

IEEE REGION 8 STUDENT PAPER CONTEST 2011

Invitation

Dear IEEE Region 8 Student Memembers,

Dear Student Branch Chairs, dear Student Branch Counselors,

You are invited to participate in IEEE Region 8 Student Paper Contest 2011 activities. The deadline to send full papers for the IEEE R8 SPC2011 is 15 December 2010.

Main Goals of SPC activities

IEEE Region 8 Student Paper Contest (SPC) is a traditional, long lasting **academic, technical and student activity in Region 8**. SPC was and is an important IEEE topic in many aspects, just to mention some of them: (a) SPC is an excellent occasion for personal leadership and strong involvement of student members in a prospective IEEE scientific/technical activity; (b) SPC is a very good reason and chance for activating and keeping active Student Branches; (c) it makes possible further promotion of IEEE among students; (d) it is a nice possibility for IEEE members with non-student grades - the SPC Committee (Jury) members, their colleagues (associate reviewers), Student Branch Counselors, professors - student mentors and many other to be involved and to participate in such an interesting IEEE student activity.

General

Once each year, each Student Branch (SB) may hold and organize a local Student Paper Contest under its own responsibility. The organization of local SPC generally means that contest should be announced publicly in advance and that all submitted papers are to be locally reviewed by qualified specialists. Additionally, all Region 8/Sections/Chapters supported and/or co-organized IEEE Conferences, having student papers sessions included in their programs, could and should also be used to get additional proposals for SPC. As long as a SB is formally supporting and accepting any type of a student papers contest activity, it is in line with the existing SPC rules. Student Branch Counselors should be fully involved in all local SPC activities, as well as all other local IEEE officers (section chairs, chapter chairs, student activities officers, members of executive committees, ...).

The winner(s) of each Student Branch Contest may compete for the Region 8 Contest, held within the Region 8 limits. A Student Branch may submit one paper per every 100 student branch members or part thereof, with a maximum of three papers per SB.

Who could participate ?

Each student author must be a member of an IEEE Student Branch at the time of the original submission of the paper to the Branch Contest, and a member (student or not) of the IEEE at the time of the oral presentation. Only the students could be the authors.

The work presented has to be completed before the student receives the engineering degree that entitles him/her to start preparing a doctoral thesis. The submission of the paper to the Region 8 SPC must be completed within 12 months after graduation. A doctoral thesis is not considered.

Character of the papers

Papers should cover technical and engineering aspects of a subject reasonably within or related to the areas with which the IEEE is concerned with.

The work need not be original in engineering content, but should be original in treatment and concise in coverage of the author's contribution to the subject.

Deadline and additional information

The deadline for the IEEE Region 8 Student Paper Contest 2011 is **15 December 2010**. Papers submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. **For more information, please consult the attached SPC rules.**

Jury, finalists, oral finals and prizes

An international jury will grade the written papers without knowledge of the identity of the authors and of their school, and will decide which six papers will be accepted for presentation at the oral finals. Six finalists will be invited and financially supported to present their papers at IEEE Eurocon 2011 Conference, April 25-27, 2011, Lisbon, Portugal. The papers will be published in Eurocon 2011 Conference Proceedings and included in IEEE Xplore Database. Three best finalists will get prizes from the IEEE Life Member Fund.

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