

Student Congress

The Student Congress aims to:

- provide an opportunity for students to meet in a technical forum with their peer group from other countries world-wide,
- enable students to attend the international FISITA 2008 World Automotive Congress in Munich,
- provide an opportunity for students to present technical papers.

The FISITA Student Congress runs parallel to the FISITA 2008 World Automotive Congress from 14 -19 September at the ICM (International Congress Center, Munich). Participants attend the Student Congress and also parts of the main congress such as the Plenary Sessions.

1.1 Rules

1. The Student Congress is open to all higher education students – Bachelors, Masters or Postgraduate degrees.
2. The participants must be full time students.
3. The Student Congress will operate for 2 or 3 days in the afternoon, in parallel with the main FISITA 2008 Congress technical sessions.
4. All applicants must come through their FISITA national member society or educational institution. All applications must be sent to VDI by 31 March 2008. "Participants" will be selected on the basis of their applications by the FISITA 2008 Student & Young Engineers Committee. A limited number of participants will be selected from each country. The result of selection will be informed to each national member society or educational institution by early May 2008.
5. The travel costs to and from Munich must be covered by each participant, his/her national member society or educational centre.
6. The registration fee for the Student Congress includes accommodation, all activities that are planned for the Student Congress, and admission to certain parts of the main congress.
7. All participants are encouraged to present a paper at the congress and abstracts (a 10 line summary of the proposed paper) should be submitted at the same time as applications.

1.2 Application Process

1. Contact your national FISITA member society or the professor of the automotive department at your university and ask them for approval to apply for the Student Congress by signing your application form.
2. Send your completed application form and abstract (not more than 10 lines) via e-mail to fisita2008@vdi.com by 31 March 2008. An application form can be downloaded from <http://www.fisita2008.com/students/congress>
3. The FISITA 2008 Student & Young Engineers Committee will select a limited number of participants. All applicants will be informed of the selection in early May.

Paper guidelines will also be provided.

4. Successful applicants will be asked to submit their final papers to: fisita2008@vdi.de by 13 June 2008.

1.3 Submitting Paper

1. 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>

2. Papers may be written individually or by a working pair (two students). The content of the papers may as well be projects or reports students would normally carry out during their studies.
3. Successful applicants will be asked to submit their final papers. Papers should be written in English with a standard length of between 6 to 8 pages.
4. Papers must be submitted via e-mail to fisita2008@vdi.de
5. Submitted papers will be reviewed and the result of the selection will be communicated before the beginning of August 2008. Selected students will be asked to present their papers "orally" (presentation time will be 10-15 minutes) at the Student Congress in Munich.
6. Awards for the best three papers will be presented at the Student Congress and at the Closing Ceremony of the main Congress.
7. Written materials associated with the Student Congress will be made available to VDI.

1.4 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 or educational institutions
13 June 2008	Deadline for final papers
Early August 2008	Selection of Papers for 'oral' presentation
14 September 2008	Start of the Student Congress
19 September 2008	Awards presented at Closing Ceremony of the FISITA Congress

1.5 Contact

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