

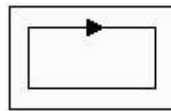
Third Circular

**1st African Control Conference
AFCON 2003**

**3-5 December 2003
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN
CAPE TOWN
SOUTH AFRICA**

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and Computation (SACAC)**

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On behalf of the South African Council for Automation and Computation, we have the pleasure of inviting you to the First African Control Conference, hosted by the University of Cape Town. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

We are calling for participants to begin the registration process, and would like to encourage you to organise your travel and accommodation in good time. Cape Town is a stunning city and December is the start of the tourist season, so these preparations should not be left too late. Our official travel agent's details are given further on in the circular.

Venue

The conference will be held at the University's Breakwater Campus, which houses the Graduate School of Business (GSB). This is situated within walking distance of Cape Town's V&A Waterfront district, which is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Africa. There are many hotels and a range of restaurants in the immediate vicinity. Further information can be found at:

www.uct.ac.za

(for information about the University)

www.cape-town.org

(for information about Cape Town, including tourism)

Registration

Registration will take place in the GSB foyer from 16h00 on Tuesday 2nd December, and from 08h00 on Wednesday 3rd December. The registration and help desk will be manned throughout the conference.

The registration fees are given on the next page. Delegates who register early will receive discounts as indicated.

Conference Fees

The regular registration fee includes all plenary and technical sessions, one copy of the proceedings, tea and coffee, lunches, the cocktail party, and the banquet. Student registration fees exclude the banquet and the proceedings. The day registration fee includes one copy of the proceedings, plenary and technical sessions, refreshments and lunch on a specific day only. Attendance of social events is excluded from the day fee. Separate tickets for the social events can be obtained as indicated below. The registration fees are:

	FOREIGN DELEGATES	LOCAL DELEGATES
Early registration prior to 3 Nov 2003	US\$ 300	R 2500
Registration after 3 Nov 2003	US\$ 350	R 3000
Students [‡] prior to 3 Nov 2003	US\$ 90	R 750
Students [‡] after 3 Nov 2003	US\$ 125	R 1000
Day registration	US\$ 200	R 1500
Cocktail Party: Extra ticket	US\$ 25	R 200
Banquet: Extra ticket	US\$ 50	R 400
Proceedings: Extra copy	US\$ 30	R 250

Payment

Payment can be made by credit card, cheque, or bank transfer. Payment details are given on the fax-back section at the end of the circular.

Social Programme

- 3rd December A cocktail function will be held in Cape Town's just-completed International Convention Centre, which we anticipate to be the venue for future SACAC and IFAC functions.
- 4th December The conference banquet will be held at the Bay Hotel, on Cape Town's internationally famous Camp's Bay beach.
- 5th December A technical visit to SABMiller's historical first brewery, the Ohlsson's brewery in Newlands, has been arranged.
- 6th December The annual inter-university RoboSoccer competition, hosted by SACAC, will be held at the MTN Sciencenter, Canal Walk, Cape Town. This will be followed by a technical tour of a state-of-the-art wine estate.

The conference fee includes lunch each day, and regular coffee breaks.

Climate

The days should be warm and sunny, with some wind. The evenings may be cool enough to justify a jacket or pullover, and delegates wishing to visit Table Mountain, the Cape of

[‡] Proof of study required at registration.

Good Hope, or Robben Island are advised to bring some warmer clothing. All of these locations are within an hour's travel of the venue.

Scientific and Technical Programme

There will be one Plenary Lecture each day, and a number of semi-plenary presentations. The plenary and semi-plenary speakers include:

Professor Sigurd Skogestad, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Professor David Limebeer, Imperial College

Professor Roger Benson, ABB

Professor Guanrong Chen, City University of Hong Kong

Professor Pedro Albertos, Polytechnic University of Valencia

After the plenary lecture, there will be two, and sometimes three, parallel sessions each day. The sessions will start at 09h00 and end at 17h00 each day, except on 5th December when the sessions will end at 13h00 to allow time for the technical tour.

We have received over a hundred papers, on topics in control, instrumentation, the process industry, and financial applications of control theory.

Travel Agents

Our conference travel agents are called Blue Buyou and can be contacted at bluebuyou@yebo.co.za. They are able to organise your visit on all levels from travel and accommodation, to extra social events in and around Cape Town. They have a full range of tours and events to suit all itineraries.

Accommodation which can be provided by Blue Buyou

5 Star – 12 Apostles – This hotel is situated between Camps Bay and Llandudno with the most amazing sea views. Free transport is provided from the hotel to the Waterfront between 7am and 11pm daily. Afcon delegates have been offered a special rate of R 1280 per room per night and it is usually R3000 per room per night. This is subject to availability!

Radisson Hotel – In walking distance to GSB – wonderful mountain and sea views. Rates R1535 per room single, R1630 per room double for mountain facing. R1940 single & R2035 double sea facing. Both rates include breakfast but exclude a 1 % tourism levy.

4 Star - Cullinan Hotel – opposite Waterfront, approximately 1 km from GSB. R1040 BB single, R1220 BB double. Transport can be arranged for a nominal fee to the GSB.

Holiday Inn – Waterfront, 1 km from GSB – price to be arranged.

Portswood Hotel – easy walking distance from GSB and at entrance to Waterfront – R1325 per room, single, R1570 per room, double Bed only. Breakfast cost R85 for continental and R95 for full English breakfast.

3 Star - City Lodge – at entrance to Waterfront, 1 km from GSB, recently refurbished. R585 per room, single, R790 per room, double. Full English breakfast R48pp. Canal transport to waterfront may be available.

Mountain Manor Guest House/Serengeti Apartments/Hiddingh Mews – in the Gardens district – a 5 min. drive from the GSB. R600 per single per night and where apartments can accommodate two or more it will be an additional R260 per person. Transport can be arranged at R30pp from accommodation to GSB.

There are further options, depending on budget and which area you would like to be located. There are some super options for those who would be willing to hire a car (i.e. in Cape Town's Southern Suburbs)

Car Hire

Contact Sandra Fairfax at bluebuyou@yebo.co.za to book. All hotels have guest parking, and parking is available at the conference venue.

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Registration and/or Payment Form

Please fax or email to us if you plan to attend the African Control Conference of 2003.

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Email to: kvanwyk@eng.uct.ac.za

Personal Details

Surname

First Name

Title

Company

Address

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ZIP/ Post Code

Telephone (.....).....

Fax (.....).....

Email

Payment Details

Amount (see table on page 2)

Registration	Student registration	Extra: Cocktail Party	Extra: Banquet	Extra: Proceedings

Method of payment (cheque, credit card, or bank transfer)

Cheques should be made payable to *University of Cape Town*.

Bank transfers can be made to: Standard Bank
 Rondebosch (branch code 25009)
 Account: University of Cape Town No. 8
 Account no: 07 148 2555
 SWIFT: SBZA ZA JJ

Please refer to Fund 201758, EEE1017 on the deposit slip and **please fax the slip to us.**

Credit Card Payments:

Cardholder Name: Card Type:.....

Card Number: Expiry Date:

Validation Number (last three digits of number on reverse side of card):.....

Amount: Cardholder Signature:.....