

Future Problem Solving Program International

# **VIRTUAL 2020 International Conference**

## **Registration Information**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020



2020 marks our year to solve unique challenges in the face of COVID-19 through our first ever virtual International Conference!

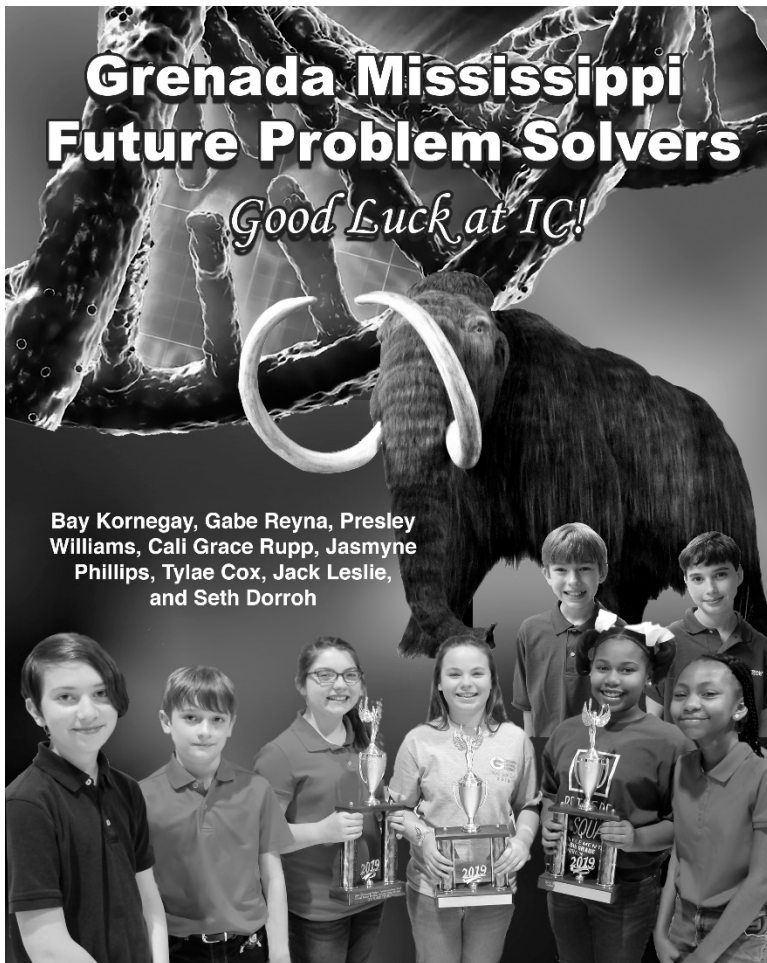
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## Future Problem Solving Program International

Teaching students *how* to think, not *what* to think

Dear FPS Coaches and Students,

Congratulations on earning an invitation to the VIRTUAL 2020 Future Problem Solving Program International Conference (IC)! Your hard work, determination, and creativity have prepared you for the exciting experience that awaits you during the first ever VIRTUAL FPS International Conference.

FPSPi is planning a virtual event for our champion problem solvers from around the globe! Events are structured to allow participants to work together throughout competitions and presentations; virtual collaboration will be enabled through video-conferencing. The similarly futuristic International Conference topic, Terraforming, will be the focus for Global Issues, Scenario Performance, and Scenario Writing.

Information in this packet will help you prepare for IC – please read everything carefully and thoroughly. Questions about the competitions or events can be answered by your Affiliate Director or by our FAQs at [fpspi.org/icfaq](https://fpspi.org/icfaq). For specific questions regarding invoices, or to make the International Office aware of special needs, please contact [debbie@fpspi.org](mailto:debbie@fpspi.org) or call (321) 768-0074 during the hours of 8:30-5:00 Eastern Time Monday-Friday. **Coordinators should pay close attention to messages after registration ends for specifics about the event!**

The International Office, Board of Trustees, and all Affiliate Directors are excited to meet coaches and students online. While many events, such as the Memento Exchange and Variety Show, will not be possible virtually, we are the BEST problems solvers on Earth and we are ready with amazing options!

Congratulations,

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Access and login information to our virtual conference platform will be provided prior to the conference.

Please know that all listed times are in Eastern Time, and many are to be decided (TBD), as we are exploring the best times for participation of those in different time zones! The registration system may have some times listed, but they are TBD.

**Week of June 1-5**

CmPS Interviews via virtual methods (as scheduled)..... TBD

**Wednesday, 3 June**

Scenario Performance Competitions ..... submitted virtually by 12:00pm

**Thursday, 4 June**

Opening Ceremony..... TBD

Scenario Writing Competitions ..... submitted virtually by 12:00pm

**Friday, 5 June**

GIPS Competitions ..... Due by 12 noon

Parents' Meeting ..... TBD

Presentation of Action Plan..... submitted virtually

CmPS Showcase..... TBD

Senior Student Forum ..... TBD

**Saturday, 6 June**

FPS Q & A ..... TBD

CmPS Thinking Tools Session for coaches and students ..... TBD

Topics Think Tank Session ..... TBD

Scenario Writing Champions Presentations..... TBD

Presentation of Action Plan Awards..... TBD

**Tuesday, 9 June**

Awards Ceremony ..... TBD

## REGISTRATION – OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS

General information for all things IC 2020 can be found at [fpspi.org/ic-information/](https://fpspi.org/ic-information/).

**Registration for all students participating in IC 2020 will occur online through the International Conference Registration Website at [icfpspi.org](https://icfpspi.org).**

**Registration Deadline: Wednesday May 6th, 2020**

At **least one coach** will be required on the registration in order for it to be marked as completed.

Also please **select 'coach will attend the event'** when adding them to the registration.

If you do not select they will attend the event, the system will not mark your registration as completed.

This is a virtual competition, so their attendance will not be required – this was the best way we could accommodate the system on short notice.

Anyone participating in the 2020 International Conference **must** register. One person, called the **coordinator**, is responsible for gathering information from participants, submitting the registration, and providing contact for who will provide payment. ***A single registration can be made for multiple schools.***

- Review all provided information before logging in to IC Registration – there are forms and information you need to gather before beginning (see checklist titled “Information to Collect Before Starting”).
- Create a new IC Registration Account by clicking “Register Today.” You will provide your email, a personal password, and use the access code **Provided by AD** to create your account. Click the “Create Account” button. (Accounts do not carry over from previous years.)
- Using the email and password that you just used to create your account, sign in on the next screen to begin the registration process.
- Complete the registration process by progressing through each menu item.
- The Coordinator **must** Finalize the registration!

**Access Code:**  
**Provided by AD**

The Information entered into the FPS IC Registration system will be used “as is” for the 2020 International Conference Celebration of Champions publication. Please pay careful attention to your spelling and use sentence case, **not all caps**.

### FORMS

One form is required for each student: the Publication Release Statement of Authenticity, and the Competitor Rules & Regulations Contract. This year we are implementing a new process for contract collection; it is built into our registration system. Please review the instructions for this process on page 6.

## PAYMENT

All payments for IC must be in US dollars and are due on **13 May 2020**. Acceptable payment options are: credit card, PayPal, money order, purchase order (scan & email to [arlette@fpspi.org](mailto:arlette@fpspi.org) prior to **13 May 2020**), a check made payable to FPSPI, or wiring of funds. Any payments received after **13 May 2020** will be charged a late fee.

## INFORMATION TO COLLECT BEFORE STARTING REGISTRATION

- 1. Coordinator:** Person responsible for gathering information from participants, submitting the registration, and providing payment. The coordinator's contact information is required and includes the following: First and Last Name, Email address, Phone number, and Affiliate or Mentored Region.
- 2. School Information:** For the school(s), the following information is required: School Name, Address, Phone number, and Affiliate or Mentored Region.
- 3. Participants:** This includes competitors, and coaches. You will need to have the following information:
  - o Competitors:**
    - First and Last Name, Gender, Grade at time of qualification, School, Division at time of qualification, and any educational accommodations (submission of 504/IEP or other legal educational documentation to [elizabeth@fpspi.org](mailto:elizabeth@fpspi.org) is required by Friday, May 22)
  - o Coaches:**
    - First and Last Name, Gender, Special Needs, Phone number, and Email Address.
- 4. Competitions:** Identification of the competition(s) in which the competitor(s) will participate
- 5. Events:** Which optional events participants plan to attend (see schedule and descriptions). Virtual login information will be provided prior to the event. More events will continue to be added that will not require preregistration.
- 6. New this year for the coordinator: You must have the parent's/guardian's email address for each student that is registered before registration can be finalized.** We have introduced a new process to collect the Publication Release Statement of Authenticity and the Competitor Rules & Regulations Contract for students attending the 2020 International Conference online during the registration process. The parent's/guardian's email address provided will be sent an automated email for them to complete and submit the contract for their student.

## ONLINE FORMS

**NEW THIS YEAR FOR THE COORDINATOR: You must have the parent's/guardian's email address for each student that is registered before registration can be finalized.**

We have introduced a new process to collect the Publication Release Statement of Authenticity and the Competitor Rules & Regulations Contract for students attending the 2020 International Conference. During the registration process, the coordinator will indicate if the student is a competitor or non-competitor. While adding these students, they will see a new field labelled, "Parent/Guardian Email." **This is a required field in order for you to add each participant and continue with the registration.**

\* Grade at time of Qualification

\* School

\* Division at time of Qualification

\* Parent/Guardian's Email



Once registration is completed and the coordinator has pressed the “Finalize” button, an automated email will be sent to the parent/guardian email address provided. In this email, there will be a link that will take the parent/guardian to an online form, where they can review the terms for Publication Release Statement of Authenticity and Competitor Rules & Regulations contract for students. To agree to the terms, they must:

1. Check the box next to each term
2. Type the participant’s name into the “Signature of Participant” field
3. Type their name into the “Signature of Parent/Guardian” field
4. Check the box agreeing to all terms
5. Then press the “I Agree to the Above Terms” button

This will complete the contract submission and send a notice to the International Office that the contract has been signed and submitted for that participant. **Any registrations that do not have this step completed will not be processed.** The International Office will be checking to see who has not completed this step for all registrations that are otherwise finalized, and will follow up with the Coordinator to ensure that this step has not been overlooked.

The emails sometimes get delivered to the spam or junk bins. So please be sure to let everyone know to check those locations in their email accounts. If any parents/guardians missed the email, they can go to [this link](#), enter the Registration Number and the participant’s first and last name, and follow the steps above to complete their contract. If there are any questions, please email Damien at [damien@fpspi.org](mailto:damien@fpspi.org).

## REGISTRATION FEES

The fee for virtual registrations for IC 2020 supports evaluations, competition administration, awards, and virtual conference activities/sessions/meetings.

Individual GIPS:	\$150
Team GIPS:	\$600
Individual CmPS:	\$150
Team CmPS:	\$900
Scenario Writing:	\$150
Scenario Performance:	\$150

## CHANGES/CANCELLATIONS

Changes or cancellations may be made to a finalized registration by contacting the FPSPI International Office ([debbie@fpspi.org](mailto:debbie@fpspi.org)). Each occurrence is subject to a \$50 service fee. Cancellations made prior to the **6 May** deadline may receive partial refund; emergency cancellations after that time will require confirmation of emergency circumstances – we are certainly maintaining flexibility during circumstances surrounding COVID-19. Participants involved in late registrations and/or changes may not be reflected in the official 2020 IC Celebration of Champions.

**Any payments received after 13 May 2020 will be charged a late fee.**



## EVENT REGISTRATION

Coordinators are able to pre-register participants for many IC events. Pre-registration for events is greatly appreciated. *You will notice that there are times for these events listed in the registration system – the exact times will be flexible to accommodate time zones and finalized closer to the event!*

The coordinator will designate events for **each participant** on the registration. Take this opportunity to preview the IC 2020 virtual offerings below and discuss with your students. Additional offerings such as the Topics Think Tank session will be added and shared over the coming weeks (pre-registration for events added later will not be required).

Event	Registration Details
<p><b><u>FPS Question &amp; Answer Session</u></b></p> <p>Adults are invited to attend this Saturday morning session for Questions &amp; Answers about all areas of FPS.</p>	Open to adults.
<p><b><u>Parent Meeting: Families and FPS Working Together</u></b></p> <p>Friday morning, while the competitions are underway, families/adults are invited to attend this interactive meeting and connect with FPS leaders and other parents.</p>	Open to all adults.
<p><b><u>Senior Student Forum</u></b></p> <p>Graduating Senior Division competitors are invited to meet and discuss their future opportunities with FPS.</p>	Open to graduating Senior Division competitors.
<p><b><u>CmPS Thinking Tools</u></b></p> <p>Join this session to learn how Thinking Tools can enhance your CmPS projects!</p>	Open to CmPS students and coaches

### CmPS SHOWCASE

The Community Problem Solving Showcase is a feature to inspire and display the impact that Future Problem Solvers have made in their communities. Media Presentations for Community Problem Solving projects will be available for all to see on Friday evening.



### SCENARIO WRITING CHAMPION PRESENTATIONS

Champions from International Scenario Writing Competition read their winning Scenarios on a virtual platform. Audience members will be able to login and interact with the writers, and collaboration is encouraged between winning writers and the audience!

### SCENARIO PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

Be a part of the audience! Watch and be entertained as Scenario Performance competitors present their stories based upon the 2020 International Conference topic.





## ONLINE COMPETITIONS

International Conference participants have qualified to participate in various competitions. There will be a window of several hours open to complete competitions prior to 12:00pm Eastern on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Additional details about accessing the competitions, submitting items for evaluation, and practice for Global Issues competition using our FPSonline virtual system will be provided closer to IC.

Additional information about each competition is available at <https://www.fpspi.org/ic-information/>. All competitions will be evaluated in accordance with the official 2019-20 Evaluation Guidelines. Please be mindful that some Affiliates modify the guidelines for their competitions, so there may be a difference in the guidelines used at IC 2020. You can access a free copy of the IC Guidelines at [www.fpspimart.org/product/evaluation-guidelines/](http://www.fpspimart.org/product/evaluation-guidelines/).

## GLOBAL ISSUES PROBLEM SOLVING (GIPS)

The International Conference topic will be the basis of the Future Scene to which the six-step process will be applied.

### Team Global Issues Problem Solving (Junior, Middle, Senior, Adult):

- A minimum of two members from the original qualifying Affiliate/Mentored Region team must participate.
- Two hours is provided for teams to complete the booklet; time will be tracked on FPSOnline.

### Individual Global Issues Problem Solving (Junior, Middle, Senior):

- Eight Challenges, eight Solution Ideas, and a shortened grid will be completed in the individual booklet.
- Two hours is provided for individuals to complete the booklet; time will be tracked on FPSOnline.

### Multi-Affiliate Global Issues Problem Solving Competition (MAGIC) (Junior, Middle, Senior, Adult):

- This competition will occur separately in mid to late June – stay tuned for details!

## PRESENTATION OF ACTION PLAN (PAP) – UP TO 7 MEMBERS PER TEAM

The Presentation of Action Plan competition is required for each GIPS team, and may include additional conference competitors. We encourage all students, including those participating in CmPS, Scenario Writing, or Scenario Performance, to join a PAP team for this short (2-4 minute) performance of the team's Action Plan!

As the situation with COVID-19 continues to develop, and more people are able to meet in person (or not), the details of this competition will be provided at a later date. We are working on virtual contingency plans for teams that may be unable to meet in person.

## COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING (CMPS) TEAM & INDIVIDUAL

CMPS Project submission dates are as follows:

- **April 3:** Coversheets due from Affiliate Directors
- **April 14:** Project Reports and Addenda due via email to [cmps@fpspi.org](mailto:cmps@fpspi.org)  
(please communicate if extension is needed)
- **May 22:** Media Presentation/PSA due electronically
- **June 1:** Scrapbooks due electronically  
Three options are available for Scrapbook submissions.
- **Week of June 1-5:** scheduled interview  
Interviews will be scheduled via Skype (or another teleconference platform) or pre-recorded. An interactive interview with evaluators is preferred, but a pre-recorded option is offered.  
Displays will not be included as part of the IC 2020 virtual competition.
- **June 5:** Virtual CmPS Showcase conducted via virtual platform
- **June 9:** Award Ceremony conducted via Facebook Live



## SCENARIO PERFORMANCE (ScP)

### IC Topic Performances



- ScP participants will present their stories based on the IC Topic in a 5 minute recorded presentation. Detailed instructions for this competition will be provided approximately one month prior to IC when champions have been identified.
- Submission will be in the form of unlisted YouTube links.
- The use of props, costumes, or aids, beyond the use of the voice, are not allowed; however, students may reference a maximum of 10 (4x6 inch) cue cards.
- Students will be submitting these before GIPS competition, so there will be no conflict if students wish to participate in both competitions.

## SCENARIO WRITING

Affiliate Program Scenario champions and the International Scenario Writing Competition champions are invited to participate in the Scenario Writing Competition, where they will write a spontaneous scenario based on an International Conference Future Scene. Full details for submission will be provided approximately one month prior to IC.

- Students will write a 1500-word or less short story within the Future Scene's parameters of **time, place, and topic**. Students will decide on a general theme and setting for a futuristic scenario, using the Future Scene as inspiration.
- Scenarios are evaluated on the same criteria used in the International Scenario Writing Competition, with an additional criterion: "Relation to Future Scene Parameters."
- Students will be submitting these before GIPS competition, so there will be no conflict if students wish to participate in both competitions.



This experience is non-competitive and geared toward the GIPS process. Students in grades 4-12 will be offered this virtual opportunity in the coming months. Attendees will explore critical and creative thinking strategies, the International Conference Future Scene, and write a booklet as the facilitators expertly guide them through the problem solving process. This virtual workshop will provide instruction and interactive activities for students new to the FPS process and those looking to improve their problem solving skills.

Stay on the lookout for this opportunity!