

Special Skills Workshops # 4: Poster Making Session 2 - Preparing the RET Poster

Speaker: Dr. Anant R. Kukreti, RET Project Director

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Times: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Venue: University of Cincinnati, Old Chem. 615A

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This workshop was facilitated by Dr. Anant R. Kukreti who is the Project Director. He is the Principal Investigator of NSF GK-12 Project STEP and NSF RET Project, and serves as the liaison with NSF. He coordinates, with assistance for the Grant Coordinator, all activities of these projects. Dr. Kukreti is the Director for Engineering Outreach in the College of Engineering and Applied Science and is a Professor in the School of Energy, Environmental, Biological and Medical Engineering. He served as the Associate Dean for Engineering Education Research until August 2009. Prior to this, he served as Head of CEE from August 2000 to August 2006 after working for 22 years in the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, serving as its Acting Director from 1996-1999. He teaches computer and experimental modeling of structures for earthquake studies. He has received two Professorships, and won four University and two ASEE Teaching Awards.

This poster session served as a review and evaluation time for the posters generated by the RET participants for the RET summer 2011 program. This time was split into 2 different activities. The opening activity provided each program participant an opportunity to evaluate each group's poster using a rubric provided by Dr. Kukreti. Below are pictures of the participants actively engaging in the activity.

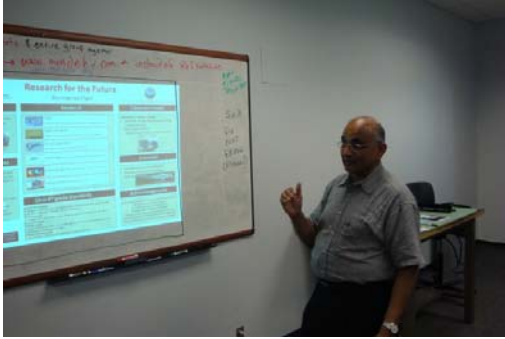


Participants Completing Poster Evaluation Walk Through Process

After the walk through, participants were able to spend time in a one-on-one situation with Dr. Kukreti to receive feedback on the posters. Some of the major feedback that participants received from Dr. Kukreti included:

- Reduce the amount of text on the poster

- Enlarge the text that remains on the poster to allow for a reader to easily read from about 3-4 feet from the poster
- Rearrange the branding on the poster so that it takes up less space
- Use dark background colors with the headings in bold white
- Title should be something that grabs the attention of the students
- Make the poster relevant to the students



Pictures of Dr. Kukreti Providing Valuable Feedback to a Participant

The key points stressed about the poster were reviewed from the power point on the Wiki site. The site for these directions are located at http://www.eng.uc.edu/step/wiki2011/2011/06/23/making-a-poster/poster_creation_june2011/.