

## **First Time International Conference Presenters Program**

The purpose of this program is to encourage first time national presenters. It allows first time presenters to skip the normal vetting process. We administer this program through our chapters. All chapters in good standing are free to participate.

Furthermore, they are free to decide on their own how they will select their first time presenter.

- This is a program for first time presenters.
- Chapters can submit one first time presenter.
- The presenter can be an officer if he or she is a first time international conference presenter; this is chapter's choice.
- Chapters can choose to provide financial support to their speaker; however, should their speaker be a chapter officer, the support cannot be used to pay conference fees which is prohibited by Standing Rule 1.7.

To recap, this program is one designed for first time international conference presenters. Although we administer it by asking the chapters to nominate qualified first time national presenters who can skip the vetting process (hence the working name – chapter unvetted presentations), it is a program for first time international presenters.

Since 2005 we have had 55 presentations through this program and 84% of them have been first time presenters.

### Year # First Time Presenters

2010 8 100%

2009 5 60%

2008 14 93%

2007 13 77%

2006 5 40%

2005 10 100%

If a chapter does not have a first time presenter, but still wants to participate in the conference as a chapter, they can submit a proposal for a Featured Speaker Workshop.