Participants are cordially invited to submit abstracts for the 2015 CIB W099 conference, which is being held at the Ulster University, Jordanstown Campus, Northern Ireland on 10th & 11th September 2015. The conference theme and title is, “Benefitting Workers and Society through Inherently Safe(r) Construction”.

Conference Sub-Themes:
- Safe and Healthy Work as a positive social function
- Prevention Through Design/ Inherently Safe(r) Designs
- Safety and Health in Developing Nations
- Ethical and Moral Challenges/ Social and Societal Responsibility
- Towards Vision Zero
- Education, training, continuous improvement and learning
- Workers conditions and quality of life
- Opportunities for creativity and innovation
- Social performance and construction health and safety
- Communicating safety and health

Please Note: If your paper doesn’t fit the main conference theme or any of the sub-themes contact the organisers for advice. You may still be able to submit an abstract in a related field. We are interested in construction in its broadest sense, including for example, conventional and unconventional energy production and the extractive industries.

Abstract Submission
Submit abstracts to c.mcaleenan@ulster.ac.uk and behmm@ecu.edu by 31st January 2015.

Conference outcomes
The organising committee believes that conferences of this nature should consider the relevance and impact of the research reported upon. Accordingly the conference will seek answers to the following questions:
- How well does education, training, and professional development prepare design professionals in the provision of inherently safe(r) designs
- how can the research into safety and health deliver improvements in workers conditions and their quality of life
- what progress towards achieving vision zero is likely to be brought about from current OSH research across all jurisdictions
what are the opportunities for creativity and innovation in the delivery of safe design
how can gender equality, cultural diversity and inclusivity be promoted in the design of safe(r) workplaces
are the ethical and moral challenges understood around the globe and addressed appropriately in OSH research projects?

Timeline

31 January, 2015 Abstracts due
16 February, 2015 Notification of abstract acceptance and comments
2 March, 2015 Scientific and Technical Committee (Session Chairs) invited and finalised
16 March, 2015 Student papers due if they are applying for a bursary (see below)
30 March, 2015 Full de-identified paper due (website submission to be established)
1 May, 2015 Reviews and comments of paper returned to author with decision of:
  • Accept with minor revisions and final review by Session Chair;
  • Possible acceptance with major revision and second full review; or
  • Reject.
1 June, 2015 Second revision of paper due
22 June, 2015 Notification of final paper acceptance or rejection
10 July, 2015 Final camera-ready paper due
31 July, 2015 Normal registration ends, and late registration period begins

Bursaries

For CIB W099 2015, sponsorship permitting, up to 3 bursaries will be available for good quality papers submitted with registered students as the first author. The bursary is to encourage participation from students who would otherwise find it difficult to travel to the conference or pay the registration fee. CIB W099 will provide the registration fee and will also make a contribution towards the expenses upon submission of evidence that travel and accommodation has been booked. All papers with a student as first author will be considered for the bursary and after shortlisting the Awards Committee will request the necessary supporting documents from eligible candidates. The bursary will not be released until evidence of conference registration and travel booking has been forwarded to the conference organisers.

Selected papers to ICE Journal

In 2016 the Institution of Civil Engineers journal, Management Procurement and Law will publish a special edition on Occupational Safety and Health. Reviewers will be asked to recommend whether any of the papers submitted for the Belfast conference are worthy of consideration by the MPL editorial board. Selected papers will need to be revised according to Management Procurement and Law guidelines and substantially re-written. Authors should notify the conference organiser if they would like their paper considered for this Special Issue.

Back to back with ARCOM Conference

Please note that the dates for this conference has been organised to run back to back with the ARCOM conference, which is running on the 7th to 9th September 2015 in Lincoln, a short flight away from Belfast (FlyBe operates a direct flight to Belfast City from East Midlands Airport (approximately 1 hour away from Lincoln)).

Details regarding ARCOM Conference are available at http://www.arcom.ac.uk.

Contact Information

For further information about the conference visit the designated website at http://www.cibw099.com/2015belfast.html, or

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You can find more information on the activities of CIB W099 here.