The Info-Metrics Annual Prize in Memory of Halbert L. White, Jr.

The Info-Metrics Institute is pleased to create research prizes, in memory of Professor Halbert L. White, Jr., one of the Institute’s founding members, who passed away on March 31, 2012.

The prizes will reward outstanding academic research by scholars. An award of up to $2000 will accompany each prize, along with an invitation to become an Institute Research Associate, with the benefits that being an Associate provides. Prize winners will be recognized at regular meetings (either conferences or workshops) held by the Institute.

Eligibility

We seek nominations of researchers from any discipline who:

1. Have done outstanding work developing or applying statistical information-theoretic methods, which has had (or is likely to have) significant impact.
2. Have earned their doctorates during the past decade.

The Institute envisions awarding two or three inaugural prizes, hopefully spanning multiple disciplines.

Nomination Procedure

1. Nominations will be accepted from anyone (other than the nominee).
2. Nominations should include an explanatory letter and the nominee’s C.V.
3. Nominations should be sent to the Institute no later than June 1, 2015.

Evaluation

This round of awards will be evaluated by an inaugural prize committee consisting of Prof. Michael Stutzer (Finance, Univ. of Colorado; Committee Chair), Prof. Teddy Seidenfeld (Philosophy and Statistics, Carnegie Mellon Univ.), and Prof. Ilya Nemenman (Physics and Biology, Emory Univ.). The committee envisions finishing its work by August 1, 2015, with an announcement made shortly thereafter.

About the Institute: The Info-Metrics Institute, at American University, is committed to the advancement of the emerging field of info-metrics: the science and practice of inference and quantitative information processing. Interdisciplinary by nature, info-metrics provides the universal mathematical and philosophical foundations for inference with finite, noisy or incomplete information. The study of info-metrics helps resolve a major challenge to all scientists and all decision makers of how to reason (optimize) under conditions of incomplete information. It represents the intersection of information theory, statistical methods of inference, applied mathematics, statistics and econometrics, complexity theory, decision analysis, modeling and the philosophy of science.