



The Society for Standards Professionals

Paper Competition Announced for U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day 2017 - Top Prize is \$2,500; Submissions Due by August 11

World Standards Day is celebrated annually around the world to increase awareness of the role that standards play in the global economy. To help celebrate the importance of standards, [SES - The Society for Standards Professionals](#) and the U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day Planning Committee co-sponsor an annual paper competition for individuals in the U.S. standards community. The 2017 paper competition winners will be announced and given their awards at the [U.S. Celebration of World Standards Day](#), which will be held this year on October 19, 2017, at the Mandarin Oriental in Washington, D.C. Link to full article [here](#).



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Upcoming Webinar: Certification of Standards Professionals

**May 17, 2017
12:00-1:30PM ET**

(NOTE: This webinar starts one hour earlier than our normally scheduled webinars)

Please join our panelists for a webinar co-hosted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the Society for Standards Professionals (SES).

The webinar will feature three panelists who will discuss certification programs related to standards, and their value to professionals and employers. The webinar will be moderated by SES member Ron Jones, Consultant, and will feature the following panelists:
Certification Overview: Roy Swift, Executive Director at Workcred
SES Certification Program: Lee Webster, Director, Employees Relations at University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB)

Korea's Certification Program: Donggeun Choi, Principle Researcher, Korean Standards Association (KSA)
Free to SES/ANSI Members
\$50 for non-SES/non-ANSI members

The webinar will be moderated and there will be opportunity for questions.
For further information and to register, go to www.ses-standards.org.



Registration is now open! 2017 SES Conference "Building Alliances in Standards and Conformity Assessment"

[Register now](#) for the 66th Annual SES Conference, August 7 - 10, 2017. The 2017 conference will take place in Chicago, Illinois at the Drake Hotel, a historic Chicago landmark located at the start of the Magnificent Mile and featuring breathtaking views of Lake Michigan. This year's Keynote speaker will be Jim Shannon, IEC President.

This year's sessions are:

- From Discord to Accord: Getting to Harmonization
- Conformity Assessment – Perspectives on Reducing the Regulatory Burden
- Case Study: Standards Success through Alliances
- Balancing of Innovation and Standardization
- Reassessing and Balancing the Impact of Standards Vs Regulations
- Contextualizing Standards to Increase Understanding
- Sustaining Engagement – Keeping the Flow Going

We will be partnering with two international groups, International Cooperation for Education about Standardization (ICES) and International Federation of Standards Users (IFAN), on the second day (August 9th) of the conference.

Monday, August 7, 2017

Fundamentals of Standards and Conformity Assessment: Basic Knowledge and Tools for Today's Professional

This full-day course will provide fundamentals on standardization, along with tools and resources to be used throughout one's career. Attendees will also earn 15 credits towards the SES Certification program for standards professionals.

- Introductory Concepts on the fundamentals of standards and conformity assessment
- IEEE Standards University's Mars Space Colony Standardization

NOTE: Half day registration is available for either the morning or afternoon sessions, for those who do not wish to attend the entire day.

For more information and to register for the course: http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.ses-standards.org/resource/resmgr/2017_Conference/Page4-FundamentalsStds17.pdf

May/June issue of Standards Engineering

The lead article for May/June is Standards Landscaping which explains a process that can be used to explore the broader areas covered by standards in order to discover overlap and duplication. We also have Standards as an Element of Liberal Education Fosters Scientific Literacy by a team from Michigan State University, academia, and ABET Engineering Accreditation Criteria and Standards by SES member Bill Kelly, formerly dean of engineering at Catholic University of America.

SES information includes information about the annual conference, the rules for the World Standards Day paper competition (**Note the revised due date for submissions, now August 11, 2017**), and news of interest to standards professionals.



SES Member Charles Sidebottom Recognized!

Charles Sidebottom, PE, SES Member and managing partner of PPO Standards LLC, has been selected by the US Celebration of World Standards Day Planning Committee as the 2017 recipient of the Ronald H. Brown Standards Leadership Award. The award is named for the late US Secretary of Commerce, and recognizes leadership in promoting the important role of standardization in eliminating global barriers to trade. He has been a member of SES – the Society for Standards Professionals for fifteen years, and is currently a member of the Publications Committee overseeing Standards Engineering.

2017 World Accreditation Day



On June 9, 2017, the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) will celebrate World Accreditation Day to bring awareness to the importance of accreditation. This year's theme is delivering confidence in construction

and the built environment through accredited conformity assessment. SCC will be using World Accreditation Day to underline the many benefits of accreditation and SCC's role in the process.

Accreditation is the formal verification of an organization's competence to carry out a specific function. Accredited bodies, such as laboratories and inspection bodies, offer assurance that processes and procedures are safe to deliver products and services.

As Canada's national accreditation body, SCC provides accreditation to hundreds of bodies across Canada and throughout the world—including many for construction materials and services.

ANSI Awards

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has announced a call for nominations for its 2017 Leadership and Service Awards. The awards honor individuals who have made significant contributions to voluntary consensus standardization and conformity assessment programs and have consistently demonstrated a commitment to their industry, their nation, and the enhancement of the global standards system. Leadership and Service Awards open for nominations include

- The Astin-Polk International Standards Medal
- The Chairman's Award, the Coonley Medal
- The Finegan Standards Medal
- The Lohse Information Technology Medal
- The Meritorious Service Awards
- The Next Generation Awards
- The President's Award for Journalism
- The Ritterbusch Conformity Assessment Medal
- The Thomson Electrotechnology Medal
- The Wham Leadership Medal

ANSI will honor the 2017 award recipients on the evening of Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

Nominations are due by 5:00 PM Friday, June 16, 2017 with the nomination form; letters of support from members of the standardization community are strongly encouraged. Winners will be announced by August 2017. For information detailing the process, visit https://www.ansi.org/meetings_events/wsw17/awards?menuid=8.

ANSI 2nd Annual Standards Simulation Competition

SES would like to provide you early notification that ANSI, in collaboration with John Deere, will hold its 2nd standards simulation competition on Friday, 27 October 2017 hosted by San Jose State University in Santa Clara, California. This competition will bring together university teams – each made up of five students and one professor – who will represent stakeholders in the development of an international standard. Teams are encouraged to encompass students from across multiple disciplines. Judges from ANSI's standards community will observe each team's strategies, tactics, and interactions, and make recommendations for scores based on how well each team has met its objectives in the development of the standard. Participation is open to university teams only, and space is limited to no more than six teams. Multi-disciplinary teams consisting of undergraduate or graduate students is highly encouraged. To be considered, universities, professors, and/or students should contact lrajchel@ansi.org as soon as possible. If individual students or small groups are interested, please also contact lrajchel@ansi.org and ANSI will consider forming a team unaffiliated with a university if space allows.

SES Committee Volunteers Needed

Would you like to get more involved with SES? SES is always looking for new volunteers to contribute talent and new ideas! The benefits of volunteering with SES include additional networking opportunities, points toward your CStd, and leadership opportunities.

- Awards Committee
- Certification Committee
- Conference Program Committee (CPC)
- Education Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Membership Committee
- Publications Committee
- Standards Committee

Consider joining us! For more information or to sign up, see the [SES Committee webpage](#) or contact SES Executive Director, Mike Morrell at mikemorrell@live.com

Standards Publications

The Standards Committee finalized a revision of SES1 standard: Recommended Practice for the Designation and Organization of Standards. The 2017 version is no longer an ANSI certified standard following a withdrawal decision of the Board earlier this year. The document will be published shortly.

The Committee is also looking to substantively add to the content of the SES2 standard: **Model Procedure for the Development of Standards**. The vision is to make it a smorgasbord of options, with pros and cons for each, that a new standards development body (SDO) could use to customize its operation to their specific needs. SES members are invited to review the current standard edition and submit suggestions for inclusion in the new edition. Any operating model or parts thereof like quorum, consensus rules, voting options, etc., especially if they're not mainstream would be considered! Send suggestions to Andrei Moldoveanu at And_Moldoveanu@nema.org.

New 2017 SES Student Scholarship Program!

The Society for Standards Professionals has established a Scholarship Program to support students involved in the use of standards in their academic curriculum. We know that each new generation of graduating students holds the potential for helping us achieve our mission of increasing awareness and use of standards.

Individual or Organization members may support the SES Scholarship Program. Underwriters Laboratories (www.ul.com) is the first organization to co-sponsor the newly established program. For more information about the scholarship or inquiries on scholarship funding opportunities, please contact admin@ses-standards.org.

Looking for Help

The Editor of Standards Engineering is working on a paper to celebrate the 70th anniversary of SES. Unfortunately we only have issues of Standards Engineering from 1982 on. If anyone has a copy of an earlier issue, please let me know at spoksala@comcast.net.



SES Refer A Friend (RAF) Program

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Now Available!! SES 3: 2016, Recommended Practice for Joint Standards Development

This recommended practice provides guidance to Standards Development Organizations for the development of Joint Standards by outlining the key components of a Joint Standards Agreement and a recommended process for managing the development of Joint Standards. [Click here for more information on SES 3 and to purchase your copy!](#)

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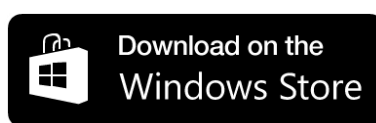
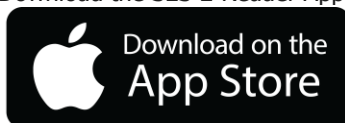
- Synopses and links to the most recent news from ANSI impacting standards and conformance stakeholders
- Information on ANSI events, as well as ISO, IEC, and other highlighted activities of interest to the community
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- Updates on U.S. Federal Register notices related to standardization

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SES PUBLICATIONS AND STANDARDS

The following standards and publications are available for purchase from SES:

SES 1:2013, Recommended Practice for Designation and Organization of Standards

SES 2:2011, Model Procedure for the Development of Standards

SES 3:2016, Recommended Practice for Joint Standards Development

Standards Engineering - The bimonthly journal of SES

A Guide To Standards

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