

PCIC Technical Conference Survival Guide

The purpose of this survival guide is to aid you in maximizing your time spent at the 64th Annual PCIC Technical Conference being held in Calgary, AB from 18 – 20 September 2017.

WHAT IS THE PCIC TECHNICAL CONFERENCE?

This conference is the flagship conference of the Petroleum and Chemical Industry Committee (PCIC) of the IEEE Industry Applications Society (IAS). The PCIC technical conference provides you the opportunity to:

- Attend technical presentations and tutorials
- Network with colleagues and gain exposure to mentors
- Visit and interact with vendors

In order to make the most of your time, we suggest **creating an agenda**. Take time to review the program, get a feel for the meetings, papers, tutorials, and other events that are taking place, and plan your agenda for each day. Use the Conference Program that you will receive at registration, and review the abstracts for papers of interest.

TECHNICAL PAPERS

There are over 50 "real world" application papers presented at the conference covering a broad range of topics directly related to the electrical discipline in the oil and petrochemical industry. Papers are presented from 8:15am to 11:15am and from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Technical Sessions will be held all day Monday, Tuesday morning and all day Wednesday via the following Technical Subcommittees:

- General
- Chemical
- Electrochemical
- International
- Marine
- Production
- Refining
- Safety
- Transportation

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Technical subcommittee meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. You are strongly encouraged to participate in as many meetings as possible to learn about them and to get actively involved.

PCIC REGISTRATION

The PCIC registration desk will be open **Saturday and Sunday prior to the conference**. It will also be open **Monday - Wednesday during the conference**. Consult the PCIC conference program for room location.

BREAKDOWN BY DAY

**See Conference Program for supplementary details*

SATURDAY:

Registration: 12:00pm – 5:00pm

SUNDAY:

Registration: 10:00am – 5:00pm

PCIC ORIENTATION BREAKFAST (MONDAY)

Join us for this breakfast from 7:00am – 8:00am. Please consult the final PCIC conference program for room location.

AWARDS LUNCHEON (MONDAY)

The luncheon is hosted by the PCIC Executive Subcommittee to recognize outstanding performance by members and to present various PCIC, IAS and IEEE awards. Other groups and individuals recognized are Myron Zucker Travel Grant recipients, International attendees, IEEE Fellows, distinguished IEEE members, and our Emeritus group of retired members who have provided a considerable amount of guidance and assistance during PCIC activities.

CONFERENCE SOCIAL (MONDAY)

The Monday Night Social is a grand event scheduled from 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. This event is presented by the PCIC to provide attendees and their guest a chance to socialize with old and new friends.

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YEDS LUNCHEON (TUESDAY)

First time attendees are encouraged to register for and to join us for the YEDS Luncheon from 11:15am – 12:45pm. Consult the PCIC conference program for room location.

There will be a **GRAND PRIZE DRAWING** of winning FREE registration for next year's PCIC Conference in Cincinnati (Must be present to win).

PCIC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS (TUESDAY)

During these meetings, various subcommittee activities take place. Please reference the conference program for a description of each technical subcommittee to determine which subcommittee best represents your interests.

Each subcommittee reviews abstracts and vote on which papers they would like to consider for presentation at next year's conference. You do not have to be a member of IEEE or IAS to participate; however, you do need to be an IAS member to join a Technical Subcommittee and/or hold any PCIC office.

Attendees may also be interested in one of a variety of Working Group meetings that have been organized with a focus on continuous development or revision to various IEEE standards. Participation is beneficial and always welcomed.

PCIC LUNCHEON (WEDNESDAY)

This luncheon is held to recognize the efforts of the Local Committee and to present information on upcoming conferences. The lunch also features an entertaining and informative guest speaker. Please consult the final PCIC conference program for room location.

TUTORIALS (THURSDAY)

The 2017 PCIC Local Committee will cover a portion of the costs for first time attendees to attend one technical tutorial presented by experts in our industry. Pre-Registration is required.

Tutorials will be held from 8:00am to 11:45am and from 1:15pm to 5:00pm. Continuing education units are awarded to each tutorial

participant who successfully completes a course and submits the required CEU form.

VENDOR PARTICIPATION

Vendor participation is an important part of this conference. Consultants, distributors, and manufacturers present technical papers, work on subcommittees, contribute financially to the success of the conference, and are active members in the PCIC. Vendors set up hospitality rooms in the conference hotel to provide an informal atmosphere to meet new and existing customers, present new product lines and receive feedback from their users. There will be a Vendor Board listing all Hospitality suites along with their respective times and locations in the main conference area.

DRESS CODE

As an attendee, business casual is appropriate. When presenting a paper or when part of a discussion panel, business formal is required. <http://www.wikihow.com/Dress-for-a-Conferencebusiness>

GUEST ACTIVITIES

Guests of attendees are a special part of the PCIC Conference. The local committee takes great care to help make their time at the conference as pleasant and entertaining as possible by offering a variety of off-site activities while attendees participate in the daily sessions. Check the conference link for more information.

Thanks for attending PCIC 2017!
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