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MICRO Test of Time Award 2014

Call for Nominations (Deadline: September 15, 2014)

The Micro Test-of-Time (ToT) Award Committee is soliciting nominations for the first Micro ToT Award to be given at the International Symposium on Microarchitecture in December 2014, to be held in Cambridge, United Kingdom. This is a new award that is established to recognize the most influential papers published in past Micro conferences that have had significant impact in the field.

For this special first year when the award is to be given the first time (2014), the award will recognize at most ten papers that were published at Micro conferences held between 1968-1992 (1968 and 1992 inclusive). After this "bootstrapping" year, at steady state, the award will recognize an influential Micro paper whose influence is still felt 18-22 years after its initial publication. In other words, in each future year N (where N >= 2015), the award will be given to one paper that was published at Micro conferences in any of the years N-22, N-21, N-20, N-19, or N-18. Paper nominations will not carry over. That is, a paper nominated in 2015 (e.g.) will not be carried-over for nomination in 2016 or later -- it must be renominated while eligible.

We invite anyone to submit a nomination by the deadline of September 15, 2014. Only papers published at the Micro conferences held between 1968-1992 (1968 and 1992 inclusive) will be considered for this year's award. Please submit your nomination via email to micro-tot-award-nominations@googlegroups.com. The following describes the nomination criteria, how to submit a nomination and the selection process.

- **Which papers are eligible for the 2014 Micro ToT (Test of Time) Award?**
  Only papers published at Micro conferences that happened between 1968-1992 (1968 and 1992 inclusive).

  An almost-complete list of eligible papers is at:
  http://www.ece.cmu.edu/~safari/micro-tot-2014-paper-list.html

- **Who can nominate a paper?**
  Anyone can nominate a paper except for the author or co-author of the nominated paper.

- **Is there a limit on the number of papers one person can nominate?**
  Yes. One can nominate up to 5 papers from all eligible papers. These five papers can be published at any eligible year.

- **When is the last day to submit a nomination?**
  Nominations must be received by September 15, 2014.

- **How should a nomination be submitted?**
  Nominations must be submitted via email to
  `micro-tot-award-nominations@googlegroups.com`.

- **What should be included in the nomination email?**
  All of the following *must* be included in the nomination email. Only one paper can be nominated in a single email.

  1. The title of the nominated paper
  2. The author list of the nominated paper
  3. Which Micro the nominated paper appeared in? (It must be a Micro in between 1968-1992, inclusive)
  4. A 100-word (maximum) nomination statement, describing why the paper deserves the Test-of-Time Award
  5. The name of the nominator
  6. The title of the nominator
  7. The affiliation(s) of the nominator
  8. The relationship of the nominator to the authors (please describe any relationship in any way)

- **What is the selection process?**
  Micro ToT Award committee will evaluate all submitted nominations after September 16, 2014 to select at most ten papers for the 2014 Micro ToT (Test of Time) Award. The committee will produce an award citation for each selected paper. A strict conflict of interest policy will be followed. If a ToT Award Committee Member has a conflict of interest with a paper that is nominated, the member will recuse himself/herself from the discussion process and a substitute is placed in.

- **Who are the current Micro ToT Award committee members?**
  Rich Belgard (Chair), Pradip Bose, Bill Mangione-Smith, Onur Mutlu, Uri Weiser

- **When will the award be announced and given?**
  The award will be presented to the authors of the selected paper(s) at the Awards Ceremony during the International Symposium on Microarchitecture in December 2014, to be held in Cambridge, United Kingdom. The Awards Ceremony will be a dedicated half-hour. Awardees are not expected to make a presentation.

- **What does the award consist of?**
  An award certificate and peer recognition.