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The Frontiers in Education Steering Committee expresses its gratitude to the conference organizers of the FIE 2015 Conference in El Paso. The conference was professionally and financially successful with over 509 attendees from 36 countries. Seven hundred and fifty seven abstracts were originally submitted. Four hundred and sixty papers were submitted for peer review and 396 papers were presented at the conference with a 52 % acceptance rate. Seven workshops, 15 panels and Special Sessions were also part of the conference.

The General Co-Chair, Dr. Michael De Antonio, organized a wonderful conference. The historical hotel provided a comfortable and economical conference setting.

The Program Committee developed an engaging conference. The committee consisted of Dr. Senay Purzer, representing the Educational Research and Methods Division of the American Society for Engineering Education, Dr. Mani Mia, representing the IEEE Education Society and Dr. Ari Korhonen, representing the IEEE Computer Society. Dr. Holly Matusovich oversaw the review process for the workshops, panels and special sessions.

The conference also sponsors a number of awards and these processes require dedicated volunteers.

- Dr. James Huff organized the New Faculty Fellows award. Each year, FIE invites new engineering and computer science faculty to submit applications for possible selection as New Faculty Fellows. A review panel of engineering and computer science faculty from assistant, associate, and full professorship levels completes a rigorous peer review of each applicant's conference paper, nomination letters and professional résumé. The fellowship provides a \$1,000 grant for conference travel expenses.
- The Dasher committee, consisting of Noemi Mendoza, representing the Educational Research and Methods Division of the American Society for Engineering Education, Dr. Diane Rover, representing the IEEE Education Society and Dr. Deborah Trytten, representing the IEEE Computer Society reviewed 39 nominated papers, attended 14 sessions and awarded the final award to: *DISSECT: Exploring the Relationship Between Computational Thinking and English Literature in K-12 Curricula*

Natasha Nesiba (New Mexico State University, USA)

Enrico Pontelli (New Mexico State University, USA)

Timothy Staley (New Mexico State University, USA)

- The Helen Plants Committee consisting of Dr. Marisa Orr, representing the Educational Research and Methods Division of the American Society for Engineering Education, Dr. Melany M. Ciampi representing the IEEE Education Society and Dr. Aletta Nylén (filling in for Mats Daniels), representing the IEEE Computer Society attended 13 Special Sessions and awarded the Helen Plants award to *“Qualitative Research on Psychological Experience: A Starting Point for Using Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis,”* run by:
James Huff (Harding University, USA)
Brent Jesiek (Purdue University, USA)
Carla Zoltowski (Purdue University, USA)
Joachim Walther (University of Georgia, USA)
William Oakes (Purdue University, USA)
- The Ronald J. Schmitz Award Award Committee was chaired by Cindy Finelli and was awarded to Rob Hofinger.

The Frontiers in Education Steering Committee heartily expresses its gratitude to these conference organizers and volunteers. The committee formally acknowledges the hard work these people have put into the conference. This type of capable commitment makes the Frontiers in Education Conference one of the premier education conferences in the world.

With Heartfelt Gratitude, Thank you to each of you for your good work.

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