



Call for Papers

You are cordially invited to participate in the 6th International Product Lifecycle Management Conference, PLM09, to take place 6th – 8th July 2009 at the modern campus of the University of Bath, located in the World Heritage City of Bath in the South West of England. This will be the sixth PLM conference and the first to be held in the UK. Following the successful first five conferences (held in Bangalore (2003), Lyon (2005), Bangalore (2006), Bergamo/Milano (2007) and Seoul (2008)), the purpose of the PLM09 conference will be to present recent developments in this area of significant academic interest and of critical importance to industrial enterprises.

Conference Scope

Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) is an integrated business approach to the collaborative creation, management and dissemination of engineering data throughout the extended enterprises that create, manufacture and operate engineered products and systems. It is an important approach for the support of these extended enterprises over the whole life cycle of products and systems from concept to end of life and disposal. PLM involves issues of people, processes, business systems, and information, and presents major opportunities for those involved in the processes and tools used in all aspects of the product life cycle.

Continuing in the strong traditions established by previous PLM conferences, PLM09 will bring together researchers, developers and users of PLM in an event that will combine keynote lectures, exhibition, paper presentations, poster and panel sessions with an active social programme in an historic city. We invite PLM researchers, developers and practitioners to join the Conference to shape the future of this new field and advance the science and practice of enterprise systems development. Contributions are invited on all aspects of PLM, including product innovation and creativity, collaborative product development, capture, curation and reuse of design information, enterprise systems integration, supply chain and product recycle management, change management, recycling management, sustainable PLM development and related topics.

The Conference will be of interest to academics and researchers, design, engineering and technical professionals and managers, new product design and development professionals and managers, business executives, key decision makers and new business developers, innovation managers, technical and operations executives and national and regional economic development agencies.



Venue

The event will take place at the attractive modern campus of the University of Bath, located on the outskirts of the historic city of Bath. Bath is a spectacularly beautiful city which stands on the River Avon among the hills of England's West Country. The city's compactness and striking architecture - Roman baths and sweeping Georgian terraces - combine to produce one of the most elegant sights in Europe.

The region in which Bath is situated is a centre of high technology industry, especially of the aerospace and defence industries – the region has airframe, engine and helicopter manufacturers and a supply chain of over 1000 businesses. The automotive industry, electronics/computing, measuring instruments and medical devices industries also have a strong presence in the region.

Paper Submission

Authors are invited to submit abstracts to register interest in the Conference (this is not mandatory but is preferred), then original papers of up to 10 pages in length for review. Each paper will be reviewed by three members of the international Programme Committee, and those that are accepted will be published, by Inderscience Publishers, in the Conference proceedings and may be considered for publication in the International Journal of Product Lifecycle Management (IJPLM, www.ijplm.org). Submission instructions will be given on the PLM09 website: <http://www.plm09.org>. Industry presentations or emerging research presentations are also welcome which do not require paper submission.

Key Dates

December 19, 2008	Abstract submission for academic papers
January 16, 2009	Academic paper submission (full paper due)
April 1, 2009	Extended abstract for industrial sessions
April 15, 2009	Notification of acceptance for academic papers
May 5, 2009	Notification of acceptance for industrial sessions
May 15, 2009	Final manuscript due

Conference Organisation

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PLM09 is promoted by the International Working Group on Product Lifecycle Management (PLM-IWG), a non profit initiative which groups researchers and practitioners of PLM. To contact the PLM-IWG secretariat email info@plm-iwg.org



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