Announcement and Call for Papers

24th International Conference on Flexible Automation and Intelligent Manufacturing (FAIM 2014)
May 20-23, 2014
San Antonio, Texas USA
http://camls.utsa.edu/FAIM2014

The International Conference Flexible Automation and Intelligent Manufacturing (FAIM) is the leading international forum to disseminate recent and relevant research, theories and practices of manufacturing. Following success of our earlier FAIM conferences, the FAIM 2014 (24th edition) will be held at the beautiful and historic City of San Antonio, Texas during May 20-23, 2014.

The City of San Antonio is easily accessible, served by all major US airlines as well as several international airlines. The conference site will be just a few blocks away from the scenic Riverwalk, the historic Alamo/San Antonio Missions, Tower of the Americas, Institute of Texan Culture, and many other sightseeing and shopping options. Theme parks (SeaWorld, and Six Flags Fiesta Texas) and water park (Schlitterbahn) are all in short driving range for memorable family vacation funs. A plant tour to Toyota-San Antonio (which builds all Tacoma and Tundra trucks for North America) will be available for FAIM2014 participants to witness TPS in action and to speak to Toyota continuous improvement leaders and team members.

The theme of FAIM 2014 conference is "Capturing Competitive Advantage via Advanced Manufacturing and Enterprise Transformation."

The conference covers a range of topics including but is not limited to:
- Artificial Intelligence in Manufacturing
- Bio-Manufacturing
- CAD/CAM/CIM/FMS/MES
- Concurrent Engineering
- Engineering for Sustainability, Education, and Training
- Enterprise Knowledge Management
- Environmental Health, and Safety Engineering
- Factory Control and Integration
- Global Manufacturing, Supply Chain, and Logistics
- Manufacturing Ergonomics and Human Factors
Acceptance of papers is based on the review of full paper (up to 8 pages). Each paper will be evaluated by three members of the International Program Committee. However, prospective authors should submit a short abstract in advance to ensure topics fit within the conference scope. Abstracts should be written in English and should contain no more than 300 words. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit a complete paper for further peer review and eventual publication in the conference proceedings. A maximum of two papers per presenting author will be permitted. At least one author must register for the conference in order to have the paper published in the conference proceedings. More detailed information and instructions for manuscript preparation and submission will be available later in the conference website at http://camls.utsa.edu/faim2014. Papers included in the FAIM2014 conference proceedings will be indexed in EI and ISI, and Google Books search.

Corresponding authors of selected high-quality papers will be urged to extend and refine their manuscript contents for submissions to fast-track peer-review processes for potential publications in international scientific refereed journals such as Robotics and Computer-Integrated Manufacturing, SME Journal of Manufacturing Systems, International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology, International Journal of Lean Enterprise Research, etc.

Important Dates:

November 30, 2013: Abstract Submission Deadline (final)
(Prompt Notification of Abstract Acceptance/Rejection upon Receipt of Submission)

January 15, 2014: Full Paper Manuscript Due
February 15, 2014: Notification of Paper Review Result
March 1, 2014: Final Revised Papers Due
March 15, 2014: Presenting Authors Registration Deadline
April 1, 2014: Early Registration (discounted rate) Deadline
April 19, 2014: Special Rates for Conference Hotel Reservations End
May 20, 2014: Pre-conference Workshop and Reception (evening)
May 21-23, 2014 Conference Days
Honorary Chairs:

Prof. William Sullivan, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, U.S.A.; and

Prof. Munir Ahmad, School of Science and Technology, University of Teesside, Middlesbrough, U.K.

FAIM 2014 Chair: Prof. F. Frank Chen, The University of Texas at San Antonio, U.S.A.

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Conference Website: http://camls.utsa.edu/ffaim2014