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Over 30 faculty, staff and students from Murray State University's (MSU) Program of Distinction in Telecommunications Systems Management (TSM) attended the Information and Telecommunications Education and Research Association (ITERA) conference April 5–7 in Cincinnati, OH. Collectively, the faculty, staff and students presented six papers, held an interactive panel session and participated in the National Case Study Competition.

Three TSM graduate students, Randall Winchester, Doug Cecil and Craig Wisner participated against Ball State University and Illinois State University in the National Case Study Competition. Their hard work paid off, as they brought home a win for MSU in the National Case Study Competition.

They were guided by Murray State TSM faculty member George Rice. Rice has led seven teams to the finals and Winchester, Cecil, and Wisner were the fourth team to leave the competition as champions.

"Making the finals all seven years indicates that our students have acquired a wide and deep range of skills. The ability to produce papers that survive the blind review process each year to reach the finals doesn't happen in a single semester but results from the cumulative efforts of all faculty in the program. And as we all know in Kentucky, even the best trainer can't win the Derby with a mule," stated Rice.

The team wasn't the only individuals from MSU to leave the conference with awards. MSU Center for TSM Administrative Assistant, John Young, was recognized for his special contributions as Executive Director for ITERA, and MSU TSM faculty member, Dr. Michael Bowman, was recognized for his service as ITERA President 2011-13.

Murray State will continue to be an influential member in the ITERA organization in the coming year as MSU Associate Director for the Center for TSM, Michael Ramage, was named Co-Program Chair for the 2013-14 annual conference next spring in Louisville, KY.

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:
Murray State University students, faculty and staff pose for a picture after ITERA awards ceremony.