A P J Abdul Kalam Memorial International Travel Award
For participation of ACDOS members working in India in the
2020 IFAC World Congress, BERLIN

**Last Date for your applications: 5 pm April 15, 2020.**
**You will hear the decision by: 5 pm April 25, 2020.**

Dear ACDOS Members,

With the generous donation of Dr. P. K. Menon, Chief Scientist and Founder of Optimal Synthesis Inc., USA and his brother Prof. K. A. Narayankutty (a retired professor of Amrita Univ., Coimbatore), ACDOS has instituted the

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for encouraging larger participation of ACDOS members working in India in the 2020 IFAC World Congress. The following will be the salient features of this award:

- The award will cover 100% registration fee for two professional members and three student members.

- **Acceptance of a paper and physical travel to attend the conference to present the paper is a necessary pre-condition of this award.** The awardees must also show evidence that they have stayed and attended the conference for the full duration of the conference. **Partial attendance will make them ineligible for the award.**

Let us represent INDIA at the WC 2020

- All active professional and student members of ACDOS working in India will be eligible to apply for this award.
- ACDOS will constitute a committee for selecting the awardees and their decision will be final.
- All applicants are supposed to apply for this with all necessary information, which will include
  - A copy of the accepted paper with paper ID,
  - The review comments received,
  - History of ACDOS membership and IFAC TC membership, if any and
  - A brief 1-page resume.
- If any additional information is required, it'll be conveyed to the applicants in due course.
- The deadline for application will coincide with the final paper submission deadline of accepted papers for IFAC World Congress.
• Student applicants must be the first author of the paper. Professional applicants need not be the first author.
• One paper can attract only one winner. In case co-authors apply for the award, the author whose name appears first in the paper in the author sequence will be considered for the award.
• In the professional category, PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN to authors working in institutes/organizations other than IITs/IISc, NITs, Govt. R&D labs and multi-national private companies. The primary reason being these institutes, labs and companies usually offer adequate travel grants. Nevertheless, in case sufficient number of applications is not received from others, applicants from these institutes/organizations will also be considered.
• ACDOS retains the right to convert professional awards to student awards, and vice-versa, in case of inadequate applications in a specific category.
• In case of conflicts and dead-locks, preference will be given to long-standing members of ACDOS. Hence, this can be interpreted as a good benefit of becoming and maintaining the membership of ACDOS.
• The award money will be handed over to the winners after the conference gets over and after the award winner sends a copy of the conference participation certificate along with a formal declaration that he/she is not claiming the registration fee elsewhere. A copy of the Air-tickets and boarding passes will also serve as a proof of travel. Once again, partial attendance of the conference will make him/her ineligible for this award.
• A certificate will be issued to all award winners, which will be handed over to them in the ACDOS conference closest to the corresponding IFAC World Congress. The award money, however, will be sent to the winners within one month after the conference gets over, subject to receiving the required documents from the winners.
• The whole idea here is to encourage a large number of participation from our country. We, the executive members of ACDOS (as well as the sponsors Dr. Menon & his brother), will be quite happy to see a large number of Indian participation in IFAC World Congress. Let us make it happen!

Potential applicants need to apply to

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President, ACDOS
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with
• a copy of the accepted paper with the paper ID,
• ratings and reviewer comments on your paper, and
• applicant's resume

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With Best wishes
Ravi