



## Board Resolution by Circulation 2011.1

### Proposal to reschedule future CPR*south* conferences

#### Background:

At the fifth CPR*south* Board meeting held in Xi'an the matter of rescheduling future CPR*south* conferences was discussed. It is the considered judgment of the administrative partner that increasing the numbers of abstract submissions to around 200 and Young Scholar award applications to around 100 is essential if we are to further increase quality. It was also noted that past conferences failed to attract many abstract and young scholar applications because of the timing of the conference. On multiple occasions, we have lost paper-givers and Young Scholars because of conflicts with exam schedules.

Except for CPR*south*1, which was held in January all the other conferences were held in December. The first conference, unfortunately, is not the best indicator because CPR*south* was quite unknown at that point. Annex 1 depicts the pattern of abstract submissions and Young Scholar Award applications.

In addition, December airfares are relatively more expensive. At a time when there is strong pressure to contain CPR*south* costs, shifting to an off-peak period will be greatly beneficial.

#### Proposal:

It is proposed that the regular scheduling of the CPR*south* conference be shifted in a manner that will increase the likelihood of attracting a greater number of abstract submissions and Young Scholar Award applications. This will be achieved by avoiding conflicts with exams and related conferences.

Annex 2 gives presents the exam periods in selected universities that have exhibited high interest in past CPR*south* conferences. Annex 3 shows possible conflicts with conferences similar to CPR*south*.

Based on the evidence it appears that Week one or two of September will be the optimal timeslot for future CPR*south* conferences. In view of the difficulties experienced in the past in deciding on a time slot by consensus, we proposed that a simple majority decision be taken on the following question:

- The regular timeslot of the CPR*south* conference shall be shifted from Week 1 or 2 of December to Week 1 or 2 of September: Yes or No?

Yes	
No	

**Annex 1 – Participation in past conferences (CPRsouth1-5)**

Figure 1 - Abstract submission to CPRsouth1-5

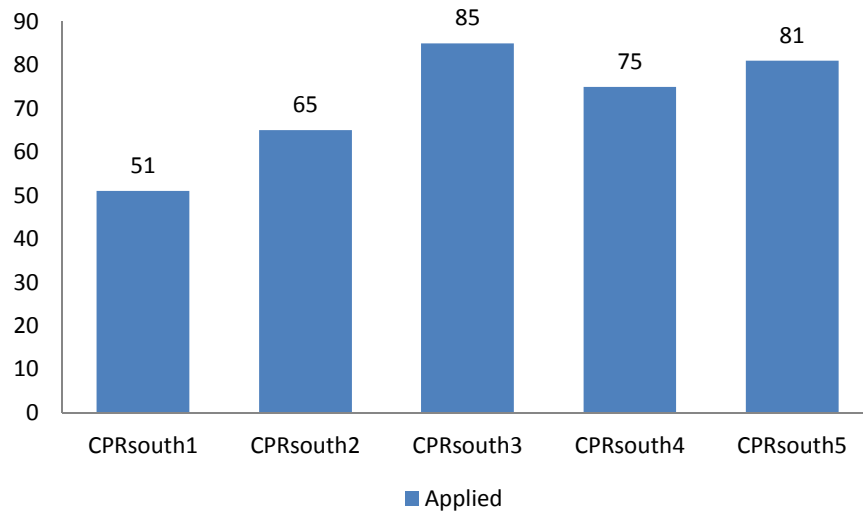
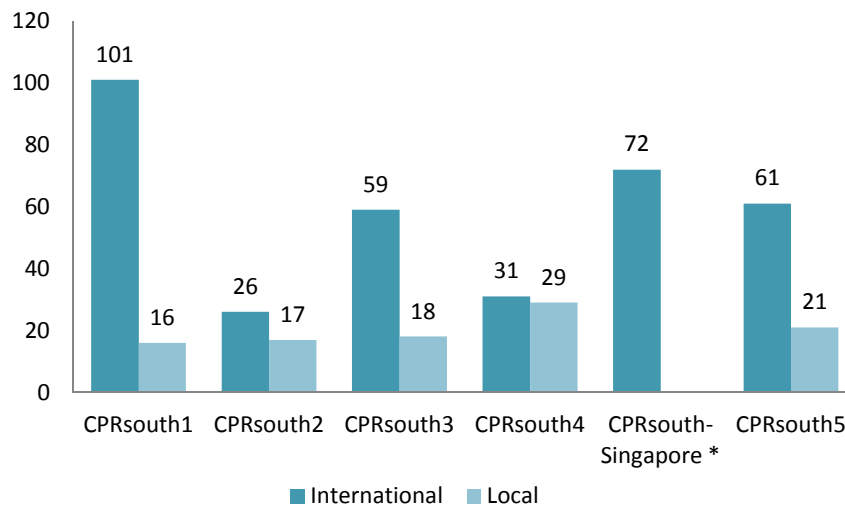


Figure 2 - Young Scholar Award applications submitted: CPRsouth1-5 and Singapore event



\*CPRsouth – Singapore was held in June 2010 adjacent to the ICA conference in Singapore.

**Annex 2 – Exam periods in selected universities/institutes**

Universities/ Institutes	Country/ Region	Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications(BUPT)	Cavite State University	Chalmers University of Technology	Nagoya University	National Chengchi University	National Cheng Kung University	Xian University of Posts and Telecommunications	Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad - IIMA	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)	University of Computer Studies, Myanmar	Asian Institute of Technology	Florida State University	University of Philippines, Diliman	University of Tsukuba, Japan	City University of Hong Kong	International University of Japan	National University of Singapore	University of Michigan	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Michigan State University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Nanyang Technological University (NTU)	State University of New York - Binghamton	University of Massachusetts	University of Southern California	IIT Madras/IIT Delhi	University of Oxford	University of Hyogo, Japan	International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)	Manonmaniam Sundaranar University	National University of Samoa		
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Notes:

1. The names of universities/institutes were taken from the CPR*south* database. Universities/institutes that had three or more abstract submission and /or young scholar applications were included.
2. Universities/institutes are listed in no particular order. They are listed so that those having exams in a particular month will be adjacent
3. The examination periods were taken from each university/institute academic calendars that were available online

**Annex 3 – Schedules of related conferences**

Conference	EuroCPR	CPRafrica	ACORN REDECOM	ICA	ITS Asia Pacific	AEJMC	ITS Europe	TPRC	ITS Africa - Asia - Australasia
January									
February									
March									
April									
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December									

Notes:

1. The conferences chosen are the conferences participated in by members of the CPRsouth community
2. The schedules have been taken from websites