

# Call for Dissertations for the Annual Ballou-Pazer Information Quality Dissertation Award Competition

The International Conference on Information Quality (ICIQ) presents [\*The Donald Ballou and Harald Pazer IQ Dissertation Award\*](#) for the dissertation on data/information quality that demonstrates the most significant contribution to the IQ field. The winner of this award receives a certificate and a US\$1,000 prize. The dissertation must be completed within two calendar years prior to the current ICIQ conference.

## Submission Requirements:

1. The author must submit evidence that the dissertation has been completely approved by his/her Dissertation Committee and the University's (or College) Graduate Office. Preferably this will include direct mailings from the Dissertation Committee Chair, from the relevant Graduate Office or copies of the Ph. D. Diploma or Certificate. As an alternative, the advisor can nominate the candidate together with an endorsement letter without additional evidence. The originator should send the evidence documents on his/her office stationery to:

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2. The author must submit a CV and a list of publications, his/her dissertation, and the endorsement of the student's adviser/dissertation director confirming that the dissertation is completed and has been successfully defended. The dissertation should be submitted to Dr. Markus Helfert at [markus.helfert@computing.dcu.ie](mailto:markus.helfert@computing.dcu.ie) for loading on to [www.iq-dissertations.net](http://www.iq-dissertations.net).
3. The author must submit an electronic executive summary of 3-4 pages to Dr. Rolf Wigand at [rtwigand@ualr.edu](mailto:rtwigand@ualr.edu), Dr. Markus Helfert at [markus.helfert@computing.dcu.ie](mailto:markus.helfert@computing.dcu.ie), and Dr. Richard Wang at [rwang@mit.edu](mailto:rwang@mit.edu), respectively. Topics covered must include short statements for each of the following areas with a reference to where these topics appear within the dissertation:
  - Clear statement of the contribution of this work to the field of information quality
  - Define key terms and concepts used
  - Provide examples of constructs
  - Describe research methods / mathematics used
  - Summarize implications of this research

## Evaluation Committee:

1. **Dr. Rolf Wigand (Chair)**, [University of Arkansas at Little Rock](#), USA
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## Submission Deadline: **September 1**

Please include dissertations, executive summaries and independent statements of evidence of dissertation completion. Submitted dissertations for the competition will be loaded to the IQ Dissertation Web Page Site at this time.

The **Evaluation Committee Chair** will announce the **Ballou-Pazer IQ Dissertation Award** winner(s) at the opening of the Annual ICIQ Conference (<http://mitiq.mit.edu/ICIQ>).