

GECCO 2012 Awards



Graduate Student Workshop



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**François-Michel De Rainville “Robotic
Swarm Cooperation”**

Competitions and Industrial Challenge





Competitions Program



The Evolutionary Art, Design, and Creativity Competition

Organizers

- Christian Gagné, Université Laval
- Amy K. Hoover, University of Central Florida
- Jon McCormack, Monash University

Official Webpage

<http://eadcc.sigevolution.org>

GPUs for Genetic and Evolutionary Computation

Organizers

- Simon Harding, IDSIA

Official Webpage

<http://www.gpgpgpu.com/gecco2012/>

Simulated Car Racing Championship

Organizers

- Daniele Loiacono, Politecnico di Milano
- Luigi Cardamone, Politecnico di Milano
- Pier Luca Lanzi, Politecnico di Milano

Official Webpage

<http://games.ws.dei.polimi.it/competitions/scr/>

Visualizing Evolution Competition

Organizers

- Nicholas Sinnott-Armstrong, Dartmouth Medical School
- Daniele Loiacono, Politecnico di Milano

Official Webpage

<https://sites.google.com/site/visualizingevo/>

Demolition Derby 2012

Organizers

- Martin V. Butz, University of Tübingen

Official Webpage

<http://cm.inf.uni-tuebingen.de/competitions>

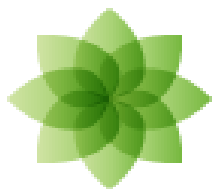
EvoRobocode Competition

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- Daniele Loiacono, Politecnico di Milano
- Moshe Sipper, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

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GECCO 2012 Industrial Challenge

- Oliver Flasch
- Martina Frieze
- Thomas Bartz-Beielstein
- Wolfgang Konen
- Jens Neuhalfen
- Pier Luca Lanzi
- Jorn Mehnen

Prizes...



 Green Pocket



... and fame!

A background of red curtains with a central panel and side panels tied back.

And the winners are...



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Carlos M. Fernandes

**Winner of the GECCO 2012 Evolutionary Art,
Design, and Creativity Competition**



Daniele Loiacono
GECCO 2012 Competitions Chair

Jason Moore
GECCO 2012 General Chair





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*Anderson Rocha Tavares & Gabriel de Oliveira Ramos
& Renato de Pontes Pereira & Sérgio Montazzoli Silva
& Ana L. C. Bazzan*

Winner

GECCO 2012 Demolition Derby Competition



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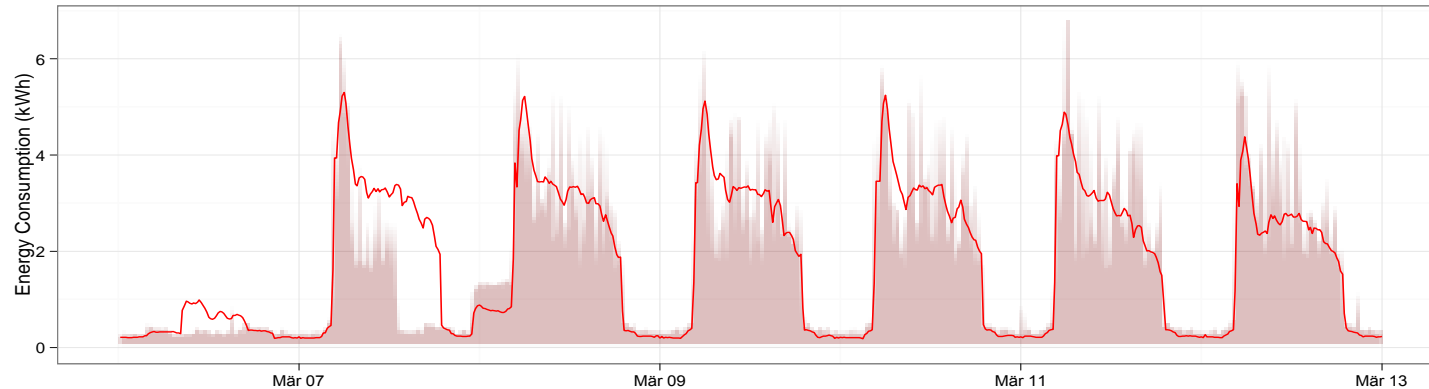



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Industrial Challenge



Rank	Author	Score (RMSE)				
		M1S1	M1S2	M2S1	M2S2	Mean
1	Stephan Hutterer	0.8792	0.8976	0.5733	0.5896	0.7349
2	Torsten Hildebrandt	0.8620	0.8996	0.5814	0.6158	0.7397
3	Jens Heger	0.8719	0.9202	0.5720	0.6291	0.7483
4	Gabriel Kronberger	0.9514	0.9305	0.6608	0.6217	0.7911
5	<i>GreenPocket GmbH</i>	1.1516	1.1963	0.6898	0.6043	0.9105
6	Stephan Winkler	0.9728	1.1860	0.6724	0.8368	0.9170

Stephan Hutterer (University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria)



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Humies



2012 “Humies” Human-Competitive Results Awards

\$10,000 in prizes
Sponsored by Third Millennium On-Line
Products, Inc.
(and thanks to John Koza)

Judges for 2012

- Wolfgang Banzhaf
- Erik Goodman
- Una-May O'Reilly
- Lee Spector
- Darrell Whitley

Entrants must have published result within the past year, and satisfied one or more of 8 specified human-competitive criteria.

NOTE: This is a very difficult job, comparing apples to oranges, on many criteria. Many submissions deserve recognition, but not all can win.

Honorable Mention

Two awardees (in alphabetical order):

Honorable Mention

- Uday Kamath
- Amarda Shehu
- Kenneth A. De Jong

Genetic Programming Based Feature Generation
for Automated DNA Sequence Analysis

Honorable Mention

- Ernesto Sanchez
- Giovanni Squillero
- Alberto Tonda

**Automatic Generation of Software-based
Functional Failing Test**

Bronze Award (and \$2,000)

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- Michael Dewey-Vogt
- Stephanie Forrest
- Claire Le Goues
- Westley Weimer

Scalable Human-Competitive Software Repair

Silver Award (and \$3,000)

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- Richard A.J. Woolley
- Julian Stirling
- Philip Moriarty
- Natalio Krasnogor
- Adrian Radocea

Automated probe microscopy via evolutionary optimization at the atomic scale

Gold Award (and \$5,000)

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- Cameron Browne

Evolutionary Game Design

Impact Award



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Mauro Birattari, Thomas Stuetzle, Luis Paquete, Klaus Varrentrapp. A Racing Algorithm for Configuring Metaheuristic.

Best Paper Awards



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