

Education Agenda



MINERAL SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT HEADS MEETING

Sunday, February 22

9:30 AM – Noon • Hyatt Regency at Colorado Convention Center

EDUCATORS' FORUM

Sunday, February 22

3 – 5 PM • Colorado Convention Center

The SME Council of Education and the SME Education and Professional Development Strategic Committee have decided that the 2009 Educators' Forum should examine issues that influence the number of students who elect to take the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination before college graduation and the present situation of these students taking the extended afternoon session general examination. Are options available to this afternoon session "general" examination? Do we want an option for our students?

Taking and passing the FE examination is a graduation requirement for one mining engineering program (Utah) in the U.S. Other mining and geological engineering programs require that their students take the FE examination. These programs provide a variety of kinds of motivation to take the examination and to pass the examination. A panel of representatives from some of these programs will discuss degree programs' policies and outcomes. Audience participation is expected. Then, the Forum will turn to consideration of alternatives to the current situation where mining, geological, and mineral processing engineering students have only the option of the afternoon portion of the FE examination to be a continuation of the morning session general examination. We will address questions that may arise if SME proposes a discipline-related afternoon session examination such as civil, mechanical, electrical, and industrial engineering currently have. Could/should SME offer a portion called "earth engineering" or a similar name that would include mining, geological, and mineral processing engineering and possibly petroleum engineering problems?

Join us for this Educators' Forum session and add your thoughts to this look into the future of our professions.

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\$15,000

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of the
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2009 SME Preprint Competition

Following are the eligibility requirements and general competition outline.

To be eligible, a SME Division or Committee must have programmed at least five sessions (and a minimum of twenty papers) for the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Paper pre-prints must be received by the SME staff in time for inclusion of the pre-print CD-ROM.

First Prize – \$10,000 Second Prize – \$5,000

will be awarded to the two divisions with the highest and second highest percentage of pre-prints accepted by SME staff in time for inclusion on the pre-print CD ROM.

The full amount of prize money received by the winning divisions must be paid into a scholarship fund of the winning division's choice.

Annual Meeting authors wishing to submit a preprint can retrieve guidelines at: <http://sme2009.abstractcentral.com> send completed preprint to (hardcopy and identical disk only — emailed manuscripts are not accepted) to:

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