

Award Ceremony



Alejandro Lopez-Ortiz Best Paper Award

In honour of [Alejandro \(Alex\) López-Ortiz](#) (1967-2017), the recipient of the Best Paper Award chosen by the Program Committee.



Imre Simon Test-of-Time Award

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Splittable Spanning Trees and Balanced Forests in Random Graphs

David Gillman, Jacob Platnick, Dana Randall

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THE ALEJANDRO LÓPEZ-ORTIZ BEST PAPER AWARD

to

DAVID GILLMAN
JACOB PLATNICK
DANA RANDALL



for the paper

Splittable Spanning Trees and Balanced Forests in Random Graphs

Heartfelt Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucia Moura'.

Lucia Moura
General chair and
Program Committee Co-chair

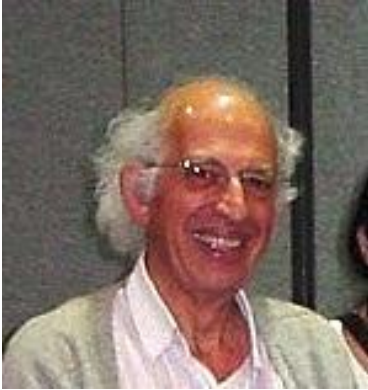
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Conrado Martinez
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Florianópolis, Brazil

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Imre Simon Award Committee:

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- Nikhil Bansal, U Michigan, USA
- Ricardo Baeza-Yates, KTH, Sweden & UPF, Spain & U Chile/Chile

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Position-Restricted Substring Searching,
by Veli Mäkinen and Gonzalo Navarro.
LATIN 2006, LNCS 3887, pp 703–714

Follow up paper:

Rank and select revisited and extended
V. Mäkinen and G. Navarro

Theoretical Computer Science 387 (3), 332-347, 2007



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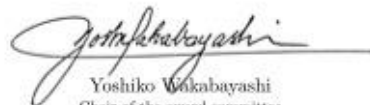
For the 2026 edition, the award committee selected the paper

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Lucia Moura
General chair of LATIN 2026



Yoshiko Wakabayashi
Chair of the award committee

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