

Massey Award

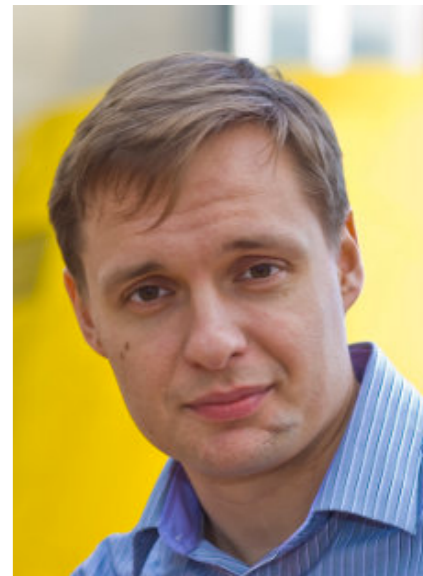
2020

Tara Javidi (Chair), Christina Fragouli (ex-officio), Sid Jaggi, Ram Zamir

- We had 8(*) nomination
 - all(**) excellent records
- We had two round of voting with a zoom call in between
 - The first vote was to prioritize the discussion the call
 - The second vote was to select the finalist between the top two candidates
 - The committee awarded the 2020 Massey award to:

Yury Polyanskiy, MIT

for his outstanding achievements in research and teaching



Points of Discussion (for our next BoG)

- * One nomination did not meet the new eligibility criterion:
 - “The nominee must be a Society member, who on January 1st of the year in which the award is given, is *no more than 10 years beyond* having their highest degree (up to doctorate) conferred.”
- * Rationale for changing the criteria was to increase the diversity of our pool; Ironically the new criterion excluded our only woman nominee!
- * Further discussions with D&I
- * Nominations (throughout the years) often do not explicitly discuss teaching and the committee had to further investigate
 - * Further discussions with Online committee to “guide” the nominators in providing information about teaching activities of candidates
- * Mentoring is not explicitly mentioned in ITsoc request for nomination
- * The consensus was to revisit the limit of 1 awardee