This year, AAAI’s National Conference on Artificial Intelligence honors two papers that exemplify high standards in technical contribution and exposition. During the blind review process, members of the Program Committee recommended which papers to consider for the Outstanding Paper Award. The Senior Program Committee reviewed these recommendations, and nominated the finalists to the Program Chairs, who selected the winning papers.

**Outstanding Paper Awards**

Model Counting: A New Strategy for Obtaining Good Bounds
*Carla P. Gomes, Ashish Sabharwal, and Bart Selman*

Towards an Axiom System for Default Logic
*Gerhard Lakemeyer and Hector J. Levesque*

**Outstanding Program Committee Members**

The AAAI-06 Program Committee Cochairs would like to recognize the following members of the AAAI-06 Program Committee for their distinguished service on the committee. These individuals used extreme care, thoughtfulness, thoroughness, and diligence in the execution of their duties while serving on the Program Committee.

Outstanding Senior Program Committee Member
*Brian Williams, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

Outstanding Program Committee Members
*Ernie Davis, New York University*
*Rosemary Emery-Montemerlo, Stanford University*