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San Jose State University
San Jose, CA
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In conjunction with each of the 2009 Student Professional Development Conferences (SPDC)

CALL FOR PAPERS

2009 Graduate Student Conference (GSTC)



April 17-18, 2009
Washington State University
Pullman, WA
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CONFERENCE PURPOSE

In today's competitive engineering job market, employers and engineering managers are looking for the technical credentials that separate one candidate from another. The District, in keeping with ASME's mission of promoting and enhancing the technical competency and professional well-being of our members, ASME has organized this conference as a forum for ME graduate students to develop their technical credentials and to establish their professional identity. This program is designed to enhance the ability of graduate students and young engineers to compete in an ever more demanding and changing global market place by providing and developing the skills and the demonstrated technical performance that will make them stand out among their peers. In providing conferences such as this, the District also wants to establish a bond between ASME and the young engineer that encourages continued participation in ASME activities, increased use of ASME resources and programs, and reinforces the concept of "ASME for a Lifetime."

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

If you are an undergraduate ME student, attending the GSTC will give you an idea about the type of projects graduate students work on in order to obtain a M.S. or Ph.D. degree. Moreover, if you have any aspirations to go to graduate school, you will have an opportunity to talk to graduate students from other schools in the District and ask them about their experience with the graduate program at their school. If you are a ME graduate student, you can either attend the presentations to learn something new or take an active role by presenting your in-progress or near-completion research work. If you decide to present your work, you can gain invaluable experience by practicing your presentation skills in front of a small and friendly audience before attempting to present your work at national or international conferences. You will probably receive constructive comments from fellow students and other faculty on how you can improve your research results.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Graduate students planning to take part in the 2009 GSTC please E-mail your Abstract to Dr. Debendra Kumar Das, P.E. at ffdkd@uaf.edu by:

San Jose State University GSTC by: **March 20, 2009.**

Washington State University GSTC by: **April 3, 2009**

Include your name, email address, school name, title of presentation, abstract. For your convenience an Abstract Submittal Form is included. Abstracts from previous GSTC sessions can be found on the web at: http://districts.asme.org/DistrictD/GSTC/gstc_index.html.

FUNDING

ASME is providing funding in the amount of up to \$200 per person to help defray some of the cost of travel to the conference site. The first twenty persons who submit an accepted abstract for paper they wish to present at the GSTC will be eligible for this funding.

Abstract and Presentation Guidelines

Preparing the Abstract

- 1 Remember to include your name, advisor's name, school and department name, and title of the presentation at the beginning of the page.
- 2 Limit the body of your abstract to about 10 typed lines (single spaced) with 1" page margins on the left and right side.
- 3 Use a font size large enough for readability. Fontsize 12 (or equivalent) is recommended. Font face is your choice. However, many technical conferences provide guidelines preferring Times Roman, Universal, or Sans Serif.
- 4 Limit equations to one or two in the abstract. Use the presentation to go into more detail.
- 5 Use plain text, MS-Word or WordPerfect to format the document for ease sending it by email.
- 6 Email your abstract to [Dr. Debendra K. Das](#) as early as possible. All abstracts are posted on the North American Pacific District Website.

Preparing the Presentation

- 1 Prepare transparencies and/or Power Point slides for LCD projection. Do not include too much information on the slide, it should only summarize the information you are discussing. Use figures, charts, and pictures to support what you say.
- 2 Make [Dr. Debendra K. Das](#) aware of any special equipment or other needs that you have as soon as possible but not less than 2 weeks before the event.
- 3 Official time limit for presentation is 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes of question & answer session.



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GSTC Venue (Check One Only)

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Washington State University

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