



Community Problem Solving

The IC 2021 Community Problem Solving project materials for all team and individual competitors will be submitted to the [FPSOnline system](#), with interview and scrapbook evaluator sessions will be conducted outside of FPSOnline. FPSPI competitive submissions are used to determine International Conference champions. Therefore, the submission of student work must follow CmPS rules and competitive guidelines. Below, key aspects of the competition are discussed to help you prepare for IC 2021. The latest information about IC 2021 can always be found on our website at www.fpspi.org/ic-information. Any specific questions not addressed within these materials should be directed to cmops@fpspi.org.

TIMELINE

- Ongoing - FPSOnline login information and instructions provided to coaches as Affiliate champions determined
- Friday, April 23 - FPSOnline submission window closes for: "Cover Sheet" information, Written Report, Addendum, and link to Media Presentation/PSA
- Friday, April 23 - FPSOnline submission window closes: Preface for Evolving Projects, if applicable
- Thursday, May 6 - Registration closes www.icfpspi.org
Note: all students who worked on project (even if not participating in IC) must have completed FPSPI International Conference Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Competitor Rules and Regulations Contract
- Thursday, May 13 - Payment due
- Thursday, May 17 - Interview scheduling begins
- Thursday, May 20 - All documentation for accommodations (504, educational, disability, etc.) due
- Tuesday, June 1 to Thursday, June 10 - Interview and Scrapbook evaluator session window
- Wednesday, June 9 - Opening Ceremony
- Thursday, June 10 to Sunday, June 13 - CmPS Showcase via IC Virtual platform
- Monday, June 14 - Award Ceremony

COMPETITION DETAILS

General Information:

- All work submitted in FPSOnline must be provided in English. Any need for interview translations must be noted during IC registration so arrangements can be made.
- Displays will not be included in the evaluation of CmPS projects for IC 2021.
- Scrapbooks will be presented as part of the Interview process.
- All CmPS projects will be "on display" during the CmPS Showcase on the Virtual IC Platform.
- Chrome, Firefox, and Safari are the recommended browsers for the FPSOnline system. Other browsers have not been tested, and may not provide the best user experience.
- Only team members registered for IC 2021 may participate in IC activities (including the Interview and Showcase).

Written Reports:

- Must be submitted as both a Word document and a PDF file via FPSOnline
- Must not exceed 5500 words
- Should include a 1-page timeline
- Must be written in legible 12-point font (not script)

Addenda:

- Must be submitted as a single PDF file via FPSOnline (compressed size)
- Must not exceed 6 pages



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- May include photos, copies/excerpts of letters, articles, surveys, etc.
- May be collage or text (must be legible)

Media Presentation/PSA:

- Must be submitted as an unlisted YouTube video link on FPSOnline. Participants in countries that have blocked YouTube must contact cmps@fpspi.org to make alternate arrangements.
- May or may not include students in the video
- May be created using multimedia software, videography, PowerPoint, storytelling software, etc.
- Must be 3-5 minutes (Media Presentation) or 45-90 seconds (Public Service Announcement)

Scrapbook:

- May be formatted in the manner of the students' choosing
- May be a paper or digital scrapbook
- May not include animations or videos
- Has no page limit, though will be reviewed as part of the interview process
- Should be thoughtfully developed and organized so that the most significant aspects of the project are highlighted

Interviews:

- Will be scheduled to occur between June 1-10
- Every interview will include the question "Which step in the problem solving process made the biggest difference to your project and why?" Other potential interview questions will be available on FPSOnline.
- Interviews times are allotted with 30 minutes for team projects, and 15 minutes for individual projects.

Option 1

Interactive Interview

- Preferred interview option
- Utilizes Zoom or other web-conference software
- Live interaction between student(s) and evaluators
- Evaluators and students will be provided with scheduled interview time and instructions
- Two times will be scheduled in the event the second is needed due to technical issues
- Efforts will be made to accommodate time zone differences, though early or late times may be necessary

Live Scrapbook Presentation

- An additional 5 minutes at the end of the interactive interview for student(s) to present the scrapbook
- Student(s) must have the scrapbook available during the web-conference

Option 2

Recorded Responses

- Used only if the students and evaluators are unable to connect during the scheduled interview times
- Coach will be provided with pre-determined questions that students must respond to in the video
- The recorded response must be submitted within 24 hours of receiving the questions.
- The video submission must be provided as a single take

Recorded Scrapbook Presentation

- An additional 5 minutes included at the end of the recorded interview for student(s) to present the scrapbook



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EVALUATION

CmPS projects are evaluated in accordance with the official IC [Evaluation Guidelines](#). The “Display” section of the score sheet will not be included for any projects submitted for IC 2021. Please be mindful that some Affiliates modify the guidelines for their competitions.

Awards are given for top CmPS projects by category and division, and will be announced during the Award Ceremony on Monday, June 14. Following the conclusion of the Award Ceremony, score sheets will be available in FPSOnline. Awards will be mailed to the address on file for the coordinator as provided during registration. NOTE: Awards for Non-US winners will be mailed to their Affiliate Director for distribution.

RULES

When competitors register for IC 2021, they are required to complete the FPSP International Conference Publication Release/Statement of Authenticity and Competitor Rules and Regulations Contract, which indicates violation of any rules may result in disqualification. Please note the following:

- All submitted work must be original, and the sole creation of registered student’s(s’) own efforts and ideas.