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Call for Distinguished Lecturer Nominations

he IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Society (ITSS) has formalized its Distinguished Lecturer (DL) program and is now requesting nominations for DLs within the Society. The DL program is aimed at promoting research areas of the ITSS in conjunction with its Technical Committees. The DL program is sponsored by the ITSS and is particularly useful for ITSS Chapters that do not regularly have the opportunity to invite international speakers or to travel to conferences. DLs may be requested by organizers of ITSS conferences, workshops, or ITSS Chapters (including student branch Chapters). Other groups interested in building relationships with the ITSS are also welcome to make requests for DLs.

The ITSS maintains an approved list of DLs managed through the ITSS Education website. The expectation is that a DL would be a long-standing ITSS member, have a past record of ITSS activity (e.g., conferences, administration, or publications), and be able to promote ITSS activities at the lectures. DLs would be asked to provide a pre-

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sentation (in person or online), and travel expenses are reimbursed up to US\$3,000 for each lecture (based upon ITSS reimbursement procedures for travel and other expenses).

To be nominated as a DL, please visit https://ieee-itss.org/educa tional-activities/distinguished -lecturer-program/ and complete the nomination form at the bottom of the page (self-nominations are acceptable). The nomination material includes providing a curriculum vitae, bio sketch (suitable for posting on the web), and example presentations that are suitable to be given as a distinguished lecture (video links to past presentations are welcome). Each nomination package will be evaluated by the IEEE ITSS Education Committee. As part of the evaluation, various criteria are considered, including stature of the nominee (with a focus on "rising stars"), geographical region, and a balance of underrepresented groups. Once approved, a DL would serve for a term of two years, which may be renewed once. After serving two consecutive terms, an individual should sit out at least two years before being considered as a DL again.

For more information on the ITSS DL program and the DL nomination form, please visit https://ieee-itss.org/educational-activities/distinguished-lecturer-program/.

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