



# EMA of BC

Environmental Managers Association  
of British Columbia

## ANNUAL WORKSHOP – CALL FOR POSTERS ACADEMIC POSTER COMPETITION

**Deadline: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

### Foreshore Projects and Considerations for Emergency & Spill Response in BC

The Environmental Managers Association of BC (EMA of BC) invites students of BC post-secondary institutions currently enrolled in an environmentally-related technology, undergraduate, graduate or legal program to submit a poster based on their original academic research for consideration in the 2016 EMA of BC Academic Poster Competition. ~~Students presenting the three most exemplary posters will each be awarded a \$500 grant per project!~~ **UPDATED! Students presenting the three most exemplary posters will receive awards per project – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award (\$750), 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award (\$550) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award (\$200).**

Resource extraction and use, industrial activity and shipping underlie a great deal of BC's current economic activity, presenting stakeholders with unique sets of business and environmental risks that must be weighed and balanced. Whether a project is related to the exploration, extraction, transport, monitoring, emergency response, cleanup, or offsetting of resources, balancing the associated risks require stakeholders to navigate often turbulent waters where regulatory regimes, available technologies, environmental conditions, and socioeconomic pressures collide.

We invite submissions relevant to the following themes to be discussed during the 2016 Workshop:

- Barriers to progress and successful strategies
- Taking positive steps to advance progress and sustainability
- Mitigating business and environmental risks
- The science of environmental impacts and risk characterization
- The technology of engineering controls
- The business case – driving accelerated approvals vs. the cost of delays
- Working with First Nations
- Managing information and communication
- Politics, legislation, and case law
- Uncertainty and adaptive management
- Oil and gas
- Projects on the BC coastline
- Emergency and spill response
- Regulatory goals vs. technical goals and capabilities
- Looking ahead...risks on the horizon





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The competition will provide an opportunity to share late-breaking results, ongoing research projects, and speculative or innovative work in progress. Posters are intended to provide students/authors and workshop participants with the ability to connect and engage in discussions about the work.

Eight (8) posters will be selected for display during the 2016 EMA of BC Workshop on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Authors are expected to attend the workshop to engage with participants. Successful posters will be granted a maximum of two (2) authors per project for FREE attendance at the workshop. Judges will determine and announce the top three (3) posters at the event. ~~The top three (3) posters will each be awarded a \$500 grant per project!~~ **UPDATED! Students presenting the three most exemplary posters will receive awards per project – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award (\$750), 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award (\$550) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award (\$200).**

### Submission Guidelines

Authors must submit a **250 word** abstract for evaluation. The paper must clearly demonstrate relevance to the topics of interest for the 2016 EMA of BC Workshop. Acceptance will be based on relevance to BC's environmental industry, originality, potential significance, topicality and clarity. **Abstracts that exceed two pages will be rejected without a review.**

Abstracts can be submitted by email to [posters@emaofbc.com](mailto:posters@emaofbc.com).

### Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Notification of Acceptance: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Presenter Registration Deadline: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Final Poster Submission: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Workshop Date: Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### When and Where

The 2016 Workshop location will be held in at the **Simon Fraser University Segal Building** located at **500 Granville Street** in downtown Vancouver, B.C. on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and will run from 8am to 5pm. Venue location to be determined.

### Important Notes

- The content of the poster must be the original work of the applicant & presenter.
- Participants with an accepted poster must register for the 2016 EMA of BC Workshop and present their work during networking and lunch breaks. Space will be allocated for each participant. The workshop organizers may be contacted for any special requirements.
- Student presenters not registered by January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 will forfeit their place.
- The abstract and a pdf poster of each successful submission may be presented in workshop materials and on the EMA of BC's website as a reference for workshop attendees.