

ICAME 2010 - Second Circular (15 January 2010)

Dear ICAMERs,

We hope that you had a good start to 2010 and that the New Year will be a happy and successful one for you! Here in Giessen, we are very much looking forward to hosting this year's ICAME Conference – and we hope that we can welcome many of you in Giessen in the final week of May 2010.

Abstract review

In this second circular, we would like to inform you about the outcome of the abstract review process. As you know, the deadline for abstract submissions was 1 December 2009. We were overwhelmed by the great number of abstract submissions: in total, we received almost 200 abstracts. Each abstract was assessed by two reviewers, whose reports were the basis for accepting or rejecting the submission. We are very grateful to all the abstract reviewers for the tremendous amount of work they have been willing to invest – and the double-blind review process has certainly helped us to ensure a very high quality of all conference presentations. In the end, by changing the conference programme in some places and by converting a number of papers into posters or work-in-progress reports, we were able to accept:

- 60 full papers
- 28 work-in-progress reports
- 22 posters
- 4 software demonstrations

The rejection rate was 41%. Together with this second circular, the notes of acceptance and rejection are being sent out to all abstract authors.

We would also like to inform you about the procedures for conference registration and accommodation, including the individual costs for ICAME 2010.

Costs and registration

The **conference fee** of **€ 125** (for those staying at the conference venue) **or € 345** (for those staying at other hotels) covers refreshments and meals during the day, the conference excursion, the Riversight Gala Dinner and the *ICAME Journal*. The conference fee has to be paid to the conference organisers. This fee does **not** include accommodation.

We would advise you to take accommodation in the Conference Hotel Steinsgarten, where we have reserved 100 units (a max. of 40 units can be used as twin rooms – an option that we would highly recommend). Reservations at Hotel Steinsgarten can be made from 15th January 2010 – 15th March 2010.

Some rooms have also been reserved in other hotels within close proximity to the conference venue. Delegates staying in one of these hotels or elsewhere will be charged the conference fee of **€ 345** to include meals and refreshments at the conference centre, to be paid directly to the conference organisers prior to the conference via credit card or bank transfer. Payment details can be found on the conference homepage at www.uni-giessen.de/icame2010. Note that **paying cash during the conference is not an option**.

Participants are requested to reserve their rooms themselves and pay on arrival/departure (you will find the contact details and the prices of the hotels on the conference website). Please

mention “ICAME conference” when contacting the hotels. If you wish to stay an extra night before or after the conference to attend the pre-conference workshops or the post-conference excursion, please make your reservations accordingly. **Please note that the organisers will only charge you for the conference fee of € 125 (for those staying at the conference venue) or € 345 (for those staying at other hotels). You are requested to pay for accommodation individually at your hotel upon arrival/departure.**

Conference registration procedure

Registration is now open. Participants are asked to register via a registration form to be found at www.uni-giessen.de/icame2010. **The deadline for registration is 15 March 2010**; the deadline for payment of the conference fee is 1 April 2010. There is a payment sheet to be filled out as well at www.uni-giessen.de/icame2010.

After submitting your online registration, you will receive a confirmation within (at most) seven days.

Travel arrangements

We are planning to coordinate taxi transfers to/from the airport in Frankfurt. More information will be given in the third circular.

Pre-conference workshops

There will be 3 pre-conference workshops on Wednesday afternoon. There will be **no extra charge** for these workshops. Please see the conference website for further information.

Gala dinner and post-conference excursion

The Riversight Gala Dinner (included in the conference fee) will take place on a chartered boat on Main River in Frankfurt on Friday evening. There will be live music and the opportunity to dance. On Sunday, we will organise a post-conference excursion to the nearby city of Marburg with its historic town and picturesque castle. Participants in the tour to Marburg will be charged € 15.

Both the payment sheet and the registration form are to be found on the conference website: www.uni-giessen.de/icame2010. The deadline for registration is 15 March 2010.

If you have any questions about registration or any other aspect of the conference, please feel free to contact us at icame2010@uni-giessen.de.

Best wishes,

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