

International Submission Competition

Introduction

itSMF is conducting a competition to find the best white paper submissions from our global community.

Our goal is to publish these as a volume in the fourth quarter of 2010, individual papers will also be available to download, free to itSMF members. We plan to hold this contest every year.

We are asking our local chapters to call for submissions from their own members, forwarding the best entries to our Chief Editor for judging by our Editorial Advisory Board.

We are looking for submissions that promote our goal of providing thought leadership and innovation to our movement.

This is a global competition and entries will be accepted in all languages used by our member chapters.

Entries in the competition will close on April 30, 2010 with the winner being announced on June 11, 2010. The winner of the competition will receive an Apple iPad.

Submission Guidelines

1. Submissions should be a minimum of 1000 words and no more than 6000 words. Diagrams and other illustrations are permitted, each illustration should be calculated as 150 words.
2. Entries should be submitted, electronically, in Microsoft Word format or PDF format
3. Local chapters are expected to screen entries, forwarding no more than 5 submissions to the Chief Editor
4. IP rights must be assigned to itSMF either at the International or chapter level for all submissions sent to the Chief editor
5. The author must secure rights to all copyright material, proof of these rights must be supplied.
6. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria
 - a. Innovation
 - b. Value to the community
 - c. Ease of understanding
 - d. Practicality
7. Submissions will be accepted in any official language used by the itSMF Chapter in that country
8. The Editorial Advisory Board will co-opt members to assist with judging submissions in languages not spoken by EAB members
9. Submissions from vendors will be accepted, but they must not be blatant advertisements for their own products.
10. The EAB decision is final and will be announced on May 29, 2010
11. Queries should be directed to the itSMFI Chief Editor email: kirstie.magowan@itsmfi.org