1.0 Scope

This policy defines the format of the Stu Hunter Research Conference (SHRC).

2.0 Responsibilities

2.1 The Board of Directors has oversight responsibility for this policy.
2.2 The SHRC Management Committee has the responsibility to implement the policy.

3.0 Specifications

3.1 The SHRC is an invitation only conference designed to bring together the top people in the fields of industrial statistics, quality engineering, and statistical engineering.
3.2 The SHRC Management Committee determines the targeted number of attendees in consultation with that year’s Program and Local Arrangements Committees.
3.3 The conference location:
   3.3.1 Moves around the globe. Two successive conferences cannot be held on the same continent.
   3.3.2 Ideally, is relatively remote.
   3.3.3 All participants stay at the conference venue.
   3.3.4 The conference provides all meals.
   3.3.5 The communal aspect is extremely important to provide the proper overall conference atmosphere.
   3.3.6 The idea is to balance the science within the sessions with the proper social environment that allows conversations about the topics throughout the conference.
3.4 The conference format is:
   3.4.1 Six sessions over three days, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
   3.4.2 Each session consists of two parts, each of 90 minutes.
      3.4.2.1 There is a single speaker for the first part.
         3.4.2.1.1 The talk must provide enough introduction to the topic to allow all participants to understand the basic research question, its importance, and a clear picture of the approach being taken.
3.4.2.1.2 The talk then may go into as much technical detail as the speaker wishes.
3.4.2.1.3 If the talk ends early, the moderator opens the floor for general questions for the primary speaker.
3.4.2.2 The second part is for discussion of the paper presented in the first part.
   3.4.2.2.1 Begins after an approximately 30-minute break.
   3.4.2.2.2 Two discussants who are extremely well versed in the primary talk’s area present their views (15-20 minutes each maximum) of the talk with an expressed purpose to generate floor conversation.
   3.4.2.2.3 The primary speaker provides a brief rejoinder.
   3.4.2.2.4 The remainder of the session is floor discussion.
   3.4.2.2.5 The intent of the discussion is to produce better and more applicable research.
3.4.3 The strong expectation is that all attendees actively participate in at least one, preferably more, session.
3.5 The Program Committee controls the conference content and the invitations.

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