

International Conference on Engineering Education and Research iCEER-2004, Bouzov Castle, Czech Republic, June 27-30, 2004

CALL FOR PAPERS #5

GOVERNMENT POLICY ISSUES

University researchers may be driving the engine of economic growth but they will face great challenges as universities become more engaged with outside institutions - not only institutions from governmental and private sectors but also institutions beyond state borders.

The session has been scheduled in the frame of the iCEER 2004 in order to understand how the dynamics of the globalization process influence universities and conversely, how universities can meet these new global challenges. Discussion of globalisation could focus on identifying and implementing strategies for recruiting international students, on internationalizing the curriculum, on the acquisition of language skills in one or even two non-native languages, on promoting academic mobility for both students and professors, or on encouraging networking between researchers and research subjects.

While not belittling the need to discuss such strategies, the session would like to shift the debate further upstream. To be more specific, we also wish to see participants debate a role of **government policy** in the issues such as university funding and "mission" of universities in regions going through transformation as the two topics belong still among the first-line issues in the Czech Republic and not only there. Papers on the topics mentioned above or on other related topics are highly welcome to the session.

This conference emphasizes development of international partnerships in education and research. Through special sessions and international workshops, it provides ample opportunity for discussing future cooperative projects.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- January 15, 2004:** Abstract due (submit through website indicated below, with e-mail to Session Chair. Be sure to begin the text of your abstract with the title of this session)
- February 10, 2004:** Notice of preliminary acceptance
- March 15, 2004:** Paper submission deadline
- March 15, 2004:** Early registration deadline (required for final acceptance of papers)
- March 15, 2004:** Deadline for authors' registration to ensure publishing of submitted papers
- April 15, 2004:** Notice of final acceptance based on peer review (Registration fees will be refunded if papers are not accepted)

Further information is available at the iCEER-2004 web site:

<http://www.fs.vsb.cz/akce/2004/iceer/index.htm>

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