

STAPP CALL FOR PAPERS

56th STAPP CAR CRASH CONFERENCE®

Hyatt Regency
Savannah, Georgia
October 29-31, 2012

Abstract Submission Deadline – February 28, 2012

The Stapp Conference Advisory Committee invites abstracts of prospective papers for consideration in planning the 56th Stapp Car Crash Conference and Journal. Papers are desired on research in impact/injury biomechanics and related fields, including analyses of real-world crash and injury data and development of injury assessment tools, that advance knowledge pertaining to human injury causation and lead to improved countermeasures for injury and fatality reduction. In addition to research and developments concerned with injuries to motor vehicle occupants and pedestrians, papers on studies dealing with sports-related injuries and injuries in military environments are welcome. Papers are also invited on crash avoidance technologies that offer potential to further enhance occupant crash protection.

Abstracts may be submitted at anytime and, if approved, invited papers will be reviewed throughout the year and presented at the appropriate Conference upon receiving final approval by the reviewers. Early submission of abstracts is strongly encouraged. Prospective authors will be notified within two weeks of receipt of their abstract as to whether their paper is invited for review, thereby allowing authors to submit manuscripts early. Doing so will allow more time for authors to comply with reviewer comments.

Abstracts for paper offers must include the following:

1. a tentative title for the paper
 2. author information (name, affiliation, address, phone, fax, and e-mail)
 3. a one-page abstract **submitted as a Microsoft Word file (.doc)** that clearly
 - defines the problem that the study addresses
 - states the objective of the study
 - outlines the methodology used
 - states explicitly the data to be included in the paper, and
 - summarizes the key results and conclusions of the study
- ✓ Invitation of a paper for review is based solely on the abstract so it is important that authors provide clear, descriptive, and specific information by which the paper offer can be evaluated.
 - ✓ All papers submitted for review must include new data and results that will not have been submitted or published elsewhere prior to the Conference.
 - ✓ If a paper on a similar topic has recently been published or submitted for publication, the authors must clarify what is new in the proposed paper that warrants publication in Stapp.
 - ✓ For papers reporting on research involving human or animal subjects, a statement that the methods used have been approved by a properly constituted institutional review board (IRB) must be provided with the abstract. Abstract submissions and paper offers that do not provide this information will not be invited for review by the Stapp Advisory Committee.
 - ✓ Papers offered for consideration at the Stapp Conference and in the *Stapp Journal* must be written in an objective, scholarly, and scientific manner, and must be free of commercialism, advertisement, and product identification.
 - ✓ Papers must be prepared in clear English, and all data must be presented using SI units.
 - ✓ Papers that are judged to meet the standards and requirements of the *Stapp Journal* will be accepted for publication and presentation, and must be presented at the Conference.

Summary of Submission Deadlines

Abstract	February 28, 2012
Initial Manuscript	April 30, 2012
Final Manuscript	September 14, 2012

Submit Abstracts to: Leda L. Ricci, Executive Director, Stapp Conference Advisory Committee, University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, 2901 Baxter Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2150. Authors may also submit abstracts by fax to (734) 647-3330 or by e-mail to leda@umich.edu. If you have questions regarding abstract or paper submission, please call (734) 936-1114.

Technical Paper Awards

The **John Paul Stapp Award** is offered annually for the Stapp paper presented at the previous year's Conference and Journal that best meets the goals of the Stapp Car Crash Conference and *Stapp Journal* as judged by the members of the Stapp Advisory Committee.

Stapp Student Awards of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500 are presented annually to the three graduate students whose papers are judged by the Stapp Student Award Committee to have made the most significant contributions to the fields of injury biomechanics and injury reduction. Mentors of accepted papers that include significant contributions by a student are invited to describe those contributions in a letter for their student to be considered. The three awards are made at the end of the Conference in which the papers were presented.