Student Paper Competition

Entry Deadline – September 30, 2020

The Noise and Vibration Conference and Exhibition will be hosting a Student Paper Competition. The competition is open to all currently-enrolled full-time graduate and undergraduate university students as well as those who have graduated from a university within the past six (6) months of June 2021.

Students must have a paper accepted as the main author (the author whose name is listed first on the paper) and must be the presenter of the paper at the 2021 Noise and Vibration Conference. Any topic related to vehicle NVH is permitted, as long as the paper is accepted and approved by an appropriate technical session of the SAE NVH Conference. The topic of the work must be related to the field of their study.

The students will present their paper during a judged Student Paper Competition session on Wednesday afternoon during the conference (in addition to presenting the paper in the regular technical session, which will not affect the paper competition scoring). Entrants will be judged directly versus the other participants in the session.

Applicants are invited to submit their abstract of 300 words or less online via the call for papers www.sae.org/nvh no later than September 30, 2020.

Rules of the Competition:
The student who enters the competition (or recent graduate within the past six (6) months) must be the main author and presenter of the paper. Professors, other students, advisors, and industry collaborators may be listed as co-authors and contributors to the paper but may not be the lead author or presenter in the regular technical session.

SAE Membership is recommended but is not mandatory.

The student must enter the same paper as the main author in one of the regular SAE NVH technical sessions and receive approval for the presentation of this paper at the conference prior to be eligible for the Student Paper Competition.
**Judging:**
Wednesday afternoon, June 16 at 4pm (Room TBD)

Judges will listen to the standard 15-minute presentation and follow up with a 5-minute Question & Answer and discussion follow-up related to the paper and presentation. Students should ensure that their paper presentation does not exceed the allocated 15 minutes.

The winning participants will be selected according to the following equally-weighted criteria:
1) Paper quality (according to standard SAE paper evaluation/review criteria)
2) Effectiveness of the judged oral presentation
3) Participant responses and discussion during Q & A follow-up

**Awards:**
Monetary prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and a travel stipend for the 1st place paper based on the SAE paper evaluation/review criteria. The awards will be presented during the Closing Ceremonies on Thursday, June 17.

**Student Paper Competition Chairman**
Pranab Saha & Thierry Bourdon