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MSU Participates in National Conference

Over 30 faculty, staff and students from Murray State's Program of Distinction in Telecommunications Systems Management (TSM) attended the International Telecommunications Education and Research Association (ITERA) conference March 30 – April 1 in Indianapolis, IN. Collectively, the faculty, staff and students presented four papers, held an interactive tutorial session and participated in the AT&T National Case Study Competition.

At the conference Awards Banquet, MSU's TSM program was recognized as the 2012 ITERA Program of the Year. MSU Provost, Dr. Bonnie Higginson was in attendance to accept the award.

"Receiving the Program of the Year Award is certainly a testament to the fine faculty and staff in the TSM Program," Higginson said. "Murray State is a national leader in Telecommunications Systems Management and it was a distinct pleasure to be able to attend the ITERA Conference in Indianapolis. Faculty from universities such as Michigan State, Ball State University and Western Michigan University praised the MSU program for its' cutting-edge curriculum and high quality."

A team of three graduate students, Brandon Dick, Randall Joyce and John Young represented MSU in the AT&T Case Study Competition for the sixth year. The team was guided by MSU Faculty member George Rice, who also served as a session chair during the conference. TSM faculty members Dr. Solomon Antony and Dr. Michael Bowman both had student co-authored papers in the conference presented by students Asha Mandava and Brandon Dick. Wes Spencer, TSM faculty member, held an interactive tutorial session on practical information security.

Dr. Michael Bowman, Associate Professor of TSM at MSU served as the conference chair and was re-elected to serve as ITERA President. Bowman will serve from April 2012 – April 2013 and again, be the 2013 conference chair.

Murray State played a key role in founding the ITERA organization. The organization was formed at the Annual MSU TSM Conference in Louisville, KY, where academic attendees recognized the need for a working association between universities with telecom programs. Murray State TSM Staff continue to lead ITERA through positions on the Board of Directors and conference committees. More information on ITERA and its academic members can be found on their website at www.itera.org.

Picture Caption: (L-R) Director of the Center for TSM - Dr. James Gantt and MSU Provost - Dr. Bonnie Higginson receive the "Program of the Year" award from ITERA Board Member - Dr. Richard Gershon.