

IACIP Annual Workshop Poster Session and Competition

Dear Members and Friends of IACIP:

The International Association for Chinese Infrastructure Professionals (IACIP) will organize a poster competition at the 4th Annual IACIP Workshop on Saturday, January 11, 2014 in conjunction with the 93rd TRB annual conference. The aim of the poster presentations and competition is to prompt the engagement of students in the activities of the IACIP.

TOPICS AND CONTENT – Posters should be related to transportation infrastructure. Posters should present the original work by the student(s) but may contain content based upon the research conducted under the direction of his or her professor.

ELIGIBILITY – The poster presentations and competition are open to full-time undergraduate and graduate students. Each student may submit only one abstract as the lead author.

SUBMITTAL – Please send the abstract of the poster presentation to Drs. Junliang Tao and Mingjiang Tao at jtao2@uakron.edu and taomj@wpi.edu, respectively, with the subject “IACIP workshop poster presentation”. The deadline for the poster presentation abstract submission is **December 7, 2013**. The abstract should be no more than 400 words. In addition, please include your name(s), university, major, advisor’s name, degree expected, email address, and poster title in the abstract. Final electronic submission of poster presentations is due by **January 1, 2014**, and the individual PPT files of the poster presentations should also be submitted to Drs. Junliang Tao and Mingjiang Tao by the due date.

SELECTION – Participants will be selected from the abstract submittals based on the following criteria: technical content, compliance with rules and regulations, and professionalism. The selection will be performed by a panel. Selected participants will be notified by **December 12, 2013**. Selected presenters must confirm their plan to participate on-site presentations at the IACIP annual workshop.

MATERIALS AND FORMAT OF POSTER – Posters may not be larger than 42 inch by 36 inch and can be oriented in portrait or landscape. An example of the poster format is attached. Poster mounting will be provided at the Workshop. The posters should include the IACIP and TRB logos as included in the sample poster format. Creativity and originality in presenting the technical contents of the posters are encouraged.

A poster should be prepared by a student based on his or her own research work. Student advisor(s) and co-worker(s) may be included as co-authors; however, student(s) must be the lead author(s) and the posters must be presented by the competing students in person at the workshop.

JUDGING – Judging will take place during the poster session at the IACIP workshop. The judging will be based on technical content, ability of the poster to convey technical information, professionalism, aesthetic appeal, presentation quality, ability of the presenter(s) to answer questions, and quality of the poster and presentation as a whole. A judge’s scoreboard sample is included. In the event of tied scores, the judge’s discretion determines the rank of the posters.

AWARDS – Based on the on-site reviews of the presentations, an “IACIP Student Best Poster Award” will be presented to the winner(s) team of the poster competition and announced at the IACIP banquet. In addition, one complimentary IACIP Workshop registration and one complementary admission to the IACIP annual banquet will be provided to each of the posters selected to present at the workshop.

Judge's Score Card

Judging Criteria	Points Awarded	Points Possible
Technical content		20
Ability of the poster to convey technical information		20
Professionalism of the poster and presentation		5
Aesthetic appeal of the poster		5
Presentation quality		20
Ability of the presenter(s) to answer questions about the poster and topic		10
Overall quality of the poster and presentation as a whole		20
Total Score		100

Evaluation of Technical Content

Content of Poster	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Insufficient
Outline is well defined				
Objectives are clear				
Title is representative of objectives				
Arguments or ideas flow in a logical progression				
Facts are presented clearly and accurately				
Hypotheses are identified				
Discussion engages deeper and more complex consideration				

Evaluation of appearance of poster

Appearance of poster	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Insufficient
Title is descriptive				
Graphics support the content				
Graphics are appropriately referenced				
Poster is visually engaging				
Text is clear and effective				
Visual tools are used effectively				