

Call for Papers

48th Stapp Car Crash Conference®

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General Chair

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Gaylord Opryland Resort
Nashville, Tennessee

SUBMISSION SCHEDULE

March 5, 2004	Abstracts due for Advisory Committee review
May 21, 2004	Invited papers due for Advisory Committee peer review
September 13, 2004	Final manuscripts due for publication

The Stapp Conference Advisory Committee invites abstracts of prospective papers for presentation at the 48th Stapp Car Crash Conference and publication in the *Stapp Car Crash Journal*. Papers are desired on research and developments in impact biomechanics, human injury tolerance, and related fields that advance the knowledge of land-vehicle crash injury and occupant protection. All papers accepted for publication in the *Stapp Car Crash Journal* must be presented by an author at the annual conference.

Abstract submissions must include the following information:

1. A title that clearly reflects the objectives and content of the paper,
2. Information for all authors, including name, affiliation, address, phone, fax, and e-mail,
3. An abstract of 200-300 words that
 - states the problem the study attempts to address,
 - states the objectives of the study,
 - describes the methodology used to achieve the objectives,
 - states explicitly the data and results obtained, and
 - summarizes the results and conclusions of the study.

Because paper invitations are based solely on the abstract, it is important that authors provide clear, descriptive, and specific information by which the paper offer can be evaluated. Abstracts that are not accepted by the Committee will not be reconsidered.

Abstracts must be submitted by **March 5, 2004** to: Leda L. Ricci, Executive Director, Stapp Advisory Committee, UMTRI, 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.

Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit a manuscript in final form by **May 21, 2004**, for extensive peer review by members of the Stapp Advisory Committee. Authors should expect to receive comments from reviewers requiring changes to the manuscript and should be aware that **acceptance of an abstract does not guarantee acceptance of a paper**. A Stapp Author Guide will be provided to authors upon acceptance of their abstract. Manuscripts submitted for review must be based on new data, results, and developments that will not have been published elsewhere prior to the Conference and that have not been submitted for publication elsewhere. Papers

must be written according to conventional English usage. All papers must be written in an objective, scholarly, and scientific manner, and must be free of commercialism, advertisement, and product identification. Paper offers must be prepared using SI units.

Authors reporting on research directly involving human or animal subjects are required to provide appropriate acknowledgement that the research was approved by a properly constituted institutional review board or ethics committee. Paper offers that cannot provide this information will not be accepted for consideration by the Advisory Committee.

Paper offers that deal with the development and/or application of mathematical models must comply with the modeling criteria established by the Stapp Advisory Committee. To meet this criteria, papers must provide adequate validation of the model based on experimental data for a range of conditions, and must provide sufficient detail

on the model design and key model parameters for the reviewers to assess the efficacy of the model.

Technical Paper Awards

The **John Paul Stapp Award** is offered annually for the Stapp paper that best meets the goals of the Stapp Car Crash conference as judged by the Stapp Advisory Committee.

Stapp Student Awards of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500 are presented annually to three students who are judged by the Stapp Student Award Committee to have made the most significant contributions to research and developments in the field of impact biomechanics and occupant protection.