



CALL FOR PAPERS – STUDENT COMPETITION

1st Prize: Trip to 8th International Conference in Yokohama, Japan in September, 2006!!!!



as part of **2005 North American Geosynthetic
Society (NAGS)-Geosynthetic Institute (GSI) Conference**
December 14-16, 2005
Las Vegas, Nevada

Yokohama, Japan

Letter of Intent and Abstract Deadline: May 31, 2005

The North American Geosynthetic Society (NAGS) invites submission of abstracts for student papers related to geosynthetic at the NAGS 2005/GRI-19 Joint Conference to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. This call for abstracts relates to the NAGS portion of the conference only.

Eligibility:

- Students should have been registered full-time in an engineering program in the 2005 calendar year.
- The paper submitted by the student should represent their individual research (two co-authors maximum: supervisor and student).
- Separate entries from students of different supervisors, in the same academic department, are acceptable.

Application Procedures:

- Students should submit an abstract (600 word maximum) to Dr. Kianoosh Hatami, Co-Chair (see contact info below). The abstract must contain the title, authors' names, and affiliations, along with fax/telephone and e-mail address of each author. Electronic submission of the abstract in PDF format is required. With this abstract, a letter of intent is required from the student and his/her supervisor, indicating financial support for the student to attend the NAGS conference.
- The technical committee will meet, review the abstracts and select abstracts to be invited to prepare full length paper versions for the competition. Details of paper formatting will be given at this time. Papers will be evaluated on originality of work, clarity of presentation, contribution to profession, and completeness. A maximum of 12 papers will be invited for full paper submission.
- Students will be required to present their papers at the NAGS 2005 Conference in Las Vegas. A combined score from the paper evaluation and oral presentation by the technical committee will decide the winner of the competition.

Prizes:

- The student competitors selected for presentations will receive free student conference registration
- The winner will receive a paid trip to the 8th International Conference in Yokohama, Japan in Sept., 2006
- The papers will appear in the published proceedings of the conference.

Send abstracts to: Dr. Kianoosh Hatami, University of Oklahoma (kianoosh@ou.edu)

For more information on the competition: contact one of the co-chairs of the student competition: Dr. Kianoosh Hatami, University of Oklahoma (kianoosh@ou.edu) or Dr. Craig Lake, Dalhousie University (craig.lake@dal.ca)