

Travelling Fellowship

The aim of this programme is to encourage the professional development of outstanding young engineers by:

- facilitating their attendance at the FISITA 2008 World Automotive Congress.
- providing technical tours of the host country's automotive industry
- offering an opportunity for interaction with peer engineers from a wide range of countries.

We will welcome young engineers and foreign students under the age of 35 to Munich for duration of two weeks from 08 - 19 September 2008.

The first week will consist of visits to various automotive industry sites. During the second week participants will join the student congress to spend time with other students.

1.1 Rules

1. Applicants must be under the age of 35 at the start of the FISITA 2008 Congress.
2. The FISITA Travelling Fellowship Programme will operate for two-week period: one week before the FISITA Congress (08 -13 September) and one week during the FISITA Congress (14 - 19 September).
3. Selection of candidates for the Travelling Fellowship Programme is the responsibility of FISITA national member societies, which use their own criteria for the initial selection process. Each national member society is invited to submit 3 candidates (*maximum*) to VDI by 31 March 2008. It is strongly advised that the selection is based on personal interviews.
4. VDI may contact all member societies and ask for guidance before making a final decision. The result of the selection will be sent to each national society by early May 2008.
5. Fellowship may be awarded only once to any individual. A limited number of participants are eligible to be selected from each country.
6. The registration fee includes all technical visits, transport for all visits, selected meals, accommodation, and admission to certain main congress events.
7. Each national society is responsible for travel costs to and from Munich.
8. Travelling Fellows will be asked to present a paper and, if necessary, to act as session chairmen at the Student Congress.
9. Travelling Fellows must:
 - demonstrate high technical, professional or managerial skills.
 - have the personality and the ability to represent the national member society and the automotive sector of his/her country.
 - have the nationality of the sponsoring society's country.

1.2 Application Process and Technical Papers

1. Application forms must be completed (including an abstract of not more than 10 lines) and sent directly to the national member society. Please check deadline information with your national member society. Application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.fisita2008.com/students/fellowship>
2. National member societies contact the applicants to inform them if they have been selected as a candidate from the society (selection may involve personal interview).
3. National member societies forward the application forms (after completing part 2 of the form) to VDI via e-mail by 31 March 2008.
4. VDI selects travelling fellows and notifies candidates by early May 2008 (paper guidelines will be also be provided).
5. All travelling fellows must submit their final papers by 13 June 2008 via e-mail to VDI. Papers should be written in English with a standard length of between 6 to 8 pages.
6. The technical content and topics of the paper should be broadly in line with the congress topics:
 - Vehicle Concepts
 - Man-Machine-Interaction
 - Chassis Development For Passenger Cars, Trucks And Buses
 - Body Design For Passenger Cars, Trucks And Buses
 - Advanced Interior Design
 - Electronics in Automotive Engineering
 - Components for Future Powertrain Solutions
 - Vehicle Concepts
 - Vehicle Safety
 - Resources, Economy & Ecology
 - Virtual Reality
 - Simulation & Testing
 - Quality, Reliability and Availability
 - Research and Industrial Services

For more details on the congress topics, visit: <http://www.fisita2008.com>

7. Awards for the best three papers will be presented at the Student Congress and at the Closing Ceremony of the main Congress.
8. Written materials associated with the Student Congress will be made available to VDI.

1.3 Time-Table

31 March 2008	Deadline for application from FISITA member societies or educational institutions to VDI
Early May 2008	Notification of acceptance to applicants and the member societies
13 June 2008	Deadline for final papers
8 September 2008	Start of Travelling Fellowship Programme
14 September 2008	Start of the Student Congress
19 September 2008	Closing Ceremony of the FISITA Congress

1.4 Contact

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