



SPE BRAZIL SECTION STUDENT PAPER CONTEST 2017 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The SPE Brazil Section Student Paper Contest 2017 will follow the rules and regulations described in this document.

1.0 Contest Structure

The contest will have two divisions, one for undergraduate students and one for graduate students (Master's and PhD students combined)

2.0 Entrance Requirements

2.1 Contestants must be SPE members in good standing at the time of application and still be in good standing at the date of the contest.

2.2 If the student has already graduated, it must have been less than 12 months before the contest. Thus, a student graduating in October 2016 must compete by October 2017. Students should only present work carried out at the educational level that corresponds with the division in which they are competing, regardless of whether they have gone on to a higher level of education. For example: a student who has earned a bachelor's degree in less than twelve months before the competition, and has proceeded into a Master's degree, can still compete in the undergraduate division but must only present work carried as an undergraduate, if the same student wants to use any work developed during his/her master's, he/she has to compete in the graduate level.

2.3 Each student can only compete in one of the divisions, therefore a student in the situation mentioned in the subitem 2.3 has to choose either the undergraduate level, or the graduate level.

2.4 Students are not required to be a member of a student chapter in order to participate in the contest.

2.5 Final rulings on questionable eligibility will be made by SPE Brazil Section. Direct enquiries to brazil_section@spemail.org

2.6 Multiple abstracts or entries per student will **not** be accepted.

3.0 Entrance and Participation Procedures

3.1 Each participant must adhere to the procedures and deadlines established by SPE Brazil Section and that of this document.

3.2 The participant must submit the abstract (as template provided), the complete paper will not be required.

3.3 Students must provide all that is requested from them by SPE Brazil Section by the deadline provided. Failure to provide a form or paper that is asked of them may result in a forfeit of their place in the contest.

3.4 Contestants must present their work in person and presentations by other communication channels including but not exclusive to telephone and video link will not be permitted. The student who does not attend the event in person will be disqualified.

3.5 Although the presence of the participant is required to be in person, SPE Brazil Section is not committed to provide any kind of financial support to the contestants.

4.0 Rules on Form and Content of Presentation

4.1 Only single-author presentations are eligible. The definition of single- author is a student that has contributed significantly to the presentation even though other researchers or contributors may have been involved. Researchers and contributors, such as supervisors or tutors who assisted the project, must be acknowledged within the presentation but not as an author. Joint projects with other students are not permitted.

4.2 A presentation should present, as completely as possible, the original work of the author in planning the investigation, performing the work, interpreting the results, and preparing the presentation.

4.3 The subject of a presentation must be related to petroleum engineering, which is defined as the application of basic and engineering sciences to the finding, development, and recovery of oil, gas, and other resources from wells.

4.4 A presentation based on course work, including theses and dissertations, is eligible.

4.5 An abstract of the presentation is required even when a formal written paper is not required.

4.6 At time of submission, the work must not have been accepted for publication in an SPE peer-reviewed journal or presented at previous official SPE Regional Student Presentation. (Papers presented at Student Presentation/Paper Contests sponsored by universities, SPE sections, or other organizations are allowed.)

4.7 The presentation must be presented in the English language, the official language of SPE.

4.8 The presentation may not exceed 20 minutes and it is suggested that it does not last less than 10 minutes. The time allowed for questions will be at the discretion of the moderator, questions will only be invited from the judging panel, not from the audience.

Tip: The students who have been selected to compete will have between 10-20 minutes for their presentation and that the exact time they will have will be confirmed to them nearer to the contest date once final numbers and the schedule have been determined.

5.0 Judging of Presentations and Selection of Winners

Judges must use the official SPE Student Paper Contest judge score form (found at <http://www.spe.org/students/contest.php>) in evaluating contestants' presentations and must adhere to the following voting procedures:

- The winners are determined by the Moderator who calculates an average of the ranking of contestants on the Official Moderator's Score Card. There is no provision for tie votes; ties must be resolved by the judges. Winners are to be named as follows:
 - If there are six or more contestants in the division, first-, second-, and third-place winners shall be named.

- If there are four or five contestants in the division, only first- and second-place winners shall be named.
- If there are only three contestants in the division, only a first-place winner shall be named.
- Judges feedback should be provided to students where possible to assist them with the continuous development of their presentation skills. It is up to the discretion of the judges and the moderator to decide in what format this feedback is provided.

6.0 Awards

The winners of each division will receive cash prizes. The prize amounts will be allocated as follows:

- In case of three ranked positions in a division:
 - First place: R\$ 1000 (one thousand reais)
 - Second place: R\$ 500 (five hundred reais)
 - Third place: R\$ 250 (two hundred and fifty reais)
- In case of two ranked positions in a division:
 - First place: R\$ 1000 (one thousand reais)
 - Second place: R\$ 500 (five hundred reais)
- In case of one ranked position in a division:
 - First place: R\$ 1000 (one thousand reais)

The winners of each division will receive **extra cash prizes** if they register for the **SPE Latin America and Caribbean Student Paper Contest in 2018**. In case the winners prove their acceptance for the SPE Regional Student Paper Contest 2018 they will receive a bonus of the same amount already won in this contest. That is, R\$ 1000 (one thousand reais) for the first place, R\$ 500 (five hundred reais) for the second place and R\$ 250 (two hundred and fifty reais) for the third place.

The extra prize will be paid, individually for each winner, in the moment that the participant proves its acceptance for the SPE Latin America and Caribbean Student Paper Contest in 2018. A copy of the acceptance e-mail sent by SPE will be consider a valid proof.



In case the SPE Latin America and Caribbean Student Paper Contest in 2018 does not happen for any reason, the extra prize will still be paid for the winners. The payment will be done in the moment of the cancelation of the event.