

Call for Paper

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- Institutional Performance
- Information and Communication Technology
- Child Formation
- Gender Related Issues

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- Land Matters, Use of Modern Technology in Land Reforms, Users Rights etc.

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IV. AGRICULTURE, FOOD PRODUCTION, SECURITY, PROCESSING,

PRESERVATION AND STORAGE

General Objective

Investigating how the ecological conditions, climatic diversities, varying vegetations, cultural practice and method of cultivation can positively and negatively affect food production, processing and preservation.

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A. FOOD SECURITY

Focus:

- Development of improved planting materials (seeds, stems etc)
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- Design of machinery for agricultural production
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- Development of fertilizers suitable for a particular ecological setting
- Food Safety, Nutrition and Health

B. FOOD PROCESSING

Focus:

- Development of indigenous food products
- Development of new products from local communities
- Alternatives to imported food products
- New Technologies for processing of cereals, grains, roots, tubers fruits, vegetables, dairy/diary products and fats/oilseeds
- Development of machinery for processing of agricultural products.
- Developing value chain schemes for various raw materials
- Food Engineering

C. FOOD PRESERVATION AND STORAGE

Focus:

- New and more reliable options for the preservation and storage of agricultural commodities
- Upgrading the indigenous technologies for preservation and storage of food
- New and more reliable options for food packaging and packaging materials
- Food waste utilization and plant management
- Food microbiology
- Food chemistry/biochemistry

D. DISTRIBUTION

Focus:

Developing indigenous technology for packaging and transportation of food

V. HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE

General Objectives

Strategies for strengthening the community/National Health System, delivering effective, quality and affordable health care, increasing the life expectancy and quality of life in the third world countries and meeting global target on the elimination and eradication of life of the citizens.

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- Setting health research agenda/priorities
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- Use of ICT to improve health care services
- Management and bioconversion of waste

- Water pollution and remediation technology

B. HEALTH PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

Focus General

- Developing pharmaceutical products
- Developing Biological Diagnosis
- Developing therapeutic mechanisms
- Developing health educational products

Specific

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- Research into traditional medical practices and products
- Research into herbal medicines
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C. DISEASES AND HEALTH PROBLEMS

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F. BIO TECHNOLOGY AND BIO RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

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VI. POWER AND ENERGY

General Objectives

Research on conversion of available energy sources into thermal energy, mechanical energy and electricity

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Focus:

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- Development of wind energy conversion technologies and its utilities, power distribution converters, energy conversions and management, etc.
- Studying the local production capacity for hydrogen as energy source
- Assessment of power generation systems, electromechanical transducers, electrochemical storage, etc.
- Development of technologies for efficient energy conversion into electricity
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- Economics of power generation, power generation and high power machines, domestic and industrial electrical appliances, etc.

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- Identify the operational problems associating with the existing transmission system and proffer solutions
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C. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Focus:

Research on problems associated with organization and management structure in energy generating, transmitting and distributing industries/system, database management, etc.

VII. ICT AND TELECOMMUNICATION

General Objectives

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- Research on computer architecture, computer aided health diagnosis, computer performance evaluation, flight control systems, modeling and simulation process and machine control, etc.
- Nanotechnology
- Network administration and security

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- Library and Information services for rural development
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- ICT and office management/technology: New trends

VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL, HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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- Developing sustainable biodiversity projects on ecosystem management
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C. HOUSING

Focus:

- Research on appropriate housing systems and technologies in the urban environment
- Research on housing economics and finance
- Modern technology for environmental sanitation and waste disposal
- Sustainable urban development technology
- Proposing policies on housing and urban management

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

Focus:

- proposing policies on housing and urban management
- Management of information technology in construction
- Public-private partnerships in Environmental development and governance
- Policy, contractual and risk issues in Construction industry

E. LANDSCAPE EVOLUTION AND LAND USE CHANGE

Focus:

- Developing an improved models for landscape evolution
- Developing technology for controlling and planning of land use

F. ENVIRONMENTAL DYNAMICS

Focus:

- Natural and social impacts of global climate change on...?
- Impacts of Green architecture on global climate change
- Eco-city design and climate change.
- Capacity building
- Community/government capability in post disaster recovery
- Post- disaster organizational risk management, supply chain recovery
- Green Architecture on global climate change

- Sustainability of the built environment
- Computational analysis of built environment
- Sociological analysis of digital practices in environmental governance
- Building information modeling,
- Property valuation, accounting and taxation (Internal perspectives)
- Urban and property economics
- Facilities management, property governance and ethics, green innovation
- Developing new technologies for the control of environmental
- Developing energy saving technologies in the residential, commercial building, transportation and industrial sectors
- Developing an improve models for landscape evolution
- Developing technology for controlling and planning of land use.
- Digital photogrammetry: Forest inventory measurement, airborne laser scanning satellite data, animal aggregation behavior measurement
- Development of specialized instruments and techniques for precise measurement
- Geographical information science (GIS) in Cadastral management and Environmental management
- Environmental geodesy
- Research on feature extraction from high resolution satellite imagery and modeling

G. DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

Focus:

- Developing new technologies for minimizing environmental impacts?
- Developing sustainable infrastructure development...?
- Design and management of the built environment for economic
- Adaptive re-use of heritage structure
- The built environment and community health
- Lighting design in Architecture
- Environmental performance prediction in building
- Tendering/Bidding Strategies and Qualification in construction industry
- Public/private Construction contract Administration
- Value Engineering and Management
- Cost Planning, cost control and quantity surveying practice
- Procurement systems, process, modeling, innovative and strategies
- New trends in innovative building concepts,
- Development of new materials and component for efficiency in building

H. PROPERTY MORTGAGE INVESTMENT

Focus:

- Revitalizing mortgage origination and organization
- New options for controlling mortgage delinquency and default.

1. DESIGN COGNITION AND LEARNING

Focus

- Research on process of design in terms of learning, teaching, understanding and application Professional competency standards and curriculum design

IX. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND WEALTH CREATION

General Objectives

Research on information, knowledge based scientific, technological and innovational driven skills acquisition and

wealth generating enterprises.

Research Areas

A. TRIPOD OF TECHNOLOGY

Focus:

- Developing models for strengthening the tripod of technology linkages and collaboration (Government-Academia-Industry)

B. THE IMPACT SOCIO-CULTURAL ISSUES ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND WEALTH CREATION

Focus:

- Research on how to formulate framework/policy for integrating science technology and innovation into national/economic development programmes

C. TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN DIVERSIFICATION OF NATIONAL ECONOMY

Focus:

- Research on methods of modernization of traditional technology
- Technology adaptation for SMEs
- Developing software for programmes on available global opportunities
- Cost implications on production activities in small and medium scale enterprises
- Management consulting and practice for small and medium scale enterprises
- Production management in SME
- Handling of risks associated with small and medium scale enterprises
- Improving access to finance from the informal sector for SMES
- Issues relating to loans and debt recovery in SME
- Developing new technologies for marketing SMEs products.

D. FINANCING OF INNOVATIONS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Focus:

- Developing new models for financing SMEs, capital development, technology and industrial parks

X. TRANSPORT

Focus:

- Suggesting means of improving the transportation systems in favour of SME

XI. CIVIL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

A. ANALYSIS AND DESIGN OF STRUCTURES

Focus:

- New technologies for steel-concrete composite structure, mechanical characterization of timber elements, using various tests steel and timber structures, racks and scaffold systems; and structural health monitoring and identification.

B. STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Focus:

- New trends in: concrete structures analysis innovative hybrid structures, cable supported bridges, design and reinforcement of piers and maintenance planning.

C. GIS/REMOTE SENSING FOR NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Focus:

- Research on: Environmental assessment and sustainable development in developing countries, improved altitude determination with GPS and altimetry.

D. HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

Focus:

- Improved construction materials, asphalt paving and recycling
- Conduct a study on driver support system, traffic behaviour, simulation and real-time analysis
- New Studies on tunnel construction, complete contours drilling and rock blasting.
- Improved /new soil modeling technology

E. WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Focus:

- Improved water resources/scarcity management, water governance and legal framework

F. INNOVATIVE STRUCTURAL DESIGNS

Focus:

- New trends in structural integration and optimization, life cycle of structure lightweight structures, and structural designs with glass, fibres, etc.

G. WATER AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY

Focus:

- New development for waste management and recycling, membrane technology ozonation/biofiltration, particle characterization, elimination of persistent organic pollutants, etc.

H. GEOTECHNICS AND SOIL MECHANICS

Focus:

- Develop techniques for: Tunneling, dynamic soil compaction, soil analysis and foundation, etc.
- Geotechnical utilization of waste materials and their economic values in developing countries.

I. MECHATRONIC SYSTEMS

Focus:

- Improved Computer simulation and application in mechatronic and embedded system.
- Geometric modeling, design of intelligent products and manufacturing, etc.

J. VEHICLE DYNAMICS AND CONTROL

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- Improved Studies on: Dynamic modeling and application, human factors and ergonomics, vehicle body structures and control, etc.

K. CONDITION MONITORING OF PIPES AND FITTINGS

- Improved corrosion inspection/sensor, monitoring of pipelines
- Modern production technologies for manufacturing pipes and fittings
- New methods of operational safety regulation for pipes, fittings and power plant.

L. ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PROCESSES AND SYSTEMS

Focus:

- Improved material selection and processing, advanced metrology and inspection, techniques for manufactured parts,
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M. CURRENT TRENDS IN CAD/CAM

- Modelling techniques and application

N. CURRENT TRENDS IN REFRIGERATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, HEAT AND MASS TRANSFER

Focus:

- Energy efficient refrigeration and air-conditioning systems, alternative/new refrigerants, refrigeration and air-conditioning components simulations, application of heat and mass transfer in refrigeration and air-conditioning, manufacturing, plant equipment, etc.

O. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY, ENERGY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

- New and comprehensive studies and application of geothermal, nuclear, solar, water, wind, biomass and tidal energy, etc.

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- Digital photogrammetry: Forest inventory measurement, airborne laser scanning satellite data, animal aggregation behavior measurement
- Development of specialized instruments and techniques for precise measurement
- Geographical information science (GIS) in Cadastral management and Environmental management
- Environmental geodesy
- Research on feature extraction from high resolution satellite imagery and modeling

G. DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

Focus:

- Developing new technologies for minimizing environmental impacts?
- Developing sustainable infrastructure development...?
- Design and management of the built environment for economic
- Adaptive re-use of heritage structure
- The built environment and community health
- Lighting design in Architecture
- Environmental performance prediction in building
- Tendering/Bidding Strategies and Qualification in construction industry
- Public/private Construction contract Administration
- Value Engineering and Management
- Cost Planning, cost control and quantity surveying practice
- Procurement systems, process, modeling, innovative and strategies
- New trends in innovative building concepts,
- Development of new materials and component for efficiency in building

H. PROPERTY MORTGAGE INVESTMENT

Focus:

- Revitalizing mortgage origination and organization
- New options for controlling mortgage delinquency and default.

1. DESIGN COGNITION AND LEARNING

Focus

- Research on process of design in terms of learning, teaching, understanding and application Professional competency standards and curriculum design

IX. ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND WEALTH CREATION

General Objectives

Research on information, knowledge based scientific, technological and innovational driven skills acquisition and wealth generating enterprises.

Research Areas

A. TRIPOD OF TECHNOLOGY

Focus:

- Developing models for strengthening the tripod of technology linkages and collaboration (Government-Academia-Industry)

B. THE IMPACT SOCIO-CULTURAL ISSUES ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND WEALTH CREATION

Focus:

- Research on how to formulate framework/policy for integrating science technology and innovation into national/economic development programmes

C. TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN DIVERSIFICATION OF NATIONAL ECONOMY

Focus:

- Research on methods of modernization of traditional technology
- Technology adaptation for SMEs
- Developing software for programmes on available global opportunities
- Cost implications on production activities in small and medium scale enterprises
- Management consulting and practice for small and medium scale enterprises
- Production management in SME
- Handling of risks associated with small and medium scale enterprises
- Improving access to finance from the informal sector for SMES
- Issues relating to loans and debt recovery in SME
- Developing new technologies for marketing SMEs products.

D. FINANCING OF INNOVATIONS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Focus:

- Developing new models for financing SMEs, capital development, technology and industrial parks

X. TRANSPORT

Focus:

- Suggesting means of improving the transportation systems in favour of SME

XI. CIVIL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

A. ANALYSIS AND DESIGN OF STRUCTURES

Focus:

- New technologies for steel-concrete composite structure, mechanical characterization of timber elements, using various tests steel and timber structures, racks and scaffold systems; and structural health monitoring and identification.

B. STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Focus:

- New trends in: concrete structures analysis innovative hybrid structures, cable supported bridges, design and reinforcement of piers and maintenance planning.

C. GIS/REMOTE SENSING FOR NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Focus:

- Research on: Environmental assessment and sustainable development in developing countries, improved altitude determination with GPS and altimetry.

D. HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

Focus:

- Improved construction materials, asphalt paving and recycling
- Conduct a study on driver support system, traffic behaviour, simulation and real-time analysis
- New Studies on tunnel construction, complete contours drilling and rock blasting.
- Improved /new soil modeling technology

E. WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Focus:

- Improved water resources/scarcity management, water governance and legal framework

F. INNOVATIVE STRUCTURAL DESIGNS

Focus:

- New trends in structural integration and optimization, life cycle of structure lightweight structures, and structural designs with glass, fibres, etc.

G. WATER AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY

Focus:

- New development for waste management and recycling, membrane technology ozonation/biofiltration, particle characterization, elimination of persistent organic pollutants, etc.

H. GEOTECHNICS AND SOIL MECHANICS

Focus:

- Develop techniques for: Tunneling, dynamic soil compaction, soil analysis and foundation, etc.
- Geotechnical utilization of waste materials and their economic values in developing countries.

I. MECHATRONIC SYSTEMS

Focus:

- Improved Computer simulation and application in mechatronic and embedded system.
- Geometric modeling, design of intelligent products and manufacturing, etc.

J. VEHICLE DYNAMICS AND CONTROL

Focus:

- Improved Studies on: Dynamic modeling and application, human factors and ergonomics, vehicle body structures and control, etc.

K. CONDITION MONITORING OF PIPES AND FITTINGS

- Improved corrosion inspection/sensor, monitoring of pipelines
- Modern production technologies for manufacturing pipes and fittings
- New methods of operational safety regulation for pipes, fittings and power plant.

L. ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PROCESSES AND SYSTEMS

Focus:

- Improved material selection and processing, advanced metrology and inspection, techniques for manufactured parts,
- New strategies in manufacturing processes, computer aided production planning, etc

M. CURRENT TRENDS IN CAD/CAM

- Modelling techniques and application

N. CURRENT TRENDS IN REFRIGERATION, AIR-CONDITIONING, HEAT AND MASS TRANSFER

Focus:

- Energy efficient refrigeration and air-conditioning systems, alternative/new refrigerants, refrigeration and air-conditioning components simulations, application of heat and mass transfer in refrigeration and air-conditioning, manufacturing, plant equipment, etc.

O. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY, ENERGY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

- New and comprehensive studies and application of geothermal, nuclear, solar, water, wind, biomass and tidal energy, etc.

P. STUDIES ON THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE OIL AND GAS SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY

OTHERS

- Focus on the new technologies in foundry industry
- Energy research; including biofuel, nanotechnology, etc.
- CNC machines; modeling and applications.
- New trends in autotronics.