The purpose of the IEEE Microwave Theory and Techniques Society (MTT-S) International Microwave Symposium (IMS) Student Paper Competition (SPC) is to recognize outstanding technical contributions from individual students. A three-phase procedure for the selection of the SPC finalists is being followed this year.

The first phase took place during the MTT-S Technical Program Review Committee (TPRC) meeting in January 2018, where each subcommittee (SC) nominated SPC-qualified papers out of the SC-accepted paper pool. Potential juries from each subcommittee were also nominated. The supervisors of the related students were asked to submit their justification for the eligibility of the nominated papers.

Only justified papers went on to the second phase, which took place in February and March. Experts from academia and industry were asked to give a second score to the papers within their competency areas (the first score is that of the TPRC). Based on the two scores, a finalist list is selected, and the student authors together with their supervisors are notified.

The finalists will be allowed an additional poster presentation during IMS2018, after which the jury will award a final score. The SPC Committee will then meet and make the decision on the first, second, and third best papers.

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