12th Annual Injury Biomechanics Symposium

Symposium Mission

The Injury Biomechanics Symposium aims to stimulate and reward strong injury biomechanics research among students and recent graduates.

Networking for future opportunities

Each year, the Symposium provides a welcoming atmosphere where novice researchers receive feedback and support for their original work. The Symposium is a one of a kind event where research trainees can develop their presentation skills in a non-threatening environment. It brings together students and industry members, providing opportunities for networking. This allows young researchers to form connections that have both immediate and long-term impacts on their academic and professional careers. These opportunities also provide industry members with a first look at up-and-coming researchers in the injury biomechanics field.

2016 Highlights:

• More than 130 attendees including 26 student presenters from 12 universities
• Networking bowling event
• Welcome reception at the Varsity Club
• Annual Banquet at the Faculty Club, featuring team trivia
• Guest speakers: Dr. Kristy Arbogast, CIRP at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia | Jack Jensen, General Motors | David Zuby, IIHS
• Margaret H. Hines Best Oral Presenter: Derek Jones, Virginia Tech-Wake Forest University
• Rod Herriott Best Poster Presenter: Deepak Sathyanarayan, University of Virginia
From the 2016 student presenters

“This was the first chance I had to present my work in front of a large audience. It was a great experience and the questions I received have helped me focus on new areas of my research.”

“What I really value in my experience was the chance to network with leaders across the field of injury biomechanics. Building not only an intellectual, but also social, community of researchers in injury biomechanics is invaluable as we delve into our early research career”

“Participating in my first Symposium was an eye opening experience. I was able to see how industry and research can collaborate, and was able to begin many future relationships through this event. Also, being able to present my research to such a distinguished group was an opportunity that will transfer across future presentations.”

“The Symposium maintains a unique, open environment for building professional relationships. Many of the events included in the schedule helped facilitate connections that will benefit my career going forward.”

Thank you!
The continued generosity and financial support from our 2016 Partners and Sponsors made the 12th Annual Symposium a great success!

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In memoriam

Rod Herriott Best Poster Presenter Award

The injury biomechanics community lost a great engineer and mentor in March of 2016. Rod Herriott was dedicated to the training and development of young engineers and researchers. In his 39 years in the field of Injury Biomechanics, he mentored 28 students at The Ohio State University’s Injury Biomechanics Research Laboratory. His commitment to the students knew no bounds; he was involved every step of the way, working early mornings and late nights, to ensure the students and their experiments would succeed.

Rod attended the Symposium from the start. He was highly involved in the technical aspects, often serving as a judge. He was always willing to give input to students to help them strengthen both their research and presentation skills. His involvement didn’t stop there though – he attended all of the networking events, always welcoming the new students with a friendly smile and sincere advice.

The 2016 Symposium marked the first year that the Best Poster Presenter Award was given in Rod’s name. As the Symposium continues, Rod’s cheerful presence will forever be missed, but his contributions to the noble cause of saving lives will not be forgotten, and the impact he had will continue to influence us and our scientific pursuits.