



3rd SAFER-Symposium Summary

Hosted by University of Central Florida

October 5-6, 2015



The 3rd SAFER-Sim symposium was hosted by the University of Central Florida on October 5 & 6, 2015 in conjunction with the International Road Safety and Simulation Conference in Orlando, Florida. Attendees included students involved in SAFER-Sim projects, faculty, and the five site directors. SAFER-Symposium events hosted at consortium sites continue to provide valuable leadership development and collaboration experience for the more than 70 attendees and particularly the 40 student attendees.

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in collaboration with the Safety Research using Simulation Center (SAFER-SIM) and University of Central Florida, hosted a workshop on October 5, a day before the 2015 Road Safety & Simulation International Conference, to discuss potential applications of using virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) for various transportation research topics. Dr. David Yang, the Human Factors Team Leader with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's Office of Safety Research and Development at the Turner Fairbank Highway Research Center led the workshop. The workshop was titled "Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) for Transportation Research" and presentations will be available on the SAFER-Sim website.



As part of the symposium, there was a networking dinner attended by more than 40 students. Transportation professionals who were former students at University of Central Florida presented perspectives on careers in government, industry and academia to symposium attendees.



SAFER-Sim students presented more than 20 posters highlighting their work on SAFER-Sim projects in a session on the morning of the first day of the International Road Safety Conference. This poster session was attended by students, faculty, and conference attendees.

SAFER-Sim students and faculty have an excellent record of leadership as professionals in the safety and health community.

