



## News Letter – N° 1

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### The Summit Motivation

The interest in Engineering Education has been growing in recent years. The several international conferences (ICEEs series) on this subject are attracting now many more attendants than before. Our experience with the ICEEs has shown an steady change on the significance of the presented papers, from proposals in the very beginning, to tangible results presently.

Brazil has been a firm participant of the ICEEs since ICEE-97 (held in Chicago) and in the several following conferences, always with a sizeable delegation. The ICEE-98 was held in Rio de Janeiro (1998)

Since 1998, efforts to attract Latin American countries to joint the community of the ICEEs were developed, inducing the initiative to prepare Regional conferences. Several meetings of the Steering Committee of the ICEEs during 2001 and 2002 reinforced this view and this was the starting of the decision to organize IASEE as the first Regional conference.

Positive circumstances exist for the coming date (March 2003). The ICEE2003 will be held in Valencia, Spain, in July 2003, and some of the attendees of the IASEE could attend. This specific Summit will help ICEE2003 in boosting the Latin American attendance.

Simply stated, the Summit, as a Regional Conference, deals with needs and themes specific to the Regional Community, taking into consideration the rich examples brought by the international community.

Considering that one of the present challenges to Latin America is the constitution and participation of regional blocks, and believing that mobile professional Engineers are a relevant asset, the IASEE specific objectives could be defined as:

- To unite ongoing efforts in Latin American Institutions aiming the improvement and internationalization of the local Schools of Engineering
- To raise the competitiveness of the industry in the continent
- To keep a focus on Accreditation & Quality Assessment in regards to University - Industry relations
- To create a continental commitment on engineering education Improvement within a Collaborative Environment
- To develop the *Engineer of the Americas* with continental mobility, as the first step of a great task in the globalization era.

*The Engineer of the Americas – a remarkable challenge*

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For information, visit:

On IASEE [www.univap.br/iasee](http://www.univap.br/iasee)

On Valencia 2003: [www.upv.es/icee2003](http://www.upv.es/icee2003)

### Operational Aspects

- The summit will offer panels, presentations papers and posters to the audience and them, in workshops, establish, with the participants, an action plan based on fixed targets dates (milestones) to obtain clear results.
- Limited Matching Grants for Accommodation and Attendance for under-represented Countries are available. Please, contact the Programme Committee.

### Milestones

- **IASEE (2003)**  
To establish a *Network of Institutions* in the Americas
- **Valencia 2003**  
To present a Draft Declaration of the “Engineer of the Americas”, including Quality Requirements
- **Florida 2004**  
To enact a final Declaration of the “Engineer of the Americas”
- **Puerto Rico 2006**  
To follow practical developments of the above Declaration.

### Invitation

- The summit organizers invite you to attend the IASEE and also to present papers on the subject of the focus of the Summit to create a culture of partnership to foster better Engineering Education with continental mobility in the Americas.
- Please, submit your pre-registration using our site
- The News Letter N° 2 will comment the list of the presenters and their contributions.

### Acknowledgments

- The Organizers of IASEE would like to thank Hewlett Packard for kindly giving the first donation that encouraged us on keeping organizing the Summit.
- The organizers of IASEE would like to thank iNEER (*International Network for Engineering Education and Research*) for support.

# Timetable Overview

March 24, 2003

## Morning

- 7h30 – 9h00 **Registration**
- 8h30 – 10h00 **Grand Opening – Plenary**
- 10h00 – 10h30 **Break**
- 10h30 – 12h30 **First Plenary Session**
- 12h30 – 14h00 **Lunch**

## Afternoon

- 14h00 – 16h00 **Second Plenary Session:** Developments in Engineering Education
- 16h00 – 16h30 **Break**
- 16h30 – 18h30 **Third Plenary Session:** Working Group to establish the Ibero-American Network for Engineering Education (IANetEE)

## Evening

- 19h00 **Opening Reception**

March 25, 2003

## Morning

- 7h30 – 8h30 **Registration**
- 8h30 – 10h00 **Parallel Panels**  
1 – University-Industry Interaction and Innovation  
2 - Curriculum development
- 10h10 – 10h30 **Break**
- 10h30 – 12h30 **Parallel Panels**  
1 - Accreditation in Engineering Education  
2 - Funding Mechanisms
- 12h30 – 14h00 **Lunch**

## Afternoon

- 14h00 – 16h00 **Parallel Sessions for Short Papers presentation Leading to the Poster Session**
- 16h00 – 17h30 **Poster Session**
- 17h30 – 18h30 **Video Conference**

## Evening

- 19h30 **Dinner**

March 26, 2003

## Morning

- 7h30 – 8h30 **Registration**
- 08h30 – 10h00 **Parallel session of workshops / Session on Funding Mechanism Interaction**
- 10h00 – 10h30 **Break**
- 10h30 – 12h30 **Fourth Plenary Session:** Industry Round Table (industry sponsors, funding agencies and international organisms)
- 12h30 – 14h00 **Lunch**

## Afternoon

- 14h00 – 15h30 **Fifth Plenary Session:** Ibero-American Network for Engineering Education (IANetEE)
- 15h30 - 16h00 **Break**
- 16h00 – 17h30 **Final Plenary Session:** General Summary and Recommendations by the General Rapporteur
- 18h00 **Departure**

## Evening

- 20h00 **Dinner for post Conference Workshops Attendees**

March 27, 2003

## Post Conference

### Morning

- 7h00 – 8h30 **Registration to the workshops**
- 08h30 – 10h00 **Two parallel workshops**
- 10h00 – 10h30 **Break**
- 10h30 – 12h30 **Two parallel workshops**
- 13h00 **Farewell Lunch**
- 15h00 **Departure**