

University of Calgary Graduate Student Poster Competition 2007

The Graduate Student Poster Competition was hosted by the CSCE Calgary Section in conjunction with the CSCE dinner meeting on February 15, 2007 at the Blackfoot Inn. U of C graduate students in all areas of civil engineering presented their research work to members of the various professional and academic organizations in Calgary.

Participating U of C Graduate Students:



The annual poster competition had been established in 2003, and in its fifth year it had matured to a well organized and well attended event. This year the poster competition had been organized by the CSCE – U of C Graduate Student Chapter, which was formed by founding chair Chamika Haththotuwa in 2006 and currently comprises 55 student members. The turnout was outstanding: 17 graduate students displayed their research projects in form of a poster. More than 50 engineers of Calgary's booming industry used the opportunity to meet the students and learn about the research activities at the University of Calgary.

The students put tremendous effort into creating their posters. All students made good use of photographs, charts, and illustrations to display their research "at a glance." The research objectives, methodology, and key results of each project were explained very effectively. The students were also well prepared to talk about their research and answer questions from the audience.

A committee of three judges selected the best presentations of the night. The winners are:

- 1st prize: Chamika Haththotuwa
- 2nd prize: Anthony Churchill
- 3rd prize: Agan Nanayakkara
- 4th prize: Mauricio Pinheiro
- 5th prize: Mohamed Sorour
- 6th prize: Anuruddhika Jayasinghe
- 7th prize: Sujeewa Wimalasena
- 8th prize: Carlos Hunte

The CSCE Calgary Section would like to thank the Department of Civil Engineering for their generous sponsorship. We also want to thank the U of C Graduate Student Chapter executives for organizing this event. Last but not least, thanks to all participants for their time and effort spent on preparing the posters and presentations.

Once again the event has proven to be successful in creating a platform for discussion and networking between students and industry.

Kind regards,
Rainer Herzinger
CSCE Calgary Section Chair

Message from Chamika Haththotuwa (Chair, CSCE – U of C Graduate Student Chapter):

"I would like to thank Dr. Brown (Department Head) for providing funding on behalf of the Department of Civil Engineering, and Dr. El-Hacha (Faculty Advisor for the CSCE Student Chapter), Rainer Herzinger (CSCE Calgary Section Chair), CSCE Calgary Section executives, and the CSCE – U of C Graduate Student Chapter executives for investing their valuable time to make this event a success."

Executives of the CSCE - U of C Graduate Student Chapter and the CSCE Calgary Section:



Top row (from left to right):

Rainer Herzinger (Calgary Section Chair), Chamika Haththotuwa (Chair, Graduate Student Chapter), Carlos Hunte (Grad. Representative for Environmental and Water Resource Engineering), Agan Nanayakkara (Vice Chair, Grad. Student Chapter), Dan Dankewich (Calgary Section Vice Chair), Mohamed Sorour (Grad. Rep. for Structural Engineering)

Bottom row (from left to right):

Jennifer He Jianxun (Secretary, Grad. Student Chapter), Sujeewa Wimalasena (Grad. Rep. for Project Management), Mauricio Pinheiro (Treasurer, Grad. Student Chapter), Qiang Li (Grad. Rep. for Geotechnical Engineering), Thamindra Lakshan Wasage (Grad. Rep. for Bituminous Materials Engineering)

Not in photo:

Alex Daniel Perez Cajilema (Grad. Rep. for Structural Engineering), Baohong Yang (Grad. Rep. for Biomedical Engineering)