.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M. and discussion continued over refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Tew for Doug Morrice

STATUS REPORT ON THE SIMULATION AREA OF THE ORSA JOURNAL ON COMPUTING

by David Kelton, Area Editor, March 10, 1995

In a little over the past year (since February 19, 1994) there have been 7 new papers submitted, 2 accepted, 4 rejected, and 1 withdrawn. Currently there are 8 papers in various stages of the reviewing and revision process.

Of particular note to the simulation community is the appearance of 7 papers in a special simulation "cluster" in the last issue of 1994.

Area Editors for the Simulation Area are Osman Balci, Gordon Clark, and David Nicol. During the past year, Mike Overstreet completed his term as Associate Editor as well.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue of IIE Transactions on IE Research Computer Simulation in IE Research and Practice

The past two decades have seen a rapid increase of interest in computer simulation in many fields of IE research and practice. Once regarded as perhaps too computationally intensive for wide application, simulation use has been fueled by rapid advances in computing capabilities, and decreases in cost. Likewise, software for simulation has become a substantial industry, with dramatic improvements in capability, speed, and usability. In fact, simulation has become an essential component of many projects, including not only the design of systems but also improving their ongoing operation.

Although hardware and software developments have made simulation far more accessible, there remain challenges to the effective use of simulation and its ultimate impact. Accordingly, intense interest has developed in researching many subjects surrounding the use of simulation, particularly in IE contexts. The purpose of this special issue is to highlight simulation research, as well as illustrate how practice has both benefited from and motivated research.

Submission of papers on all aspects of simulation in IE research and practice is encouraged, including (but not limited to):

- Methodology: statistical analysis, probabilistic techniques, design of experiments, representation and generation of random processes, comparison, sensitivity, optimization
- Modeling: systems, formalisms, model reduction
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We are targeting publication in December 1996, and will implement special review procedures to meet that goal. We must also rely on authors to submit papers and revise them in a timely manner.

All papers will be thoroughly refereed. Papers should conform to the Position Statements for IIE Transactions on IE Research (May 1993 issue) and comply with the Instructions for Authors on the inside back cover of any issue. Please submit papers as soon as possible, but no later than August 1, 1995, to either of the Guest Editors:

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Minutes of the INFORMS College on Simulation Meeting INFORMS Los Angeles

Tuesday, April 25, 1995

Members and Nonmembers Present: ChunHung Chen, Bruce C. Shultes, Sheldon Jacobson, Marvin Nakayama, Paul Clark, Milton Pope, M. Shahidmujtaba, Dean Hartley, Ricki Ingalls, David Munoz, Christos Alexopoulos, Sigrun Andradottir, Keebom Kang, Bruce Schmeiser, Paul Aucail, Mark Lipsick, David Goldsman, Douglas Morrice

1. David Goldsman called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.
2. Introductions were made.
3. Douglas Morrice summarized the minutes from the WSC meeting in Orlando. The report was approved.
4. Sheldon Jacobson gave the Treasurer's report.
5. David Goldsman gave reports on the following:
   - Upcoming INFORMS conferences in New Orleans, Washington, and Atlanta.
   - The Newsletter.
   - Standing committee appointments:
     - Underrepresented Minorities and Women: Jorge Romeu, Susan Sanchez (Chair), and Sigrun Andradottir.
     - Distinguished Service Award: Steven Roberts, Alan Pritsker (Chair), and David Kelton.
     - Best Paper Award: Richard Fujimoto, Paul Glasserman (Chair), and John Fowler.
6. David Goldsman said he would appoint a committee to check whether or not the bylaws need to be rewritten under the new INFORMS section structure.

Old Business

1. Bruce Schmeiser gave a report on the WSC Board representation issue under the new INFORMS structure. INFORMS has decided to withdraw from being a financial sponsor of the WSC after the 1995 conference. Hereafter, the College on Simulation will resume one sixth of the financial responsibility for the WSC conference. The only remaining issue is voting representation on the WSC board. Steven Roberts is the current College on Simulation representative. David Kelton is the ORSA (or INFORMS) representative. We need to decide whether or not we should keep two representatives on the board.

New Business

1. David Goldsman talked about Jim Wilson's motion concerning Fellows of the College. David will set up a committee of three people up to study this issue.
2. David Goldsman reported on Peter Welch's work on the College on Simulation WWW home page. He described the current setup and the future plans for the page. A motion was made by Dean Hartley to make Peter Welch the Web Master. This motion was seconded by Christos Alexopoulos. The vote was unanimous.
3. Douglas Morrice reported on nominations of Subdivision Representatives for the election of Division Representatives to the INFORMS Board of Directors.
4. Bruce Schmeiser suggested that we consider raising our College on Simulation dues from $2.00 to $5.00 or $10.00 because our surplus has been shrinking over the past few years. It was agreed that we should have a more extensive discussion on this issue at the fall meeting in New Orleans.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Respectively submitted, David Goldsman, Secretary

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Announcement

The College of Simulation of the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) has a Discrete Event Simulation World Wide Web (WWW) Page. Its URL is http://www.isye.gatech.edu/informs-sim/

This page was constructed by Peter Welch (with a little help from his friends), Research Staff Member Emeritus at the IBM T.J. Watson Research Center welch@watson.ibm.com

Dave Goldsman, Press here to return to the Table of Contents

Treasurer's Report

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Call for Nominations 1995 Outstanding Simulation Publication Award

To recognize outstanding contributions to the simulation literature, the INFORMS College on Simulation annually sponsors an Outstanding Simulation Publication Award. Nominations for the 1995 Award should be sent by August 1, 1995 to the Awards Committee Chair:

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