

Meeting Questions and Answers on March 19, 2015:

CIGRE Next Generation Network Webinar – “How to Write a Technical Synopsis/Paper and Get it Accepted by CIGRE”

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Q1: How and when was CIGRE originally set up?

A1: Visit www.cigre.org. There is a “What is CIGRE?” section that may include more information.

Found a good introduction to CIGRE here.

<http://www.cigre.org/content/download/56731/2648726/version/1/file/01+-+CIGRE+presentation+2014.pdf>

Q2: Will recording of this webcast be available later and when?

A2: Yes, we will post the slides on the CIGRE NGN website.

Q3: Does it matter if primary author has more than 10 years in industry, i.e. is not a Next Generation Engineer by definition?

A3: No. The webinar is sponsored by the Next-Generation-Network, but the author can be any U.S. National Committee member.

Q4: Does USNC have a reserved number of synopses or any other limitations on the number of that can be submitted to CIGRE?

A4: Yes, for the 2014 Paris Session there were 47 synopses submitted for review, and the USNC is limited to 30 submissions to the Paris Session. John is expecting more to be submitted for the 2016 Paris Session.

Q5: If I am submitting a paper for Grid of the future, October, can I submit it for CIGRE Paris as well?

A5: Yes.

Q6: Where can I find list of preferential subjects and Study committees?

A6: Two places. 1) The 'Call for Papers' Announcement John sent out mid-February contains a pdf that has each of the Study Committees and preferential subjects. 2) www.cigre.org homepage has a section about the 2016 Paris Session on the right

Q7: Could you please specify what is considered unpublished? Thank you.

A7: Published not necessarily based on topic, but based on wording. Ex. IEEE you sign a copyright agreement that you violate if you publish the identically wording in a different format.

Q8: Where can I find pdf with instructions on how to write a paper?

A8: The USNC Website (<http://cigre-usnc.tamu.edu/>). John will check to be sure this information is posted there.

Q9: If the research was done in conjunction with EPRI and results were published in final report for project funders only, does this qualify as non-published in CIGRE terms?

A9: Yes.

Q10: Does at least one of the authors be present at General session in Paris for paper to be accepted/published?

A10: No. The author nor the coauthors have to be present for the Paris Session.

Q11: Do you have to be member of CIGRE for paper submission at Grid of the Future?

A11: Yes, we want the primary author to be a member of CIGRE. The annual dues are \$150.

Q12: Does publishing a paper in Grid of the Future Symposium waive the registration fee?

A12: No. There is a significant discount for CIGRE Members and the Grid of the Future Symposium registration will be \$500.

Q13: Is there any official form for company commitment letter?

A13: No, it's really just trust. Be sure you address it with your leadership team at the company you work for, but a company commitment letter is not necessary.

Q14: If you have to cancel travel plans at the last minute, will you automatically be removed from the Working Group?

A14: No, it just depends on your track record. If you are consistently missing meetings for no reason, then you may be removed for inactivity. Frequent communication with the convener is key.

Q15: What is the typical work load of a committee member?

A15: The workload really just depends on how much you want to be involved. You really get the most out of a working group when you actively participate, and most of the work is very flexible and can be completed around your normal schedule.

Q16: What are the voluntary opportunities within USNC and who should be contacted to know about these possible opportunities?

A16: The CIGRE Next-Generation-Network is a young professionals organization with leadership opportunities in running/managing the NGN. Technical Committee members/volunteers can review synopses. There is a Planning Committee for the Grid of the

Future Symposium. It really just depends on what you're looking to do. Contact John McDonald and he will guide you and connect you with the appropriate people.

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