2020 Michael Sutton International Student Paper Competition
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The Society for Experimental Mechanics has sponsored an International Student Paper Competition (ISPC) over the past 29 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 has been revised to accommodate a greater number of student participants.

Students are strongly encouraged to submit papers to both the Student Paper Competition and the general call for papers for the Annual Conference technical program, given that the audience for these two talks will likely be different. These two separate submissions can be on a related research topic with some amount of overlap.

If you are interested in participating in this competition, here are the steps to follow:

1. By November 11, 2019, create a profile account to submit your application. If you already have a profile account then please log in and submit.
   The following information must be included:
   a. Title of proposed paper
   b. Research Advisor with his/her email (if applicable)*
   c. University*
   d. Class*
   e. Mailing Address*
   f. Telephone*
   g. Email
   *In lieu of an abstract please list these items in the abstract area

2. By January 6, 2020 you must upload a two (2) page extended abstract of your proposed paper via the login area on the website using your username and password. The two page (2) extended abstract must be provided as a PDF and uploaded as a zip file. Further instructions regarding preparation of your abstract are posted on the SEM website http://sem.org/annual.

3. A committee will review all abstracts submitted. You will be notified via e-mail by March 9, 2020 if your abstract is accepted for presentation or not. Only papers accepted for oral presentation will be eligible for prizes.

Further instructions regarding preparation for the oral paper competition sessions will be posted on the SEM website.

All students participating in the MSISPC sessions will receive complimentary registration to the conference and an awards luncheon ticket for the Wednesday, June 10, 2020 All Society Awards Luncheon. Further, if your paper is selected for the (oral) paper competition, you will also receive a $200 stipend to help defray travel expenses. 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 2020, I sincerely encourage you to submit an entry to the MSISPC 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 MSISPC sessions, please do not hesitate to contact SEM at: shari@sem.org, or jen@sem.org.

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