

Call for Mini-Symposia at ICOSSAR 2009*

<http://www.sc.kutc.kansai-u.ac.jp/icosar2009/>

Organizing a Mini-Symposium

Participants interested in organizing a mini-symposium at ICOSSAR2009 should submit a proposal to the conference organizers by no later than January 1, 2008. Prospective mini-symposium organizers should consider the following items before submitting their proposal.

1. There are typically five presentations in a single session.
2. A mini-symposium is normally composed of no fewer than three sessions on a single topic of substantial current interest and importance in structural safety and reliability.
3. Speakers should be selected primarily for their current contributions to the topic area.
4. Speakers should be as representative of researchers in the area as possible.
5. A mini-symposium organizer may speak in the mini-symposium he or she is organizing.
6. We discourage mini-symposia in which most of the speakers come from the same organization or if all co-authors on the papers being presented in a mini-symposium are from the same organization.

Preparation of the Proposal

The mini-symposium organizer should provide the following information:

Title: Describe the subject of your mini-symposium as accurately and specifically as possible in not more than 10 words.

Organizer: Provide your full name, title, affiliation, address, telephone number, and, when available, fax number and e-mail address.

Summary: Describe your mini-symposium in not more than 100 words. The summary should be written to attract those who specifically work on your topic as well as those who work in related areas. Based on experience, we suggest the following outline:

- Explain the problem area to be addressed by the speakers and why it is important in significant applications.
- Identify current directions of research and methods being developed to solve problems.
- Describe the scope of your mini-symposium.

Speakers: Provide the full name, affiliation, and address of each speaker and the title of his/her presentation.

Submitting the Proposal

If you wish to organize a mini-symposium at ICOSSAR 2009, you are asked to send your proposal, containing the above information, to the conference organizers at

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no later than **January 1, 2008**. In the header of your message, please indicate " ICOSSAR 2009 MINI-SYMPOSIUM PROPOSAL."

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