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**QUANTITY SURVEYING  
CONFERENCE  
2009**

on

**CONSTRUCTING A BRIGHT FUTURE**

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND  
CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Durban, South Africa  
16 October 2009**

Organised for the

**SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE  
QUANTITY SURVEYING PROFESSION**

Endorsed by the

**International Cost Engineering Council  
(ICEC)**

Organisers:

**Construction Communication Network**

Co-ordinator of Content, Papers & Programme:

**Prof J.J.P. (Basie) Verster  
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Construction Management,  
University of the Free State**

**CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

The Conference is being organised by representatives from the of the Education Standards and Research Committee of the SACQSP, comprising Professors Maritz (UP) (Chairman of the ESR), Verster (UFS), Le Roux (SACQSP), Pearl (UKZN), and the Department of Quantity Surveying and Construction Management of the University of the Free State. The chairperson is Prof. Tinus Maritz, Head of the Department of Construction Economics at the University of Pretoria.

**SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

This committee will consist of national and international academics and representatives from industry. Prof Basie Verster will act as co-ordinator of the content, papers and programme.

**CONFERENCE HOST AND SECRETARIAT**

The South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP) is acting as host for the conference. Secretarial, administrative and management matters are under the care of the Conference Organising Committee. All enquiries regarding Abstracts, Papers and Programme should be addressed to: Mrs. Jill Kruger Tel: +27 51 4013675; Fax: +27 51 4013324; e-mail: [sacqsp.sci@ufs.ac.za](mailto:sacqsp.sci@ufs.ac.za). Enquiries regarding registration payment to: Registrar of the SACQSP, Tel: +27 11 3122560/1; Fax: +27 11 3122562; e-mail: [registrar@sacqsp.co.za](mailto:registrar@sacqsp.co.za). Enquiries regarding venue and accommodation to: Sianne Adam, CCN, Tel: 031-5386600; e-mail: [sianne@ccn.org.za](mailto:sianne@ccn.org.za)

**OBJECTIVES**

This second international conference is intended to bring together postgraduate researchers, academics and industry representatives from Southern Africa and further afield to deliberate issues of common interest with the aim of advancing the quantity surveying profession and construction industry. It will provide a platform to highlight the vision of the profession towards a bright future in a changing environment. CPD certificates will be issued to delegates.

**CONFERENCE SCOPE**

The scope of the conference is to encourage active debate amongst researchers, post-graduate students and practitioners. Submissions by students, personnel who are working in the quantity surveying discipline and those who are concerned with the challenges that the South African quantity surveying profession faces, are particularly welcome. The conference seeks to explore current advances in research relevant to the present and future state of development of the profession and industry, nationally and globally. Papers should focus on new research themes, practices and topics, innovative research strategies or well articulated methodologies applied in the profession's context. Reporting on work recently completed or work in progress is especially welcomed. The aim is to address the role and the contribution of all who add value to the industry's and profession's performance.

**MAIN THEMES**

Papers will be accepted within the broad areas of the profession and construction development. Papers with similar themes will be grouped for sessions. Topics may include:

- **The Profession**
  - The state of the profession
  - Best practice,
  - Key performance indications
  - Marketing
  - Education
  - Training
  - Sustainability
  - Change
- **The Construction Industry**
  - Supply chains capacity
  - Construction project management
  - Process Management
  - Property development
  - Construction challenges
- **Innovation**
  - Decision making
  - Risk assessment
  - Finance
  - Information technology
  - Value management
  - Strategies
  - Continuing professional development
  - Creativity
- **Business Environment**
  - Quality
  - Productivity
  - Performance
  - Communication
  - Environment
  - Occupational health and safety
  - HIV/Aids
  - Dispute resolution
- **Development**
  - Developing country issues
  - Small, medium and micro enterprises
  - Sustainability
  - Affordable housing
  - Knowledge transfer
  - Mentorship Partnering
  - Going green

Note: the above topics are merely a guideline. All topics within the broad spectrum of the Profession and Construction Industry and Property Development will be considered.

## ABSTRACTS AND PAPER

Authors are invited to submit abstracts in English of not more than 300 words for peer review by the Scientific and Technical Committee. Each abstract should be submitted on a single side of A4 paper, depicting the topic area that the proposed paper will address. The name(s) and full contact details of the author(s), as well as specific details pertaining to their role (study-leader, researcher etc.). Abstracts will be reviewed according to the relevance to the aims and objectives of the conference; originality of subject matter; likely academic rigour of the proposed paper; and likely contribution to knowledge, or practical relevance, of the proposed paper. The abstract template to be used and the paper and oral presentation guidelines can be downloaded from: [www.sacqsp.org.za](http://www.sacqsp.org.za)

## KEY DATES

- Submission of abstract : 8 June 2009
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 22 June 2009
- Submission of draft paper: 20 July 2009
- Notification of paper acceptance: 4 September 2009
- Submission of final paper: 21 September 2009

## SUBMISSIONS

Submit abstracts and papers as E-mail attachment in Microsoft Word format to: [sacqsp.sci@ufs.ac.za](mailto:sacqsp.sci@ufs.ac.za). Each paper will be sent to at least two referees who are knowledgeable in the field for blind peer reviewing of papers. Authors of accepted papers will be invited to present the papers, which will be published in the Conference Proceedings CD. Note that at least one of the authors must register, attend the conference and present the paper, as a condition for publication.

The author who will present the paper must be identified. A short CV of authors must be forwarded at the same time as the paper submission.

## CONFERENCE FEES

Delegates are encouraged to register early. Early bird registration ends on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009. Thereafter, registration fees are subject to a surcharge of 10%. All fees exclude accommodation which should be arranged by the delegates themselves.

**Special rate for students: R750**

## VENUE

Blue Waters Hotel, 175 Snell Parade, Durban

## ACCOMMODATION

Blue Waters Hotel, 175 Snell Parade, Durban  
Tel: 031-3324272, Fax: 031-3375685  
E-mail: [banqueting@bluewatershotel.co.za](mailto:banqueting@bluewatershotel.co.za)

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

- ♦ **Thursday, 15 October 2009**  
Full day: **Council meeting**  
18:30: Registration and Ice Breaker Function
- ♦ **Friday, 16 October 2009**  
08:00 – 08:40 Registration  
Morning: Welcome, Keynote Address and Presentation of Papers  
Afternoon: Presentation of Papers  
17:00: Prize-giving and Sundowner function

## AWARDS

- Best written paper
- Best presentation by student
- Best overall paper

## CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Further details will be published on the conference website: [www.sacqsp.org.za](http://www.sacqsp.org.za)

**Register early!!!**

**Note: - Final registration is subject to Receipt of Full Payment.**

REGISTRATION FORM	
Title: <b>Prof. Dr. Eng. Arch. Mr. Mrs Ms Other:</b>	
Surname:	First name:
Organisation:	
Address:	
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E-mail :	
Paper number and Title (if Applicable)	
CONFERENCE FEES	
Delegate conference fee R1500 includes Ice-breaker function on Thursday 16 Oct. @ 18:30 & Closing/Prize-giving Sundowner function, Friday @ 17:00. (Please indicate which functions you will attend) (Early bird deadline: 28 August 2009) (Conference fee excludes accommodation)	<b>R1 500.00</b> Ice Breaker <b>Yes / No</b> Sundowner/ Prize-giving <b>Yes / No</b>
Student conference fee: R750-00 which includes Ice-breaker and Sundowner functions as above	<b>R750.00</b> Ice Breaker Y/N Sundowner Y/N
Accompanying person: attends Ice Breaker & Prize-giving Sundowner function @ R200	<b>R 200.00</b>
Registration after 28 August 2009: add 10% surcharge on total above	R
Form of payment:	Total of <b>cheque</b> enclosed: <b>Mail to:</b> Finance, SACQSP, PO Box 654, Halfway House 1685
Cheques to be made payable to <b>SACQSP</b>	<b>Bank transfer</b> – made payable to <b>SACQSP</b> . Fax proof of payment to: +27-11-3122562
Banking details: SACQSP, Standard Bank, Midrand Branch code: 001155, Account: 202529010. Reference: SACQSP 2009 Surname & Initials	
Accompanying person: Surname: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Other:	First name(s):
Dietary preference:	Halaal, Vegetarian, Kosher