

SAVIAC Policy

Foreign Nationals Participation in Classified Sessions

Background

The Shock and Vibration Information Analysis Center (SAVIAC) manages the annual Shock & Vibration Symposium under contract to the U.S. Government. The Symposium was established as a mechanism for the exchange of information among Government activities, private industry, and academia on current work and new developments dealing specifically with the structural dynamic behavior of air, sea, space, and ground vehicles and structures. Separate sessions are held for presentation of classified or limited-distribution material.

Participation of all who are working in this area is encouraged so that Symposium attendees can derive the maximum benefit from the event. Restrictions, however, must be placed on foreign national participation in classified sessions to enforce U.S. Government security regulations.

Participation

Foreign nationals will not be allowed to attend classified sessions unless they meet the following requirements:

Participation in a Joint U.S. - Foreign National (FN) Program

At the request of the community, SAVIAC will develop classified sessions devoted entirely to a joint U.S. - FN Program. Such a session will usually be chaired by the U.S. Program Manager or his designated representative. Foreign nationals participating in the program will be granted access, subject to restrictions, to participate in the session.

To be granted access the foreign national must request his embassy contact the U.S. State Department with the request. The State Department will forward the request to the Department of Defense who will contact the program manager for permission. Once permission is granted, the foreign national may attend only the session devoted to the joint program. The foreign national will be escorted at all times while on government property by a designated member of the host organization. Additional restrictions may be mandated by the hosting organization.

Presentation of Foreign Classified Material

The U.S. Government requires its agencies and contractors to treat the classified material of foreign governments in the same manner as it treats U. S. Government classified material. Foreign nationals wishing to present classified material for which there is no joint U.S. - FN Program or no U.S. Government sponsoring agency must make this known with the submission of the abstract. Acceptance of the paper for presentation, in addition to technical merit, will consider the security regulations of the hosting organization. There is no appeal to SAVIAC for papers rejected because of security regulations, the author should contact the hosting organization's security office to discuss further action. The foreign nationals presenting the paper will only be allowed in the presentation hall during the presentation of their paper and will be under escort by a designated member of the host organization. Additional restrictions may be mandated by the hosting organization.

Publication

The foreign national is responsible for delivery of the paper to SAVIAC. U.S. Government security regulations require classified documents from foreign governments be delivered to a sponsoring agency for forwarding to SAVIAC. It is the responsibility of the foreign national to locate an agency and point of contact willing to accept delivery of the classified paper and act as the U.S. sponsor of the paper. Additional restrictions may be mandated by the hosting organization. Participants in joint U.S. - FN programs should use the U.S. agency participating in the joint program.