

SUBJECT: Newsletter #3 - New Dates, New Venue and Call for Abstracts for HUMS2009 Conference

Due to a conflict with the recently announced dates for the 2009 Formula 1 motor race in Melbourne, the 2009 Australian International Airshow has changed dates to be earlier in March. As an associated event, the 13th Australian International Aerospace Congress has also moved to be two weeks earlier than previously announced.

The 13th Australian International Aerospace Congress (AIAC13) which includes a number of conferences including the Sixth DSTO International Conference on Health and Usage Monitoring Systems (HUMS2009) will now commence with a Welcome Reception on Monday 9th March (a public holiday in Melbourne). The Congress Dinner will be on the evening of Tuesday 10th March and the HUMS Dinner (yet to be confirmed) is planned for the evening of Wednesday 11th March. All these details will be added to both the AIAC13 and HUMS2009 websites as listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

The first two days papers will be presented at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Tuesday 10th March and Wednesday 11th March. The final day will involve a visit to the Australian International Airshow and the HUMS demonstrations at Avalon on Thursday 12th March 2009.

Call For Abstracts.

Abstracts can be accepted **now** and these will close on 15th August. A copy of the template for submission of the abstract is available from either the AIAC13 or HUMS2009 websites as listed at the bottom of this email.

Abstracts are being sought by HUMS2009 in topics:-

- Health/condition and usage monitoring strategies including Condition-Based Maintenance (CBM)
- HUMS technologies
- HUMS and other monitoring programs
- Monitoring techniques for Propeller/Rotor Track and Balance (RTB)
- Monitoring techniques for engine & transmission vibration analysis
- Structural loads monitoring
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Data management

As these apply in areas such as:

- Helicopters
- Fixed-wing aircraft
- Land vehicles
- Marine vehicles
- Fixed machinery
- Other or multiple areas.

Abstract submission is a two step process which can be conducted at separate times to allow your abstract to be prepared (and approved if your organisation requires) and then separately uploaded.

STEP 1

Abstract template: download the abstract template from either the HUMS2009 website or the "Call for Papers" area of the AIAC13 webpage, save it to your desktop and complete it:

- Use this template to present your abstract in the required format. Abstracts not submitted using this template will be returned for correction.
- Your abstract text should be no more than 500 words.
- Your abstract should clearly and concisely outline the CONTENT of the presentation and should include key points/issues to be addressed.
- Delete all text in red when you have completed this template.
- After completing the abstract template, move onto step 2.

STEP 2

Online abstract submission form: to complete the online abstract submission form on the "Call for Papers" area of the AIAC13 webpage, the following information is required:

- Your Contact Details
- The Title of your Abstract
- Presentation Type
- Keywords / Topics
- Name and Organisation of all Co-Presenters and Co-Authors
- Brief Biographies for Yourself and all Co-Presenters.
Each Biography should be no more than 100 words
- Your Audio Visual Requirements
- Your Completed Abstract Template

To submit an abstract for consideration, click on the respective conference and enter the information as per the list above.

[Please note, the invitation to submit an abstract does not constitute an offer to pay travel, accommodation or registration costs associated with the conference. Similarly, no speaker fee is paid to successful participants. All speakers must register for the conference and forward the appropriate registration fee six weeks prior to the commencement of the conference.]

ABSTRACTS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 15 AUGUST 2008.

SPONSORSHIP.

The 10% sponsorship discount finishes at the end of July but the sponsorship rates are still a very reasonable method of gaining exposure to our audience while also getting free registrations.

We would like to welcome our first confirmed HUMS2009 sponsors - Dytecna Asia Pacific is now a Silver Sponsor and QinetiQ Aerostructures is a Bronze Sponsor. Sponsorship packages are available by emailing Joanna Kappas at the address below.

CONFERENCE DETAILS.

We hope to have full conference details, including registration costs, on the websites soon.

The Congress website is at "www.aiac13.com" and the HUMS2009 Conference website is at "www.dsto.defence.gov.au/HUMS2009/" so please check both websites for more information. The Call For Abstracts is at "www.aiac13.com/call-for-papers/".

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