

Judging Criteria - Technical Abstracts (Conference & Webinar) & Student Posters

Technical Abstracts

Step 1: Based on Committee Vote.

- All submitted Abstracts through the APART system are reviewed and voted on by all Technical Program Committee Members over a 1-2 week period. (There is approx. 20 people reviewing all of the abstracts submitted).
 - If your Abstract submission has very little information in it – there is the potential that it will receive a low score – even if it is a strong topic.
- Abstracts are then ranked from highest to lowest based on committee votes.
- Need about 65 abstracts for the Conference and Webinars. (42 – conference and 12 – webinar and 8-10 backups for the conference and 1-2 backups for the Webinar series).

Step 2: The Technical Program Chair and Vice Chair review all the abstracts.

- Review all abstracts based on high to low score.
- Determine how many abstracts you have in each stream (5 streams).
- Determine if they choose to present at the Conference or Webinar.
- Try to have at least 3 abstracts in each stream. Can't have too many abstracts in one stream – don't want to make it too heavily focused on one stream.
- A presenter is only allowed to present one presentation at the Conference and/or Webinar Series. IPEIA wants to give as many people as possible the opportunity to present.
- No more than 2 presentations from the same Company can be presented at the Conference and/or Webinar Series. **If a company submits multiple abstracts, it does not mean that they are guaranteed two spots in the conference schedule or webinar series. **
- If there is tight competition on some of the final Abstracts being reviewed there are some additional factors that can come into play, such as: how many times have they presented at IPEIA, is their Company a major Sponsor of IPEIA, is their Company an Owner User in the Pressure Industry.

Step 3: Preliminary Accepted/Declined Abstracts.

- Preliminary Accepted emails are sent out to the top 65 presentations (based on the above criteria).
- Declined Abstracts emails are sent out to the remainder Abstract Submissions.
- The Conference and Webinar schedules are built from the “preliminary accepted” abstracts. It gets built based on topics/streams and not companies – we try to balance it, so that it is evenly distributed and not too heavy on one stream – then the remainder of the presentations are flowed into our Backups for the Conference and Webinar Series.

Step 4: Final Acceptance and Backup.

- If your presentation has made it onto the Conference Schedule – you will receive an email from IPEIA with all of your registration details.
 - For the Webinar Schedule, IPEIA works with the Presenters to determine availability to present as well as trying to match up presentations that complement each other for that month.
- If your presentation has been allotted as a Backup – you will receive an email from IPEIA confirming with you that your presentation is a Backup.

Student Posters

Step 1: Based on Committee Vote.

- All submitted Student Abstracts through the APART system are reviewed and voted on by all Technical Program Committee Members and Education Committee Members over a 1 week period. (There is approx. 25 people reviewing all of the abstracts submitted).
 - If your Abstract submission has very little information in it – there is the potential that it will receive a low score – even if it is a strong topic.
- Abstracts are then ranked from highest to lowest based on committee votes.
- Need 3 Student Abstracts for the Conference and 1 Backup.

Step 2: The Technical Program Chair and Vice Chair do final review.

- Review all Student abstracts based on high to low score.
- If the Student has presented before or not at the Conference.
- If the competition is tight or scores are tied – Students school name can play a role in the final decision, to ensure that IPEIA is showing variation among the schools.

Step 3: Accepted/Backup/Declined Abstracts.

- Accepted emails are sent out to the top 3 Student Abstracts (based on the above criteria).
- Backup email is sent to the Student Abstract chosen as the Backup.
- Declined Abstracts emails are sent out to the remainder of the Student Abstract Submissions.

Additional Notes

- A person can submit as many Abstracts as they would like during the Call For Content. Every abstract is voted on no matter the Presenter or Company name. There is the possibility that you can have a chosen Abstract for the Conference and one for the webinar series (Example: If you submitted 3 Abstracts for the Conference and 2 score high – IPEIA will ask if you would like to present one at the Conference and one for the Webinar series).
- If a company submits multiple abstracts, it does not mean that they are guaranteed two spots in the conference schedule or webinar series.
- **Back Up:** Due to uncontrolled circumstances, IPEIA may lose 5-10 conference presenters due to health, other commitments that take priority, or they can't travel due to work – which is why it is so important for IPEIA to have committed Backup Presenters in place to fill these spots. It does happen as well that at the conference that a presenter falls ill, has an emergency situation arise, travel challenges, etc. so we need to ensure that we have backups available onsite at the conference to fill in these gaps and that we do not leave empty rooms for our members. Backup Presenters must register for the conference and be in attendance.
 - If they are requested to present during the conference, they will receive a refund of the difference of the full registration amount to the discounted Presenter rate.
 - If they are not requested to present during the conference, they will automatically be approved to be a presenter at the next conference.

- IPEIA typically receives well over 100 abstract submissions for the Conference and Webinar series each year. We have limited spots available at the conference and for webinars. IPEIA “Preliminary Accepts” abstracts based on a number of criteria ([IPEIA - Call for Presentations](#)). All decisions for programming are based on the final presentations review process. Presenters will be notified if their presentation is approved and scheduled for the conference or webinar series or if they were selected as a BACKUP presentation.