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Kai S. Koong



The 2011 SWDSI Distinguished Service Award recipient is Dr. Kai S. Koong from The University of Texas – Pan American (UTPA). A member of Southwest DSI since 1987, Dr. Koong has been selected for this award in recognition of his more than two decades of professional commitment, leadership, and service to the Decision Sciences Institute, Southwest Region. He has participated in both national and regional DSI-related conferences since 1985, when he attended the DSI Doctoral Student Consortium.

Dr. Koong has served as SWDSI President (2009-2010), Past-President (2010-2011), Program Chair of two consecutive conferences (2007-2009), Proceedings Editor (2005), and representative on the Federation of Business Disciplines (FBD) Board of Directors (2009-2010). He has also been a member of the national DSI honor society, Alpha Iota Delta, since 1990, including service as a member of the Alpha Iota Delta Liaison Committee (2000-2002) and as a Campus Representative from 1990 to 1994.

Dr. Koong's professional activities at both SWDSI and DSI conferences have included numerous paper presentations and panel discussions. He has participated as manuscript reviewer, session chair, and discussant for several distinguished academic research conferences.

Dr. Koong is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Computer Information Systems and Quantitative Methods at UTPA. He has been a member of the faculty there since 2002. He has published over a hundred research articles; some 9 articles in books and special publications and 53 articles in peer-refereed journals, and the rest in the proceedings of prestigious conferences in the United States as well as those abroad. He has also served on 24 thesis and dissertation committees, generously lending his valuable experience and professional expertise to these important student research endeavors. Dr. Koong is the Editor-in-Chief of the *International Journal of Services and Standards* and has been a Guest Editor of the *International Journal of Mobile Learning and Organisation*. He also serves on the editorial review boards of several other leading information systems journals.

In recognition of his professional commitment, leadership, and service to the Decision Sciences Institute, Southwest Region, Dr. Kai S. Koong has been selected to receive the 2011 Distinguished Service Award.