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Global humanitarian conference call for technical papers extended

Technological solutions to cure the world’s greatest human problems still eagerly sought for conference in October

DALLAS (May 8, 2012) - The organizing committee for the IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Conference 2012 has announced their call for papers on technology for the benefit of humanity has been extended for a short period.

“We are still looking for them (papers on technology solutions for the world’s humanitarian needs),” said Keith Moore, co-chair of the conference and senior engineer at the US Army Information Systems Engineering Command in Fort Huachuca, AZ, “so we got a little more time to go.

“For folks still ridding the fence I’m sure they (the vetting committee) will be a little lenient on that. As long as you get us a good-faith pre-read I’m sure they can look at it and tell you whether or not it’s in the right lines or not and give you a little more time to get the full paper in.”

Moore gave details today on conference, recorded by phone from his office and aired on the ScienceNews Radio Network program, the Promise of Tomorrow with Colonel Mason. The program originates in Dallas, Texas, and is now archived and Webcast for its world audience.

“We have a number of sponsors who show up and decide on who they would like to fund,” Moore said on the program. “We have The World Bank there, various organizations and non-government organizations (NGOs) who have donors and funds to allocate, and they’re looking for where they can use their dollars” because there’s a driving need for humanitarian solutions around the world.

Sought are scientists, engineers, technology professionals, academics, foundations, government and non-government organizations, and individuals
engaged in humanitarian work, to discuss and develop solutions for present and future humanitarian needs.

This is the IEEE flagship annual conference on the world’s urgent human necessities and will be held October 21 – 24, 2012 in Seattle, Washington, Sponsored by IEEE Seattle Section, IEEE Region 6 and Engineering for Change.

In following the Conference theme of Technology for the benefit of humanity, topics include [but are not limited to]:

- Power Infrastructure/Renewable/Sustainable Energy
- Technologies (data/voice) for Remote Locations
- Connectivity and Communications
- Power for Off-Grid Users
- Disaster Warning/Response
- Health, Medical Technology and Telemedicine
- Water Planning, Availability and Quality
- Educational Technologies
- Agricultural Technologies
- Humanitarian Challenges and Opportunities

A Conference Proceedings of the accepted papers that have been presented at the symposium will be published and included in IEEE Xplore. Electronic media containing all accepted GHTC 2012 submissions will be distributed to registered attendees.

More information on technical sessions, registration for the conference, hotel reservations and exhibiting is available at the website www.ieeeeghtc.org