

19th Australasian Conference on the Mechanics of Structures and Materials



General Information

Accommodation

A range of accommodation has been reserved for delegates. With the exception of the University Halls of Residence, this should be booked with your conference registration.

University Halls of Residence -University Hall, 9 Maidstone Road.

\$55 per night bed and breakfast accommodation. Single rooms with shared bathroom facilities and full continental breakfast served in the dining room. Situated just across the road from campus.

To book, please email:
marion.knox@canterbury.ac.nz

Academy Motor Lodge, 62 Creyke Road

Motel accommodation with on-site licensed restaurant, across the road from campus. Reserved accommodation includes studios sleeping one to two, with tea and toast making facilities at \$79 per night, and one bedroom units, share twin with full kitchen facilities at \$105 per night.

Chateau on the Park, 189 Deans Avenue/Kilmarnock Street corner

Quality four star hotel across the road from Hagley Park, approximately 10 minutes drive from campus and close proximity to cafes, shops and Riccarton mall. Nightly room rate, single or double, is \$162.

Conference dinner

A dinner for conference delegates and partners will be held on Thursday 30 November at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, 161 Cashel Street.

This is a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy a memorable evening. Cost is included in registration for delegates, \$95 for guests. Delegates, please indicate your intention to attend, and book for guests, when you register.

Venue

The University of Canterbury is located in a tranquil, park-like setting on the Ilam Campus, Riccarton, midway between Christchurch International Airport and the city centre. It is a ten-minute taxi ride from either the airport or the city. Budget accommodation is available on campus with mid-range motel accommodation conveniently close by.

Christchurch

Christchurch is the largest city in the South Island of New Zealand and one of the most popular destinations for visitors to this country, with the nearby Southern Alps as a stunning backdrop. With an international airport, it is the gateway to the many scenic and leisure venues of the South Island, most of them easily accessible.

Known as the "most English city outside England" the beautifully preserved gothic architecture of the central city is complemented by tree-lined avenues and the gentle meandering of the Avon River.

The city has museums, civic and private art galleries, excellent botanical gardens, an active theatrical and cultural life and a wide variety of restaurants and cafes. Activities such as whale watching, bungee jumping, alpine walks, jet boating and soaking in natural hot pools are only two to three hours away. Christchurch is the main link between the Antarctic and the rest of the world, and the the International Antarctic Centre is an experience not to be missed.

You will find the city is friendly and relaxing, the shopping is outstanding, and there is a marvellous range of restaurants, cafes and bars for you to enjoy.

Visit www.christchurch.org.nz for further information.

Banking and Currency

All prices quoted on this website are in New Zealand dollars.

Most internationally recognised currencies can be exchanged easily at banks, hotels and international airports upon presentation of your passport. Normal banking hours are Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.30pm. Most banks are closed on weekends and public holidays although some banks have branches open in the shopping malls.

Climate and Clothing

December is the beginning of summer in Christchurch. Daily temperatures range from a night low of 12 °C (72 °F) with the possibility of a maximum of 30 °C (90 °F). The weather can be variable at this time of year and a range of warm and cold weather clothing is recommended.

Visit www.metservice.co.nz for further information.

Electricity

The power supply in New Zealand is 230 volts AC, 50 hertz. Most motels and hotels in New Zealand have 110-volt shaver sockets.

Goods and Services Tax

A value added tax of 12.5% applies to all goods and services in New Zealand and is usually included in the advertised price of an item. All prices quoted on this website include GST.

Language

All lectures, communications and information will be in English. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Persons with Disabilities

The University of Canterbury has facilities for persons with disabilities; please indicate your needs on the registration form.

Registration Information

Fees

All registration fees include conference attendance, welcome function, conference dinner, morning and afternoon teas, lunches, conference documentation and satchel.

There is a non-refundable Publication Fee of \$450 per paper (maximum two papers for full registration, one paper for student registration). Payment is due by 15 July.

The Publication Fee is deducted from your conference registration fee, the balance of which may be paid at any time, but no later than 8 August. Note that the Publication Fees for two papers are equivalent to a full registration fee.

Non-Presenting Registration Fees

Full	\$900
Student	\$600

Publication Fees (due 15 July)

1 paper	\$450
2 papers	\$900

Balance of Registration (due by 8 August)

Full	\$450
Student	\$150

*Registrations received after 30 September add \$75

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29 Nov - 1 Dec 2006 Christchurch, New Zealand

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations should be notified in writing to the Conference Secretariat. Conference cancellations received before 15 November 2006 will receive a refund, less a \$20 administration fee. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after that date. Substitute delegates are welcome without penalty, but please advise the Secretariat of any name changes.

Please note: The \$450 Paper Fee is non-refundable at any stage.

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Travel Information

Transportation from Christchurch Airport

The city has a modern international airport approximately 20 minutes from the city centre. Citywide taxi and shuttle bus services are available for transport to your accommodation destination. There is also a comprehensive bus transport system linking all suburbs with the city centre.

Passports and Visa

All visitors to New Zealand require a valid passport. A number of countries have reciprocal arrangements whereby a visa is not required for visits shorter than three months. But if a transit stop is required in Australia a transit visa for Australia may be required for travellers from some countries. Please check your own circumstances, and where necessary, apply for a visa not less than three months prior to your departure. Refer to the following website for information relating to visas: www.nzembassy.com

Airport Departure Tax

An Airport Departure Tax is payable by all passengers departing any of New Zealand's international airports.

Technical Details

CONFERENCE THEMES

The scope of the conference will be broad, covering all the aspects of the mechanics of structures and materials in civil engineering. Specific topics will include, but not be limited to:

1. Structural mechanics
2. Computational mechanics
3. Geomechanics
4. Reinforced concrete structures
5. Prestressed concrete structures
6. Steel structures
7. Composite structures
8. Bridge structures
9. Coastal and offshore structures
10. Foundations
11. Dynamic analysis of structures
12. Soil-structure interaction
13. Structural condition identification
14. Structural reliability analysis and design
15. Structural optimisation
16. Timber engineering
17. Fracture and damage mechanics
18. Pavement materials and technology
19. Shock and impact loading
20. Earthquake loading
21. Wave and wind loading
22. Traffic and other man-made loading
23. Thermal effects, including fire
24. Design codes
25. Engineering education

