The **2016 ACM Transactions on Multimedia Computing, Communications and Applications (TOMM) Nicolas D. Georganas Best Paper Award** is provided to the paper "**Cross-Platform Emerging Topic Detection and Elaboration from Multimedia Streams**" (TOMM vol. 11, Issue 4) by **Bing-Kun Bao**, **Changsheng Xu, Weiqing Min and Mohammod Shamim Hossain**.

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In recent years, various methods have been proposed to detect emerging topics on single media platform and achieved significant improvement. Despite these developments, there still exists a gap to extend single platform topic detection to cross-platform topic detection, due to the significantly increased difficulties from different properties of platforms and the multimodalities of social data. The winning paper introduces an integrant framework by proposing a novel robust co-clustering method to simultaneously co-cluster the multi-modal data from three media platforms, respectively. The key innovations of this paper are: 1) The problem studied is emerging. It is widely known that event detection is among the most challenging problems in multimedia research. This work is related to real-world scenario that involves multiple typical platforms like microblog, news portal and image sharing website; 2) The idea is innovative and practical. Authors exploit the best of all common platforms to deliver a robust method of emerging topic detection and elaboration; 3) The contribution of this paper is beyond the multimedia community. Though the proposed co-clustering method is for topic detection in this paper, it also can be extended to data mining, computer vision and artificial intelligence communities.

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