Elsevier, the publisher of the journal *Ultrasonics*, will again sponsor the *R W B Stephens Prizes* at the *ICU’2011*. This competition honors the memory of Professor R W B Stephens (1902–1990) who was active in starting the *Ultrasonic International (UI)* conferences and who contributed greatly to their success. During his lifetime he was recognized as a great teacher who taught and inspired generations of students in acoustics and ultrasonics.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the presenters of up to five of the most outstanding papers (oral or poster) given at *ICU’2011* by a student or recent graduate (if the paper is based on the presenter’s dissertation research) as determined by a panel of distinguished judges covering a broad diversity of ultrasonics topics. The chair of the Prize Committee is Prof Wolfgang Sachse, Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Ultrasonics*.

All entrants for the *R W B Stephens Prizes* must be registered at the *ICU’2011* Registration desk by closing time on Sunday, September 4th. The sign-up sheet will require the following information:

1. Name of the entrant
2. Title of the Paper
3. Conference Paper Number
4. Mentor or Faculty Advisor
5. School or university where the research was carried out
6. Date of diploma/degree or expected completion date

The total prize money is 1500 EUR. The awards will be announced at the conference Farewell Party on Thursday, September 8th, after 16:45.

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