Dear CRC Colleagues:

As a part of the Construction Research Congress (http://www.crc2014.gatech.edu/Home.html), May 19-21, 2014 in Atlanta, GA, the ASCE Construction Research Council will be organizing a Ph.D. Student Research Poster Session. Doctoral students are invited to create and display posters highlighting their Ph.D. research in Construction Engineering and Management. The accepted posters are expected to convey new research ideas, and describe research methods and experimental results in detail.

While we will accommodate all poster submissions, due to the limited availability of the members of the jury during the poster session, only the top 20 posters will be considered for the best poster award competition. The selection of the top 20 poster presentations will only be based upon pre-evaluation of the submitted abstracts and not the posters. While all posters are being presented at the CRC PhD Poster Session, the previously selected top 20 will be rigorously reviewed by the members of the jury and among those, the top three will receive the best poster awards.

Abstracts and posters must be submitted according to the guidelines provided below. The poster session is scheduled for Monday May 19th, 6:00-8:00pm. The authors of the top 20 posters are expected to give a short synopsis of their research within 3 minutes, and answer questions posed by the jury, which will be comprised of a group of faculty members. Each student author of the selected best poster awards will present their work during the CRC Business meeting for 3 minutes.

Poster size must be 33.1”×23.4” (ISO A1). Each student will be assigned space on a display board (landscape) to mount the poster. The boards will be available for the mounting of the posters on May 19th, from 5:30pm. Student are expected to remain with their posters throughout the poster session. To participate, please:

a) Email Mani Golparvar-Fard (mgolpar@illinois.edu), CC SangHyun Lee (shdpm@umich.edu), Amr Kandil (akandil@purdue.edu) and Susan Bogus (sbogus@unm.edu) with the following by April 11th, 2014, 5pm EST:
   a. The poster’s title; the author’s name, school, email address, and the advisor’s name in the body of the email; The title of the email to start with [CRC2014 Poster Session];
   b. PDF of an abstract no more than 1 page in length, Time News Roman font size 11, describing (1) problem statement; (2) research objective; (3) research method; (4) preliminary or final results; and (5) scientific contributions and practical significance. The abstract should also have the poster’s title; the author’s name, school, email address, and the advisor’s name.

b) Email PDF of the actual poster (please put the author’s name, school, email address, and the advisor’s name on the poster as well) to Mani Golparvar-Fard (mgolpar@illinois.edu), CC SangHyun Lee (shdpm@umich.edu), Amr Kandil (akandil@purdue.edu) and Susan Bogus (sbogus@unm.edu) by April 25, 2014, 5pm EST.

The “Abstract” submission is required for every submission to be considered for the review process. Those poster submissions with no previously submitted “abstract” will be returned without review and will not be able to participate in the poster session. The due dates above are all hard deadlines. All accepted submissions and the top 20 competing for the best poster award will be notified by May 9, 2014. We will post the PDFs of the accepted posters along with their abstracts to (http://www.crc2014.gatech.edu/Home.html).

Please address any questions to me by email at mgolpar@illinois.edu.