DFI Educational Trust announces the 2020 Young Professor Paper Competition. Full-time entry-level faculty members of an accredited college or university, engaged in teaching and/or research in engineering, construction or geological sciences are encouraged to submit a paper for consideration. The author(s) of the winning paper will be invited to attend the DFI 2020 Annual Conference on Deep Foundations in National Harbor, Maryland, to present the paper. Conference registration, two nights of lodging, and a $1,000 stipend for travel expenses will be provided to the winners. The winner and first runner-up will receive a library of up to 20 printed DFI Publications and a complimentary two-year Individual Membership in DFI. The winning paper will be considered for publication in the DFI Journal. Papers are solicited on topics relating to deep foundations design and construction.

Paper Competition Deadlines
- **Friday, March 13, 2020**: Abstract Deadline (up to 300-word abstract). Submit abstracts here: https://tinyurl.com/DFIYPpaper2020
- **Monday, March 16, 2020**: Abstract Decisions
- **Friday, June 26, 2020**: Winners Announced, and comments returned to authors of all papers.
- **Friday, September 11, 2020**: Final PowerPoint Deadline (winner only).

Please Note
- Professor must be a full-time entry-level faculty member teaching or involved in research at an accredited college or university.
- Professional field must be engineering/construction/geological sciences.
- Paper must be based on professor’s own work and may include contributions from his/her research students as secondary authors.
- View samples of past winning young professor papers.
- Contact events@dfi.org or (973) 423-4030 with questions.

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