

PCIC Technical Conference Survival Guide

The purpose of this guide is to provide insight to you, the PCIC newcomer, to help you maximize your time spent at the 56th Annual PCIC Technical Conference.

What is the Petroleum and Chemical Industry Technical Conference?

The PCIC Technical Conference is the flagship conference of the Petroleum and Chemical Industry Committee of the IEEE Industry Applications Society.

- ✓ A meeting for hearing technical papers
- ✓ A networking event
- ✓ A meeting to visit vendors
- ✓ A social event
- ✓ A combination of these plus a great deal more!

In order to make the most of your time we suggest **creating an agenda** shortly after you arrive, based on the conference program you will receive in your Registration Package. Review the program and 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 Record that you receive at registration and read the abstracts for the papers of interest.

TECHNICAL APPLICATION PAPERS

There are over 40 "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 8:30am to 11:30am and from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

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

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

CONFERENCE MEETINGS

All of the Subcommittee meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. You are strongly encouraged to attend as many of these meetings as possible to learn about the different committees and become more a part of the PCIC. There are only a few meetings that are for executive or awards nominating subcommittee members only.

BREAKDOWN BY DAY

**See Conference Program for details*

Saturday:

11:00pm – 5:00pm → Registration

Sunday:

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1:00pm – 3:00pm → The General Program Meeting is led by the PCIC Vice Chair to review the abstracts and obtain input on developing next year's general session program.

4:00pm – 5:00pm → YEDS Social in Thermon Social Area

Monday:

Join us for the PCIC Orientation Breakfast from 7:00am – 8:00am!

Tuesday:

Join us for the YEDS Luncheon at 11:45am – 1:15pm

Technical Subcommittee business meetings and Standards Working Group meetings → 2:00pm and 6:00pm

In these meetings various business activities take place. In the front of the Conference Record is a description of each Technical Subcommittee. Review this section and determine which subcommittee best represents your interests so that you can attend these business meetings.

A significant activity for each subcommittee is to review abstracts and vote on which papers they would like to consider for presentation at the next year's conference. You do not have to be a member of IEEE or IAS to participate in the Technical Subcommittee activities; however, you do need to be an IAS member to join a



Technical Subcommittee and/or hold any PCIC office.

There are also a variety of Working Group meetings that have been organized with the focus of continuous development or revision to various IEEE standards.

Thursday:

The Anaheim PCIC 2009 Local Committee will cover the costs for first time attendees to attend a technical tutorial presented by experts in our industry. Details of these tutorials are found in the Conference Program.

Individual “continuing education units” are awarded to each Tutorial participant.

AUTHOR’S BREAKFAST

Each morning from 7:00am to 8:00am a breakfast meeting is scheduled for the authors who will be making presentations that day in order to receive final instructions from the various session leaders.

AWARD’S 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. A special effort is made to recognize first time attendees, international attendees, Fellows and other distinguished IEEE members, and our Emeritus group of retired members who provided a great deal of guidance and assistance in PCIC activities.

THEME LUNCH (TUESDAY)

Registered Attendees are invited to attend this year’s Theme Lunch. Details will be announced later.

CONFERENCE SOCIAL (MONDAY)

Presented by the PCIC to provide attendees and their guest a chance to socialize with old and new friends.

PCIC LUNCHEON (WEDNESDAY)

This luncheon is held to recognize the efforts of the Local Committee and to present some information on the upcoming conference.

VENDOR PARTICIPATION

Hospitality Suites are held Sunday through Wednesday evenings. Vendor participation is an important part of this conference. The Vendors 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 and Location in the main conference area.

GUIDANCE PROGRAM

The Guidance Program is sponsored by the Young Engineers Development Subcommittee to encourage active participation from first time attendees. **The program will pair up more experienced PCIC conference attendees with first-time attendees prior to the start of the conference.** The goal of this program is that the more experienced PCIC attendees will help acclimate the new attendee to the conference and help them to find avenues of technical and professional development while the mentor gains a fresh perspective from the first time attendee.

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Thanks for attending PCIC 2009!

