

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Local Organizing and Scientific Committees, as well as the Coastal Research Center (Forschungszentrum Küste, FZK), we are delighted to announce the **Student Paper Competition** for the **8th Coastal Structures** conference to be held in **September 30th – October 2nd, 2019, in Hannover, Germany**. The Student Paper Competition recognizes top research from undergraduate and graduate students presented at Coastal Structure 2019.

ELIGIBILITY

- All student presenters must be registered attendees of the Coastal Structures 2019 conference.
- The student must be the first author and must present the paper at the conference.
- One paper per student in the competition.
- Abstract and paper must be accepted for publication in the conference proceedings.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

There will be two rounds of evaluation to ensure that we will be able to announce the winners at the farewell banquet at the conference. Prior to the conference, all papers will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Overall quality, originality and effort in the research work
- Literary quality of the paper.
- Technical value of the research.
- Creativity and innovation, key contributions.

The highest scoring papers will move on to the next round and will have their oral presentation evaluated at the conference. The number of papers that move to the next round is at the discretion of the competition committee and will depend on the total applications received. Applicants will be notified via email if their paper moves on.

The presentations will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Clear introduction to the topic/research objectives.
- Clear presentation of the research work, methodologies, innovations and contributions.
- Discussion of research findings.
- Overall quality of presentation (content and quality of slides and of oral presentation).

The winners will be determined by the overall scores. The paper evaluation will have a weight of 50% and the presentation will have a weight of 50%. The three highest ranked papers will receive prizes. All prizes will be gift vouchers: 1st prize 200€, 2nd prize 100€ and 3rd 50€.

Students will have the option to opt into the Student Paper Competition as part of the *FULL PAPER SUBMISSION*. For more information regarding the conference, please visit our website at www.coastalstructures2019.com. **The abstract submission deadline is January 15th, 2019**. An abstract template is provided at www.coastalstructures2019.com.

Sincerely Yours,

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