

Abstract Submission

Abstract submission is invited on any topic relating to the conferences themes. Authors should submit an abstract of no longer than 500 words which adequately describes the subject area, the aim of the paper, the research carried out, the key findings and their significance (to be submitted by 1st November 2006). The organising committee will notify (corresponding) authors of the abstracts selected for full papers or as posters (1st December 2006). The deadline for the full paper is 28th February 2007, at which time a further peer review will be carried out for content and formatting. Authors will be notified of those papers selected for presentation at the conference, and those to be included in the proceedings without presentation (depending upon demand). Final correctly formatted paper, and poster, deadline is 1st July 2007.

Please send your abstract by email as an attached word document to:

Dr Colin Young – C.Young@SportSURF.org

The abstract must contain the title of the paper, name(s) of author(s) and institution. Additionally the corresponding author should provide contact telephone number and email address.

The full paper format will be maximum 10 sides, including diagrams and references. Poster should be between A1 and A0 in a portrait orientation. Further details will be made available at www.sportsurf.org later in the year.

Invited Speakers

Internationally renowned keynote speakers will present an overview of current 'state of the science' in selected topic areas. Details will follow in the near future.

Venue

The conference will be held at The Holywell Park Conference Centre at Loughborough University.

For more information please follow the link below:

<http://www.welcometoimago.com/>

Expression of Interest

Please could you indicate your interest in attending the conference, and if you would like to produce a paper or poster presentation, by e-mailing Dr Colin Young at C.Young@SportSURF.org.

The Inaugural SportSURF Conference



Science, Technology and Research into Sport Surfaces (STARSS)

Date:

17th & 18th September 2007

Venue:

Loughborough University, UK

CALL FOR PAPERS



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Introduction

This is the first of a new biennial conference for those interested and involved in sport surfaces. Its inception is borne out of the successful SportSURF network, bringing together many academic disciplines and industrial parties to discuss and formulate research needs for sport surfaces of the future. The conference aims to provide a unique opportunity for the discussion of current research ideas and findings, dissemination of current practice and the transfer of technology and ideas between attendees from the academic and industrial communities.

The specific objectives are:

- To establish the 'STARSS' conference as an enjoyable and valuable addition to the sport technology calendar.
- To further establish the SportSURF network as an international community of sport surface researchers and practitioners.
- To disseminate current high quality research from around the world.
- To provide an opportunity to all attendees for networking, and encourage young researchers to present their research.
- To identify coherent research needs for the future benefit of the sport surfaces community.

Who Should Attend?

The conference is aimed at those involved in all aspects of sports surfaces including: academic research; industrial research; facility design & procurement; construction, management/operation and funding; sport governance; accredited surface testing; standardisation; player/athlete coaching and welfare; and sport medical sciences.

Organisation Committee

The conference is being run and sponsored by the SportSURF network. The conference committee comprises:

- Dr Paul Fleming – Loughborough University
- Dr Matt Carré – Sheffield University
- Dr Iain James – Cranfield University
- Dr Colin Walker – Strathclyde University
- Dr Sharon Dixon – Exeter University
- Prof Mark Batt – Queens Medical Centre
- Mr Mike Abbott – SAPCA & Sportslabs Ltd
- Dr Colin Young – Loughborough University

Conference Programme & Topics

The conference will be run over two days with a dinner on the first evening. The conference will balance the presentations between science and application and stimulate questions and debate between researchers and practitioners. The venue has ample space for posters, exhibitions and other displays. Papers and posters are invited on the broad topics of:

- Player-surface interaction
- Ball-surface interaction
- User perceptions
- Design and construction - innovations
- Biomechanics - modelling, instrumentation
- Laboratory and Field testing – interpretation, innovation, spatial and temporal studies
- Environmental impact – sustainability, value engineering
- Durability – mechanical wear, measurement, environmental issues, maintenance

Important Dates for your Diary

- 1st September 2006 - 1st Call for Abstracts & Posters
- 1st November 2006 – Abstract deadline
- 1st December 2006 – Notification of Abstract Acceptance
- 1st January 2007 – Early Registration Opens
- 28th February 2007 – Full Paper Deadline for Review
- 31st March 2007 – End of Early Registration
- 1st May 2007 – Authors Notified for Paper Acceptance
- 1st July 2007 – Full Paper & Poster Deadline
- 17th & 18th September 2007 – STARSS Conference

Registration

£ 175 - Early registration - SportSURF members rate*

£ 225 - Early registration - Non SportSURF member

£ 250 - Registration after 31st March 2007

£ 125 - Student Registration (please note places are limited)

*SportSURF membership is free. Contact C.Young@sportSURF.org to become a member.

The Registration fee for the conference includes all day refreshments and lunch, a 3 course evening dinner and a CD of proceedings containing the papers presented at the conference.