



The Society for Experimental Mechanics, Inc.
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2010 SEM Annual Conference International Student Paper Competition

The Society for Experimental Mechanics has sponsored a student technical paper competition over the past 19 years. Students representing universities from across the United States as well as overseas have competed. The popularity of this competition has grown to the point that in recent years we have been unable to accept many worthy submittals due to space restrictions. Therefore the format for the 2010 competition has been revised to accommodate a greater number of student participants. Specifically, the 2010 SEM Annual Conference & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics, to be held 7-9 June 2010 in Indianapolis, Indiana, will feature both a Student Paper Competition as well as a Student Poster Session. The International Student Paper and Poster (ISPP) sessions will be developed as follows:

By **2 March 2010**, e-mail your application, which should include:

Name
University
Class
Mailing Address
Telephone
Fax (if available)
Email
Research Advisor with his/her email (if applicable)
Title of proposed poster/paper

To this email, attach a two (2) page extended abstract explaining the topic of your proposed poster/paper to: **shari@sem1.com**. Further instructions regarding preparation of your abstract are posted on the SEM website (<http://sem.org/CONF-AC-TOP.asp>).

A committee will review all abstracts submitted. You will be notified via e-mail by **8 April 2010** if your abstract is accepted for presentation or not. If accepted, the message will also indicate whether your abstract has been accepted for presentation during the poster session or during the paper competition session. All accepted abstracts (i.e., those presented during either the poster or paper sessions) will be included in the Conference PROCEEDINGS. **Only papers accepted for oral presentation will be judged and eligible for prizes.**

Further instructions regarding
(a) poster preparation
(b) preparation for the oral paper competition sessions
Will be posted on the SEM website.

All students participating in the ISPP sessions will receive complimentary registration to the conference. Further, if your paper is selected for the (oral) paper competition, you will also receive a \$200 stipend to

help defray travel expenses and an awards luncheon ticket for the Wednesday, June 9, 2010 All Society Awards Luncheon. Additional funding to support the total costs of attending the conference (transportation, lodging, meals, etc) must be provided by you or by your university.

If you are a full time student and are working on a project, thesis or dissertation study that is at a point that some phase of it can be presented by June 2010, I sincerely encourage you to submit an entry to the ISPP sessions. You will find that these competitions are a very rewarding experience as well as beneficial to further developing your technical communication skills and long-term career goals.

If you have any questions concerning the ISPP sessions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 206-685-6665, e-mail: tuttle@u.washington.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Tuttle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "T".

Dr. Mark E. Tuttle
University of Washington
SEM Past President and
Chairman of the Student Paper Competition Committee