ACM SIGCOMM SOSR Software Systems Award

The ACM SIGCOMM SOSR Software Systems Award is given to an individual or an institution to recognize the development of a software system that has had a significant impact on SDN research, implementations, and tools. The impact may be reflected in the widespread adoption of the system, or of its underlying concepts, by the wider SDN community, either in research projects, in the open-source community, or commercially. The award includes a prize of $1,000. The award is presented at SOSR each year and the winner is invited to give a talk at the conference.

Nominations should be submitted by email to sosr-award@sigcomm.org on or before January 6th, 2017 to be considered for this year's award. A nomination for the Software Systems Award that is not selected may be re-submitted in following years, but after three successive unsuccessful submissions, should not be re-submitted for at least one year.

Each nomination should consist of the following items:
- Name, affiliation, telephone number, and email address of the nominator (self-nominations are permitted).
- Name, affiliation, telephone number, and email address of the nominee(s).
- Name of the system being recognized, and (if possible) a URL with more information, source code, etc.
- A short statement (200–500 words) explaining why the nominee deserves the award.
- Names and email addresses of 3-5 people who support the nomination. The awards committee may ask some or all of these people for statements of support.

The recipient of the award will be selected by a committee comprising the following members:
- Three to four senior members of the SOSR community, selected by the SOSR steering committee, representing both academic and industrial perspectives.
- One member of the SOSR Steering Committee shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

Because this award is intended to recognize highly influential people and software systems, it is possible that members of the awards committee may have a conflict of interest with some of the nominees. For the purposes of this award, conflicts of interest will include: PhD and postdoc advisors and advisees, scientific collaborators and co-authors within the past two years, immediate family members, and any relationships that involve a significant financial interest including employment, grants, consulting, advisory boards, etc. Any committee member who has a conflict of interest with a nominee or who feels that their association with a nominee would interfere with their ability to be impartial shall be excluded from the relevant parts of the discussion.