

iCEER09 conference bid

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Belgrade

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (FME), University of Belgrade, proposes to organize the iCEER09 conference in Belgrade, Serbia. The venue of the conference will be at Sava Centre whose facilities include a large number of conference rooms of various sizes, significant space for demos, and excellent internet connectivity. The Innovation Centre, daughter firm of the FME, will take care of smooth running and provide logistic support throughout.

Holding the iCEER09 conference in Belgrade has several distinct advantages:

- Attractive venue – Belgrade has become the regional entertainment capital, undiscovered by most of the conference participants
- Excellent technical conditions – Sava Centre offers conditions well above the bid requirements
- High visibility – including the coverage on national and local TV
- High impact – the conference will be visited by the Minister of Education and/or Science of the Republic of Serbia, the Mayor of Belgrade, and by several key advisers to top decision makers

Should iCEER09 be held in Belgrade, it will not be yet another iCEER conference. Rather, it will be a memorable experience for participants as well as a significant promotion tool for local educational engineering community.

Date of Conference: September 21 – 25, 2009

Conference Theme: Cooperation in Education and Research

Venue: Sava Centre, Belgrade, Serbia

University of Belgrade, with the longest tradition in the south-eastern Europe, consists of 31 faculties, 10 scientific institutes, 6 Centres and the Library, more than 70,000 students and almost 5,000 teachers and associates who make the largest part of the educational and scientific potential of the Republic of Serbia.

Nowadays the University of Belgrade has several important tasks to undertake, the most important being the reform of teaching process and research. The primary goal of these reforms is to make all levels of studies at the faculties of the University more efficient and up-to-date.

International cooperation has been recognized as the leading mechanism to fulfill aforementioned tasks. This is why University of Belgrade is organizing the world rector's conference next September, as well as the Universiade games in Belgrade in summer 2009. This is also why we suggest the conference theme to be Cooperation in both Education and Research.

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The team

This bid is presented by the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Belgrade (FMEUoB). The FMEUoB is a leading educational and research institution in engineering in Serbia.

The local Professional Conference Organizer, the Innovation Centre, will be responsible for organization and logistic support during the conference preparation and execution. The Innovation Centre is an enterprise founded by the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of the University of Belgrade.

The Local Organizing Committee consisting of representatives of the FMEUoB (headed by Prof. Milos Nedeljkovic, the dean), all other engineering faculties and University officials, as well as representatives of Ministries, and the City of Belgrade, will be assembled to coordinate the preparations for and execution of the conference.

The Steering Committee will comprise several internationally recognized professors and researchers from all over the world.

Location



Belgrade (Beograd) is the capital of Serbia, having about 2 million inhabitants. It is located in the south-east of Europe, in the Balkan Peninsula, at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. It is one of the oldest cities in Europe and since ancient times has been an important traffic focal point, an intersection of the roads of Eastern and Western Europe, nowadays well known for its rich night life.

Belgrade is the capital of Serbian culture, education, science and economy. The official language is Serbian.

The climate in Belgrade is moderate continental, with an average daily temperature of 11.7°C.



Belgrade is in the Central European Time (CET) zone (GMT+1 hour). Summer time counting lasts from end of March until end of October (GMT+2 hour).

The official monetary unit is dinar (CSD), but EURO will do as well.

Belgrade area code for domestic calls is 011, and for international calls it is +381-11.

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Venue

The proposed venue for the EGEE07 conference is Sava Centre in Belgrade, Serbia.

Commissioned by the Belgrade City Assembly and built in 1977, this modern complex is situated in one of the most attractive parts of Belgrade, close to the city centre and 15 minutes away from Belgrade's Nikola Tesla Airport. In the immediate vicinity of the Sava Center are several de luxe category hotels, like the Hyatt Regency, In Hotel, Holiday Inn and Belgrade Continental. In effect, the Belgrade Continental is connected to the Sava Center, with which it forms a unique architectural whole.

In its two component units (Building A and Building B), the Sava Center has 15 conference halls with the total capacity of 7,000 seats, which are equipped with the state-of-the-art audio and lighting systems.



More than 7,000 national and international congresses and conferences held in the Sava Center so far have been attended by over 1.5 million participants. The audiences of more than seven million people have seen almost 8,000 cultural and artistic events organized under its roof. The Sava Center has been the venue of major international conferences, including the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Annual Meeting of the World Bank and the IMF, General Assembly of UNESCO, 9th Nonaligned Summit, Annual Meeting of the EBRD, and world meetings of miners, orthopedic surgeons, dentists and many others.

The exhibition space extending on an area of 3,300 sq.m. is ideal for commercial presentations, poster displays, cocktails and mini-fairs.

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Technical details

The following facilities will be provided by Sava Centre:

1. Plenary room 450 + 2x220 seats
2. Meeting room 200 seats
3. 7 Meeting rooms 60-120 seats
4. Demonstration area 24 booths
5. Computer room 12 terminals
6. PMB meeting room
7. PO room
8. AV equipment and support
9. Area for Meals
10. Support services (policlinic, security, parking)

All halls come with the audio (plenary room is equipped with wireless microphones) and video equipment (LCD projectors, screens, overhead projectors).

Demonstration booths will not be equipped with video beams.

Wireless network connectivity will be provided in all rooms.

A 100 Mbps dedicated bandwidth will be provided by NREN. Video streaming will be possible from all sessions.

Social programme

Welcome reception will be held on Sunday evening from 20:00 to 23:00 in the historic City Palace, ex seat of Serbian and Yugoslav kings, in the center of Belgrade.

Conference Banquet will be served in the historic Kalemegdan Fortress on Wednesday evening from 21:00 to 24:00.

Social events will include the cruise along the Danube river and visit to the Viminacium, the capital of the Roman province Moesia Superior.

A number of one day and half day excursions will be offered to the accompanying persons, at the moderate price.

Meals

A buffet lunch will be served at the conference venue. The menu will offer a variety of local and international dishes, as well as vegetarian selection. If weather permits, lunch will be served outdoors, in a especially arranged garden area.