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2012 SEM XII International Congress International Student Paper Competition

The Society for Experimental Mechanics has sponsored a student technical paper competition over the past 21 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. Specifically, the 2012 SEM International Congress & Exposition on Experimental and Applied Mechanics, to be held 11-14 June 2012 in Costa Mesa, California, will feature both a Student Paper Competition as well as a Student Poster Session. If you are interested in participating in this competition, here are the steps to follow:

1. By **16 January 2012**, e-mail your application, which should include:
 - a. Name
 - b. University
 - c. Class
 - d. Mailing Address
 - e. Telephone
 - f. Fax (if available)
 - g. Email
 - h. Research Advisor with his/her email (if applicable)
 - i. Title of proposed poster/paper
2. To this email, attach a two (2) page extended abstract 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>).
3. A committee will review all abstracts submitted. You will be notified via e-mail by **15 March 2012** 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. **Only papers accepted for oral presentation will be 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 13, 2012 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 2012, 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 SEM at: shari@sem1.com, or meetings@sem1.com.

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SEM Past President and
Chairman of the Student Paper Competition Committee