



Guidelines for Presenters

2007 SIAC Student Paper Competition

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Scheduling

Presentations are *tentatively* scheduled to start on Friday, April 13th, at 12:15 in room 175 Science Hall. There will be five presentations scheduled between April 13th and May 4th, ideally on Fridays. The *specific* time and location of the presentations will be determined as we look at the class schedules of the presenters, and faculty judges. You will be notified ASAP as to the time and location of your presentation.

Scoring

Your presentation will be judged on two broad areas by a faculty committee: content and delivery. Specifically, the content of your presentation will be judged on organization (problem statement, objectives, approach, results, and conclusions), appropriateness for the audience, methodology (soundness of the research approach), and the potential for conversion to a journal paper or national award. The delivery of your presentation will be judged on the quality and appropriateness of your visual aids, style (eye contact, ability to engage the audience), timeframe (30 minutes max), and responses to questions.

Format

You are allowed up to 30 minutes for your presentation. Do not exceed the allocated time! Each session will follow this agenda:

1. Announcements and housekeeping (Jim Lacy, 5 minutes)
2. Introduction of speaker (Jim Lacy)
3. Student Presentation (30 minutes max)
4. Questions (5-10 minutes)

Audience

The size of the audience is difficult to predict, but it is typically on order of 20 people with broad interests in geospatial technology. Although open to the public, the audience usually consists of faculty, graduate students, and to a lesser degree, undergraduate students.

Logistics

An LCD projector and laptop with MS PowerPoint 2003 will be available. Network access may be possible if requested. Please notify Jim Lacy of your specific requirements in advance of your presentation.

Other Frequently Asked Questions

1. The title says student “paper” competition. Do I need to submit a paper as well?

No, it is not necessary to write a paper specifically for the competition. We assume the subject of your presentation is contained in an existing paper or thesis. You will be judged on an oral presentation only.

2. Can I see examples of past winners’ abstracts and presentations?

Yes, visit the SIAC website at www.siac.wisc.edu to view abstracts and presentations from past competitions.

3. If I win, how will I receive the cash award?

A check (\$100 first place, \$75 second place, \$50 third place) will be distributed after making arrangements with Conni Fialkowski at the State Cartographer’s Office.

If you have questions, please contact Jim Lacy at 262-6850 or lacy@wisc.edu. I am happy to meet with you in person if you have any questions.