

*ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS*

**The 2009 IRCOBI Conference  
will be held in York, UK, on 9-11 September 2009**

Since 1973, the International Research Council on the Biomechanics of Injury (IRCOBI) has organised an international conference annually. Scientific papers are invited for presentation and inclusion in the IRCOBI Conference and Proceedings on topics in biomechanics of trauma and crash injury research. These papers are subject to review by the IRCOBI Council before final acceptance.

**DEADLINES TO BE OBSERVED**

<b>December 22, 2008</b>	Abstracts due.
<b>January 30, 2009</b>	Authors will be notified of status of abstracts.
<b>April 1, 2009</b>	Complete manuscripts due for review (late manuscripts are subject to rejection without review).
<b>May 18, 2009</b>	Authors will be notified of acceptance, required revisions or rejection.
<b>July 1, 2009</b>	Final manuscripts due.

***ABSTRACT SUBMISSION***

The IRCOBI Council invites abstracts for long and short presentations. A long presentation includes an oral presentation (typically 15 minutes followed by questions) at the conference accompanied by a paper (typically 15 pages) printed in the conference proceedings. A short presentation consists of a short oral presentation, a short paper in the proceedings and a poster to be displayed during the conference. Authors of short presentations are required to be present at their poster for discussion with the conference delegates during the designated programme time. Short papers are, for example, particularly suited for case studies or for presentations of new techniques or methodologies that lend themselves to demonstrations.

Authors are asked to indicate which type of presentation they prefer, but IRCOBI Council reserves the right to designate long or short presentation based on the abstract. Abstract acceptance does not guarantee paper or presentation acceptance. The IRCOBI Council requires that papers offered for consideration **shall not have been published elsewhere** prior to presentation at the IRCOBI conference. Abstracts, papers and presentations must be in English.

Abstracts must cover the following points: Objective, Methods, Data sources, Results, Conclusions, Discussion, Limitations of the study. Additionally it should clearly state what the paper offers that is new in the field. To submit your abstract, please use the abstract submission form that is available on the IRCOBI website ([www.ircobi.org](http://www.ircobi.org)).

***REVIEW PROCESS***

The IRCOBI Council reviews complete manuscripts. Manuscript review is based upon the following considerations: significance and timeliness of the research to biomechanics and crash injury research; study methodology; applicability of the research findings to future studies; the paper's long term reference value; the introduction of new, innovative concepts; the manuscript's clarity; its appropriateness to the IRCOBI audience.

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Upon abstract acceptance, the IRCOBI Secretariat will provide authors with instructions for manuscript and technical poster preparation as well as for oral presentation.

### ***IRCOBI AWARD: BEST PAPER BY A YOUNG RESEARCHER***

The purpose of this award is to encourage young researchers to make research contributions to the field of crash injury research, biomechanics and vehicle safety. Eligible papers will be judged on the basis of advancement of knowledge, the quality of the research and of the written and oral presentations. If there are no suitable papers, the award will not be made. Short presentations are not eligible for consideration.

#### Qualifications

1. The paper should be submitted under the normal review procedure.
2. The researcher must be under 30 years old at the conference date.
3. The researcher must take lead authorship and the level of contribution must be confirmed by the co-authors or the researcher's supervisor in a letter accompanying submission of the manuscript.
4. The researcher must present the paper.

For the latest information and guidelines for application, please visit IRCOBI homepage ([www.ircobi.org](http://www.ircobi.org)). Deadline for applications is 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008.

### ***IRCOBI GRANT PROGRAMME***

The purpose of this grant programme is to encourage attendance and participation by young professionals from low and middle income countries who are beginning their career path or are advanced degree (M.D., Ph.D) students and who are engaged in biomechanical research. Individuals who meet the criteria, as decided by the IRCOBI Council, will receive a grant of 500 Euros and complimentary registration for the full conference (all benefits). Past grantees are not eligible.

Candidates are requested to submit a letter providing the following information: full name and academic degrees; postal and email addresses; phone and fax numbers; if employed, current full-time position and place of employment (with accompanying employer's documentation letter); if a student, the name of university or institute and academic supervisor's written confirmation as to student status; length of time involved in biomechanics or crash injury research; areas of specialisation in biomechanics research; brief description of past studies/projects (if research was published in a peer-reviewed journal or as an official government/university report, give citation). Candidates are also required to submit a 500-word summary of their current research at the time of application.

Deadline for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009.

### ***SUBMISSION TO TRAFFIC INJURY PREVENTION:***

Authors are invited to submit their manuscript to *Traffic Injury Prevention*, IRCOBI's official journal. (However, inclusion in the IRCOBI conference proceedings does not guarantee journal publication.) Further information is given on the IRCOBI website ([www.ircobi.org](http://www.ircobi.org)).