
6th POST GRADUATE CONFERENCE

on

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Johannesburg, South Africa
6 – 8 September 2009

ORGANISED BY



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Department of Construction Management
and Quantity Surveying
University of Johannesburg

CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Conference is being organised by representatives from the Department of Construction Management and Quantity Surveying of the University of Johannesburg and the CIDB. Wellington Didibhuku Thwala will act as chair for the committee.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

This committee will consist of national and international academics and representatives from industry.

CONFERENCE HOST AND SECRETARIAT

The Department of Construction Management and Quantity Surveying of the University of Johannesburg is acting as host for the conference. Secretarial, administrative and management matters are under the care of the Conference Organising Committee. All enquiries should be made to: Ms Corlia Jordaan: +27 11 559 6056 Fax: +27 11 559 6630; e-mail: corliaj@uj.ac.za

OBJECTIVES

The sixth national conference is intended to bring together postgraduate researchers, academics and industry representatives from Southern Africa to deliberate on issues of common interest with the aim of improving the status of the construction industry beyond 2010. CPD certificates will be issued to delegates.

CONFERENCE SCOPE

The scope of the conference is to encourage active debate amongst researchers. Submissions by students in particular, but also from departmental personnel who are working in the built environment disciplines and those who are concerned with the challenges that the South African construction industry faces, are particularly welcome. The conference seeks to explore current advances in construction research relevant to the present and future state of development of the construction industry, nationally and globally. Papers should focus on new research themes and topics, innovative research strategies or well articulated methodologies applied in the Southern African context. Reporting on work recently completed or work in progress is especially welcome. The aim is to address the role and the contribution of all who add value to the construction industry's performance.

CONFERENCE THEME

Sustainable Construction through Quality and Innovation Beyond 2010

MAIN TOPICS

Papers will be accepted within the broad areas of Construction Industry Sustainability, Quality and Innovation. Papers will be grouped around the thematic areas and can include the following key topics:

Sustainability

- Human resources development
- Business performance
- SMME development
- Construction economics
- Developing country issues
- Impact of HIV/AIDS
- Value management

Quality

- Best practice and benchmarking
- Knowledge management
- Industry capacity
- Health and safety
- Skills development
- Education and training

Innovation

- IT in construction
- Construction project management
- Emerging contractor issues
- Tendering strategies
- Affordable housing
- Alternative designs and materials
- Climate change and green buildings

Note: the above topics are merely a guideline. All topics within the broad spectrum of Construction Industry, sustainable construction, quality and innovation will be considered.

ABSTRACTS AND PAPER

Authors are invited to submit abstracts in English of not more than 350 words for peer review by the Scientific and Technical Committee. Each abstract should be submitted on a single side of A4 paper with a covering letter. The topic that the proposed paper will address should be indicated. The name(s) and full contact details of the author(s) are also required together with specific details pertaining to their role (study-leader, researcher etc.). Abstracts will be reviewed according to the relevance to the aims and objectives of the conference; originality of subject matter; likely academic rigour of the proposed paper; and likely contribution to knowledge, or practical relevance, of the proposed paper. The abstract template to be used and the paper and oral presentation guidelines can be downloaded from: [Download address](#)

KEY DATES

- Submission of abstract: 30 April 2009
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 15 May 2009
- Submission of draft paper: 30 June 2009
- Notification of paper acceptance: 17 July 2009
- Submission of final paper: 7 August 2009
- Distribution of Programme: 28 August 2009

SUBMISSIONS

Submit abstracts and papers as E-mail attachment in Microsoft Word format to: didibhukut@uj.ac.za. Each paper will be sent to referees who are knowledgeable in the field. Authors of accepted papers will be invited to present the papers, which will be published in the annual Conference Proceedings. Note that at least one of the authors must register, attend the conference and present the paper, as a condition for publication.

VENUE: Johannesburg

CONFERENCE FEES

All fees exclude accommodation which should be arranged by the delegates themselves. Accommodation details will be communicated to all delegates in due course. Delegates are encouraged to register early. Early bird registration

ends on 7 August 2009. Thereafter registration fees are subject to a surcharge of 10%.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

- ♦ **Sunday, 6 September 2009**
Evening: Registration, Ice Breaker Function
- ♦ **Monday, 7 September 2009**
Morning: Welcome, Keynote Address and Presentation of Papers
Afternoon: Presentation of Papers
Evening: Conference Banquet
- ♦ **Tuesday, 8 September 2009**
Morning: Presentation of Papers
Afternoon: Presentation of Papers, Awards and Closure

AWARDS

- Best written paper by student
- Best presentation by student
- Best overall paper

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Further details will be published on the conference website: www.cidb.org.za

REGISTRATION FORM	
Title: Prof. Dr. Eng. Arch. Mr. Mrs Ms Other:	
Surname:	First name:
Organisation:	
Address:	
City:	Post Code:
Country:	
Tel:+ / /	Fax:+ / /
E-mail :	
Paper Title (if Applicable)	

CONFERENCE FEES		
Delegate conference fee (excluding accommodation)	R700	
Accompanying person: attends Ice Breaker function & Banquet @ R350	R	
Total Amount (R)	R	
Registration after 7 August 2009: add 10% surcharge on total above	R	
Form of payment:	Total of cheque enclosed	R
	Bank transfer (please enclose copy)	R
Accompanying persons: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Other:		
Surname:	First name(s):	
Dietary preference:	Halaal Vegetarian Kosher	

Note: Final registration is subject to Receipt of Full Payment.