

## Know Before You Go – Important Information for

### Sixth International Workshop on Environmentally-Assisted Cracking

July 16-21, 2023

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To: Participants in the **Sixth International Workshop on Environmentally-Assisted Cracking**  
From: Barbara K. Hickernell, ECI Executive Director

On behalf of Engineering Conferences International and the conference chairs, **A.K. Vasudevan** (Office of Naval Research, retired), **Ronald Latanision** (Exponent, Inc.), **Henry Holroyd** (Luxfer, retired), **Fritz Friedersdorf** (Luna Labs USA, LLC) and **Mehdi Amiri Darehbidi** (George Mason University), we are looking forward to your participation in this conference. ECI Associate Director **Kevin Korpics** will be the ECI on-site staff. This note conveys several items that need to be brought to your attention.

#### HOTEL

The conference will be held at the [Sheraton Reston Hotel](#) (11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191, USA; Tel: +1 703-620-9000). There is free parking available at the hotel.

#### COVID-19

*Our community thrives by engaging with each other face-to-face (or mask-to-mask) but we wish to be safe in doing so.*

*Since as much as we would like the pandemic to be behind us but it isn't, we suggest:*

- *All conference participants and guests self-test prior to the conference to assure as safe a conference environment as possible.*
- *That you bring some Covid home tests with you. Should you test positive or feel unwell at any time during the conference please contact Kevin (+1-917-756-7513) so that he can assist you and notify the hotel.*

*We cannot make guarantees but we can assure you that ECI will follow the health and safety guidance of health authorities, consult best practices in the meetings community, and try to provide as "normal" a conference as possible during these circumstances.*

*If you test positive once you arrive home, please contact us so that we may inform fellow participants.*

#### FINAL PROGRAM AND ABSTRACTS FILE

Please note that in our attempt to go green, **there will not be a printed program copy distributed on site.** Abstracts for oral and poster presentations, and the final program with participants list will be shared electronically in a separate email later this week. We recommend downloading the files prior to arrival. **If you would like to have a hard copy on hand, please print and bring with you to the conference.**

#### TRANSPORTATION

The hotel is an 11-minute drive (about 7 miles) from [Washington Dulles International Airport](#) (IAD). Estimated taxi fare from Dulles is about \$25.

[Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport](#) (DCA) is 24 miles away, about a 30-minute drive. A taxi costs about \$65.

The subway journey time between Reston and Washington, D.C. takes about 40 minutes. Operated by [Metro Washington DC](#), the Reston to Washington subway service departs from [WIEHLE-RESTON EAST](#) station and arrives in [FARRAGUT WEST](#) station. The fare is \$3.85.

#### WEATHER

The long-term forecast calls for highs in the upper 80s° F and lows around 70° with a chance of some scattered thunderstorms. Search “Reston, VA” on weather.com for the latest forecast. Also, bring a sweater or jacket for the conference room if the temperature is too cool for you.

### SUNDAY AND MONDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

**Sunday conference check-in:** Begins at 17:30 on Sunday (July 16) outside the Magnolia Room. A welcome reception follows from 18:00 -. 18:30 in the Magnolia Room. Dinner will follow at 18:30.

**Monday morning:** For those staying in the hotel, breakfast is available from 08:00 – 09:00 in the Magnolia Room. The technical session begins at 09:00 in the Oak and Spruce Rooms.

### SPEAKERS

We expect that all presentations will use PowerPoint and we will have a computer projector as well as a laptop with Microsoft PowerPoint. Slides should be the standard 16:9 aspect ratio. Please bring your presentation on a memory stick for loading onto the ECI computer. If you plan to use a Mac computer, please bring the necessary adapters. Our audio-visual graduate student is **Samuel Alfred** and he will assist speakers in loading their presentations on the conference laptop.

All presentations should be loaded the day prior to the session or no later than three hours before the session in which you are speaking begins.

Be sure that you provide your session chair with a *very brief* biography for introductions.

It is essential to the conference schedule that you keep to your given time (allowing at least 5 minutes for questions/discussion). Keeping in the tradition of these conferences, please be available during the conference for discussion and questions. Meals and social hours are perfect for discussion and questions.

### EXCURSION/GUIDED TOUR:

We have planned a guided tour of the [Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center](#), the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum's annex in Virginia. Bus transportation will be provided and we will depart from the hotel at 13:30 on Tuesday, July 18. We will return at approximately 16:30. **Please notify Kevin ([kevin@engconfintl.org](mailto:kevin@engconfintl.org)) if you do NOT plan to participate.**

### MISCELLANEOUS

The following are a few housekeeping items:

- Please wear your badge throughout the conference.
- The reverse side of your name is where we suggest you place your emergency contact information.
- If you have special dietary needs (e.g., vegetarian, allergies, etc.) that you have not already informed us of when you registered, please contact [Kathy Chan](#) prior to the start of the conference. The hotel does not guarantee that special dietary needs can be met if they are not informed at least three days prior to the conference.
- Dress: ECI conferences are casual. We discourage suits and ties.
- Audio, still photo and video recording by any device (e.g., cameras, cell phones, laptops, PDAs, watches) are prohibited during the technical sessions, unless the author and ECI have granted prior permission.
- Smoking is not allowed at any conference function.
- ECI will electronically distribute a conference evaluation/questionnaire on Thursday. Please complete and return it, as your comments are valuable to the current chairs, the future chairs in the series, and ECI.
- Guests/Accompanying Persons: If you bring a guest at the last moment, you must first see the ECI staff at check-in, pay for your guest, and then give the ECI proof of payment to the hotel.
- Internet – There is wireless Internet access.

If you are having transportation difficulties and will be a late arrival, please either email or text Kevin ([kevin@engconfintl.org](mailto:kevin@engconfintl.org); 1-917-756-7513) so he can inform the hotel.

Have a safe trip and enjoy the conference!