

SURF 2008

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Topics of interest: _____

Do you wish to participate with a presentation?

YES NO

If yes, you will have to produce a short abstract. *Abstracts should be submitted by **June 15th 2007**. Details will be announced in the Call for abstracts.*



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**6th SYMPOSIUM ON
PAVEMENT
SURFACE
CHARACTERISTICS,
SURF 2008**

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

October, week from 20th to 24th, 2008

Slovenia, Europe



PIARC TC 4.2

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ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

Every 4 years PIARC organizes an international symposium on pavement surface characteristics for roads and airfields, so called SURF events. The first symposium was held at State College, Pennsylvania, USA in June 1988, followed by symposia in Germany (Berlin, June 1992), New Zealand (Christchurch, September 1996), France (Nantes, June 2000), and Canada (Toronto, June 2004). The success and interest shown in these symposia has encouraged PIARC Technical Committee TC 4.2 "Road/Vehicle Interaction" and the Slovenian PIARC National Committee to organize the 6th International Symposium on Pavement Surface Characteristics of Roads and Airfields in 2008. SURF 2008 will be held in Slovenia.

TOPICS

The main objective of the Symposium is to share and discuss experience about how to improve quality through effective management of road infrastructure assets, in accordance with user expectations and managers' requests.

Technical sessions will include:

- Exchange of technology, ideas and visions on road and airport pavement surface characteristics,
- Efficient management of road assets with management systems capable of integrating all infrastructure components, based on performance indicators describing road functionality,
- The condition of surface characteristics-including bridges and geotechnical structures (longitudinal and transverse profiles, distress detection, noise, skid resistance measures, analysis and interpretations etc...), ,
- Presentation of the results of the work of PIARC TC 4.2 and of cooperation with international institutions, the automotive industry, and organisations dealing with the construction and maintenance of road infrastructures.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Individuals and representatives from:

Firms and Industry:

- Pavement Management Firms
- Road and communication infrastructure providers
- The automotive and tyre production industry

Research providers.

- Research centers and laboratories
- Universities

Public bodies:

- National and regional governments
- Road Administrations (government and cities)
- Road Authorities (Associations)

SCHEDULE

First announcement	December 2006
Call for papers	March 2007
Submission of abstracts	June 2007
Abstracts reviewed	October 2007
Full papers submitted	January 2008
Provisional detailed program	April 2008
Full papers reviewed	May 2008
Third announcement	June 2008
Proceedings printed	September 2008

PARALLEL EXHIBITION

A commercial exhibition outside the venue of the symposium will be arranged as well as both social and technical excursions.



VENUE

Slovenia's central location in Europe makes it easily accessible from all parts of Europe and wider. Slovenia is often called the green heart of Europe. It lies between Austria, Italy, the Panonian Plain and the warm and clear Adriatic Sea. Alpine peaks in the northwest with their glacial valleys, gorges, waterfalls and lakes appeal to visitors looking for peace in the mountains as well as to sports climbers, skiers, canoeists and others in search of relaxation or excitement. The coastal zone is rich with history and other pleasures to tempt visitors.

SYMPOSIUM LANGUAGES

The official languages of the symposium will be English and French, with simultaneous translation. Abstracts must be provided in both languages, whereas final papers can be in either language. Posters, and exhibits in the Symposium booths should, preferably, be prepared in dual-language format.

CALL FOR PAPERS

High quality papers and posters that are relevant to the symposium theme are invited. Reports about completed research or research in progress are welcome. All abstracts and papers shall be submitted on-line to the symposium website.

NEXT ANNOUNCEMENT

The second announcement - Call for papers will be issued in March 2007. More detailed information about the symposium will be included.