

Call for Papers and Early Career Awards Competition

International Geographical Union Taskforce for Young and Early Career Geographers

International Geographical Union Regional Conference, August 6-10, 2018 at Quebec, Canada

Call for Papers

Dear colleagues:

The International Geographical Union's Taskforce for Young and Early Career Geographers (IGU-YECG) was launched in 2016 at the 33rd International Geographical Congress held in Beijing, China. The founding steering committee comprises ten members from across the world, and committed to the aim to stimulating participation and representation of young geographers in IGU activities.

Based on the success of the inaugural session and master class at the IGU Beijing 2016, at the 2018 IGU Congress in Canada, the IGU-YECG is organising paper session(s) which focus on young and early career researchers. There is cutting edge research by young and early career scholars internationally which deserves to be recognised and celebrated. The paper session(s) will present an opportunity for young scholars across the world to present their research in any relevant geography-related field. The IGU-YECG is committed to diversity in its membership and its activities. We encourage diverse opinions and viewpoints in all sessions we sponsor.

To take part in these paper sessions, please send your abstract of no more than 250 words to Komali Yenneti (k.yenneti@unsw.edu.au) and Gaurav Sikka (gauravsikkageo@gmail.com) by **March 15th, 2018**. Please see the conference website for more information including the conference's theme: Appreciating Difference (<http://igu2018.ulaval.ca/>).

Important deadlines:

Submission of abstracts	15 March 2018
Conference Registration - Early Bird	31 January 2018
Conference Registration - Regular	1 February 2018 to 31 May 2018
Notification of acceptance to authors and mailing of invitation letter	1 May 2018
Conference Registration – Late	1 June 2018

The International Geographical Union's Taskforce for Young and Early Career Geographers promotes research, education and achievements of early career geographers in the developed and developing world. The taskforce members conduct research across an array of topics, including agriculture; gender; environmental governance; urban policy; population; migration; poverty; food systems; energy and infrastructure; and youth. For more information about IGU-YECG please see <https://iguyecg.wordpress.com/>

Early Career Awards Competition

The IGU-YECCG is also delighted to announce our Young and Early Career Geographers Awards Competition, as part of the IGU's 2018 Quebec regional conference.

IGU-YECCG Late Dr. Manju Singh Paper Award

Submissions of research paper(s) are invited for the 2018 IGU-YECCG *Student Paper Competition*. The award is instituted in the memory of Late Dr. Manju Singh, a young and dynamic academic who left for her heavenly abode after a prolonged illness. Prof. R.B. Singh, Vice President, International Geographical Union has been generous enough to provide financial support for this award. An award of **CAD 200** will be provided to a current PhD student submitting a first-authored, original research paper dealing with relevant geographical research in any part of the world. Papers should be no longer than 7,000 words in length, excluding references. Please see *information* for IGU-YECCG competitions below for additional information and requirements.

IGU-YECCG Student Registration Fee Waiver Awards

The International Geographical Union's Taskforce for Young and Early Career Geographers (IGU-YECCG) invites paper submissions for the 2018 IGU-YECCG Student Paper Competition for *Registration Fee Waiver Awards*. **Four awards** to cover IGU Quebec Congress early bird fee of CAD 325 will be given to current PhD students submitting a first-authored, original research paper dealing with relevant geographical research in any part of the world. Papers should be no longer than 7,000 words in length, excluding references. Please see *information for IGU-YECCG competitions below* for additional information and requirements.

Information for both competitions

Submission deadline: March 15th, 2018.

- Please submit *one* PDF/MS-Word document per award via e-mail attachment to Komali Yenneti (k.yenneti@unsw.edu.au) and Gaurav Sikka (gauravsikkageo@gmail.com) The document should include full paper, cover sheet, abstract and a CV (maximum of 3 pages).
- Cover Sheet: Please attach a cover sheet to your submission, including your name, e-mail contact information, affiliation, paper title, and the word count of your paper (excluding references).
- Formatting: 12-point font, A4 paper size, 1-inch (2.54cm) margins, 1.5 spacing, footer with page numbers.
- References and Style: Please follow the *Chicago Manual of Style*.
- Submissions for the IGU—YECCG *Student Registration Fee Waiver Award* will be reviewed by a panel of IGU-YECCG steering committee members and IGU Executive committee senior members. Entries for *IGU-YECCG Late Dr. Manju Singh Paper Award* will be evaluated by the jury during the oral presentation of the paper at the IGU-YECCG conference session.
- Submission topics: Discipline is not a boundary. Scholars from all the disciplines with topics across the field can participate, provided that the research is relevant to the geographic community at large.

- Paper strengths: The most competitive papers will i) follow submission guidelines, ii) present clear and structured arguments, iii) situate a research question in appropriately cited literature, iv) answer the question with appropriate analysis, and v) be original, innovative, and draw conclusions of interest to the wider geography community.
- Other requirements: The paper should be presented at the IGU Congress in 2018, and be part of a IGU-YECCG sponsored session. If you are a PhD student, please submit a copy of your student ID.
- Outcomes: Awards will be announced in the IGU-YECCG knowledge community, and at the 2018 IGU Congress in Quebec, Canada.

Thank you for your assistance in advertising this call for papers for the *Young and Early Career Geography* sessions at the 2018 Congress of the International Geographical Union in Quebec, Canada.

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