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MSU Represented at National Conference

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 this April in Indianapolis, IN and once again represented the university well. MSU faculty, staff and students delivered 10 of the 30 papers presented at the conference and served as session chairs for six conference sessions. Senior in the TSM program, Vincent Waniel won Best Undergraduate Paper and received a cash prize for his paper which was based on his URSA Fellowship project.

Director of the Center for TSM, Dr. James Gantt completed three years serving as the ITERA Chairman of the Board at the end of this year's conference where he was awarded the ITERA Service Award. Dr. Gantt has been involved with the conference since the beginning and plans to remain involved with the organization in years to come. Associate Professor, Dr. Michael Bowman served as this year's ITERA Program Chair as well as Vice President/President Elect. Bowman was assisted by graduate student Lance Foss who is obtaining a Masters of Science in Information Systems.

This year marked the fifth year for Murray State to be a finalist in the ITERA National Case Study Competition; two TSM undergraduate students, Sarah Kennedy and Vincent Johnson attended the conference to present a paper written by two TSM graduate students, Carla Johnson and Scott Taylor. Taylor and C. Johnson wrote the paper that was selected as a finalist but were unable to attend. Therefore, Kennedy and V. Johnson traveled to Indianapolis to present at ITERA. This is the first year that Murray State has had a combination of undergraduate and graduate students on their case study team.

Murray State was a key player in founding the ITERA organization as it was formed from the original MSU TSM Annual Conference in Louisville, KY when many 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 or

conference committees. More information on ITERA and its academic members can be found on their website at www.itera.org

Picture Caption:
Dr. James Gantt is presented with his ITERA Service Award.