



## Young Engineer and Students' Competitive Seminar.

**Morning of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
March 2021 (online).**

SAMPE is the Society for the Advancement of Material and Process Engineering. The society, originally formed in the USA, is globally recognised as the leading professional body for engineers and technologists associated with advanced materials and processes, and in particular those based on high performance composite materials. An objective of SAMPE is to promote interest in the betterment of current, or the development of new, advanced materials and process engineering within the **student community**. For almost 20 years, SAMPE UK & Ireland has organised a competitive and enjoyable Students' Seminar to help meet that objective. After a year off due to COVID-19, we are re-launching the competition for 2021!

Students are invited to join a panel of experts online on the morning of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021, to give a 15-minute presentation with 5-minutes extra for questions, on their research project. **All participants will get free student membership of SAMPE for one year**, and free access to our online Annual Seminar 2021 "Composites - Progressing from the Pandemic" on 10<sup>th</sup> (PM) & 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The two best presenters will be announced at the Annual Seminar and one will have the chance to present their work live to the audience. The two students win an expenses paid trip<sup>1</sup> as the SAMPE UK & Ireland **student representatives** to the SAMPE Europe Conference held in Baden / Zürich (Switzerland) on 29-30 September 2021, as well as taking part in the European heat of the Students' Seminar.

Participation in that European conference and students' seminar is a **fantastic opportunity** to network with other European researchers, in the true SAMPE spirit. The overall European winners will go on to represent SAMPE Europe in the USA on an expenses paid trip<sup>2</sup> in 2022. In previous years, students have very much enjoyed taking part and have gained useful experience, with SAMPE UK & Ireland providing five European winners to date.

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<sup>1</sup> Accommodation and conference fees paid by SAMPE Europe; reasonable travel fees paid by SAMPE UK & Ireland.

<sup>2</sup> Cost of flights, accommodation and conference fees paid by SAMPE.

**UK & Ireland University and HE Colleges are encouraged to invite their Masters and Doctoral research students to participate in this competitive Students' Seminar. An initial selection will be based on submitted abstracts, and usually students nearing the end or beyond the mid-point of their studies are favoured. Abstract acceptance is based on a relevant topic and appropriate stage of study; whilst presentation judging is based on content, technique, presentation skills, and overall participation in the online session.**

To be considered as a participant for this event, please complete the Abstract Template available [here](#) with a short 200 word description of your work to be presented, and return it either by the online [form](#) or by email to [YEscompetitions@sampe.org.uk](mailto:YEscompetitions@sampe.org.uk) no later than **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021**. For any further questions or comments please contact Dr Carwyn Ward at University of Bristol, [c.ward@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:c.ward@bristol.ac.uk), or Dr Lee Harper at University of Nottingham, [lee.harper@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:lee.harper@nottingham.ac.uk).



Chris Hunt of Bristol Composites Institute, University of Bristol, presenting his SAMPE UK & Ireland and SAMPE EU winning presentation during the SAMPE EU Conference in Nantes 2019.

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