



CSCE Construction Division – Update - September 2017

Dear Colleagues,
Construction Division Members,

To increase the visibility of the construction division, we have formed a committee composed of Linda, Farnaz, Sara, Mohamed and Adel.

We have updated the division's website (in both languages: English and French) including the mandate and objectives, the organizational chart, the updated list of division members and an interactive google map for the division members and affiliations:

<https://csce.ca/committees/construction>

We have also decided on the following tasks and ask for your comments and suggestions with respect to them:

1. Reviewing the division's mandate and objectives;
2. Reviewing the information that should appear on the division's website;
3. Engaging members through local chapters, web sites, paper reviews, colloquium, a "Blue Sky" competition and other initiatives.
4. Supporting the CSCE - Construction Division Conferences; (Lloyd and Jeff, please send us your needs)
5. Coordinating the new Moselhi Best Construction Conference Paper Award. Here is the process that we have to follow for this Award: (Urgent task)
 - Put forth a solid business case on the rationale for the award, including the Terms of Reference, eligibility criteria, how often it is to be presented, available funding or sponsorships to support this award going forward, award amount (\$\$\$), etc...
 - This new award and its supporting documentation should be submitted for approval to the CSCE Honours and Fellowships (H&F) Committee. If approved, it will then be forwarded to the Administration Coordinating Committee (ACC) for approval and then ultimately to the Board of Director's (This is not a very quick process, given that meetings of these respective groups occur only at certain times of the year).
 - As nominations for the CSCE Career Awards must be received by **November 15th** of each year, it is highly unlikely that approval of this new award will come before the Incoming Board of Director's meeting in Fredericton, NB in June 2018. Thus, the first award if approved would not be issued until 2019 at the CSCE Annual Conference to be held in Quebec (city TBA).
6. Promoting the student colloquium: through show cases, presentations, workshops. Suggestions for the next colloquium include: sending out the call for posters earlier, e.g. through professors, or the website, identifying as early as possible the students that will present those posters, targeting students who go to the conference anyway, emailing all graduate students directly and not through their advisors, etc...
7. Exploring the scientific feasibility of organizing a "Blue Sky" competition. Proposed date: our next specialty conference in 2019. (Farnaz will prepare a white paper about her experience organizing it in Iran).

8. Promoting continuous research collaborations between Universities and industry through the Construction Industry forum.

If you have any comments or suggestions about any of those ideas or have any new ideas, please let us know. Our objective is to have an initial plan by September 22. We encourage each member to lead or be involved in at least one of these tasks.

Best Regards,

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