

November 22, 2007

Dear Colleague,

Thank-you all who have favourably replied to our invitation with a tentative title of your presentation, noting some of you have already emailed us an abstract.

In view of streamlining the data compilation process, we ask everyone to submit an abstract online at the IWBDG website. The direct link to the abstract submission page where a template can be downloaded is at:

<http://www.schulich.ucalgary.ca/civil/IWBDG2008/abstract.html>

Please note that in order to submit an abstract, you will need to pre-register first. Co-authors who are attending the workshop also need to pre-register. This is to allow us to set up our database early on for event planning purposes and for meeting our hotel room booking target.

Multiple submissions at the website are intended for attendees who wish to be considered for the post-workshop meeting at Peoria. Each participant is encouraged to have only one presentation so as to promote maximum participation by everyone.

As a reminder the new deadline for submitting your abstract is **December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. The committee will develop the Workshop programs (Lake Louise & Peoria) soon after.

We'll set the participation fee to cover the meals based on the level and amount of sponsorship we ultimately receive. As soon as the details are finalized, we'll communicate them to you, hopefully by the beginning of next year. Depending on the available funding, we will also develop a fee structure that will strive to help the participants in need of financial support.

We thank you again for your continued support to the IWBDG series of workshops.

Warm regards,

Richard, Mustafa & Joe