

8th World Congress of MIRCE Science

Woodbury Park, Exeter, United Kingdom, 26 – 28 June, 2019

MIRCE Akademy Call for Papers 17th May 2019 ON TIME

HARTFORD	DELTA	2318	4:15P	94	ON TIME
HOUSTON	CONTINENTAL	1505	3:15P	6	ON TIME
INDIANAPOLIS	DELTA	2403	4:35P	96	ON TIME
ISLIP NY	DELTA	2310	2:55P	96	ON TIME
KANSAS CITY MO	SOUTHWEST	109	4:35P	122	ON TIME
LONDON HEATHROW	UNITED	918	2:19P	42	BOARDING
LOS ANGELES	DELTA	333	3:25P	73	ON TIME

*“Airlines are in the transportation business; Boeing, Douglas, Lockheed, Airbus, they're in the airplane business. You must keep equipment **functionable***, you can have the shiniest looking airplane in the world, the most remarkably engineered airplane in the world, it's an academic marvel, it's an engineering marvel, but if the damned thing is not at B3 in Chicago at 9.15 to originate the trip to Cleveland, forget it.”*

Jack Hessburg (1934-2013) Grand Fellow of the MIRCE Akademy, Exeter, UK

*** Dr Jezdimir Knezevic, Founder & President of MIRCE Akademy**



A personal invitation from Dr Jezdimir Knezevic, Founder & President of the MIRCE Akademy

Since 1975 I have been actively involved in the research and teaching of numerous specialist engineering disciplines that address specific in-service characteristics of the components of functionable systems, like reliability, maintainability, supportability, testability, availability and similar. However, at the beginning of 1990s I became fully aware that, despite the fact all of these specialist subjects have their own specifications and contractual requirements, there was nothing to “normalise” them and predict the overall in-service performance of functionable systems. The reality was, it was impossible to accurately calculate how many daily flights “to Cleveland” are likely to be delivered on time during the in-service life of a given aircraft design or how much electrical energy will be delivered by a given design option for a power station.

Towards the end of 1990s, it became crystal clear to me that the purpose of every functional system is **NOT** to deliver reliability, maintainability, supportability, availability, testability and similar contractual requirements, but the purpose is to do the **WORK**. Nothing is intentionally specified, designed, produced and acquired by somebody in order to do nothing. To allow me to fully address the complicated problem of generating accurate predictions of the work done and resources consumed by functionable systems, throughout its o life, I resigned from Exeter University, UK, in 1999 and established the MIRCE Akademy at Woodbury Park, Exeter, UK.

Tears and years of intensive research have generated a new, science-based, body of knowledge, named MIRCE Science. It comprises axioms, laws, mathematical equations and calculation methods that enable accurate predictions of the work done by the system and the work require to be done on the system to maintain the flow of functionality through life. Thus, from now on, design teams will be able to “normalise” all feasible solutions using comparative analysis and then select the most suitable compromise for all stake holders, based on their through life needs. It is an imperative as a functionable system comprises not only the entity delivering functionality but every facet of the universe that is needed to do the work, like natural environment, human rules, regulations and organisations.

The main objective of the Congress is to bring together scientists, mathematicians, engineers, operators, maintainers, logisticians, programmers, economists, meteorologists, psychologists and all others who are enabling flights to Cleveland “to go on time and never crash”, to spend a few days together and learn the complexity of interdependencies that govern the consequences of their specialist decisions on the future performance of functionable systems.

I am looking forward to welcoming you to the MIRCE Akademy, during this unique global event, as a paper presenter, master class presenter, exhibitor, sponsor or participant.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Knezevic'.

Papers, Presentations, Workshops, Exhibits, Software and similar contributions are expected to be broadly confined within the following topics:

Theme 1: Science & Mathematics of functionability phenomena that cause transitions of systems to the Negative Functionability State. Some of the physical and human actions that belong to this category of phenomena are:

- **Inherent Actions:** Incorrect Material, Incorrect Design, Incorrect Assembly, Incorrect Packaging, Handling, Storage or Transportation, Incorrect Maintenance, Incorrect Part and so forth.
- **Potential Actions:** Lightening, Sand Storm, Solar radiation, Wind direction change, Foreign Object damage, No Fault Found, Puncture, Operator errors, Contamination, Volcanic Eruptions, Collisions, and similar.
- **Continuous Actions:** Wear, Corrosion, Delamination, Creep, Fatigue, Tear, Erosion and so forth.

Theme 2: Science & Mathematics of functionability phenomena that cause transitions of systems to the Positive Functionability State. Some of the human actions that belong to this category of phenomena are:

- **Servicing:** replenishment of consumable fluids, cleaning, washing, painting, etc.,
- **Lubrication:** installing or replenishing lubricant
- **Inspection:** Examination of an item against a defined physical standard
- **Visual Inspection** performed to detect obvious unsatisfactory conditions.
- **Detailed Visual Inspection** consists of intensive visual search for evidence of any irregularity.
- **Check:** a qualitative or quantitative assessment of function
- **Operational:** a qualitative assessment to determine if an item is fulfilling its intended function
- **Restoration:** perform to return an item to a specific standard. (cleaning, repair, replacement or overhaul.)
- **Discard:** removal from service.

Theme 3: Computational methods for the applications of Mirce Functionability, Operability, Maintainability or Supportability Equation to maintainable systems. Contributions that cover the following topics are particularly welcome:

- Available Software Solutions,
- Simulation Languages and Methods
- In-service Data: Acquisition, Storage and Analysis
- New ways of dealing with Convolution Integral Equations
- Relevant Case Studies

In summary, the challenge of MIRCE Science is to *predict the future state of maintainable systems, which results from very complex processes, driven by rich interactions between internal components, on one hand, and environmental and human impacts of their operation and maintenance. MIRCE Science is still a young science and not everything regarding in-service life of a machine is fully understood. Today, it is still part artistry, but the results of inaccurate predictions could have significant impact on human lives, habitat and business.*

Attention: 17th May 2019 is the deadline for the submission of all presentation and exhibition intentions.

For the planning purpose, of the participants, exhibitors and presenters, the following Price structure will be applied regarding all services related to the 8th World Congress of MIRCE Science.

Service Available	Cost		
	Price	VAT	Total
All prices are in GB Pounds			
Participant for 3 Days	595.00	119.00	714.00
Participant per Day	225.00	45.00	270.00
Presenter on the day of presentation	Free		
Presenter for 3 Days	300.00	60.00	360.00
Retired participants for 3 Days	195.00	39.00	234.00
University students for 3 Days	395.00	79.00	474.00
Congress Proceedings on CD	175.00	35.00	210.00
MIRCE Akademy Members	550.00	110.00	660.00
MIRCE Akademy Fellows	575.00	115.00	690.00
MIRCE Akademy Students	495.00	99.00	594.00
Partners Programme for 3 Days	195.00	39.00	234.00
Congress Dinner only Sherry, 3 course meal & wine	62.50	12.50	75.00
Exhibitors - Gold Package	5000.00	1000.00	6000.00
Exhibitors - Silver Package	3000.00	600.00	3600.00
Exhibitors - Bronze Package	1500.00	300.00	1800.00
B&B at Woodbury Park Hotel - single	Rooms are		75.00
B&B at Woodbury Park Hotel - double	guaranteed		95.00

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Substitution of participants may be made at any time. If you intend to do this, please advise the MIRCE Akademy ('the organiser') as soon as possible. Cancellation of a booking must be received in writing by the organiser at least 14 days before the commencement of the Congress. The MIRCE Akademy regrets that no refunds or credits will be made after the deadline unless the organiser cancels the Congress. The organiser reserves the right to alter the programme or cancel the Congress at its discretion. All places offered are subject to availability.

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About the Venue

Woodbury Park is a magnificent 500 acre complex set among rolling hills above the South West English coastline, only 5 miles from Exeter.

Communication between Exeter and other parts of the United Kingdom are excellent.

- **By road**, the M5 motorway links Exeter to London, the Midlands, Scotland and Wales. Regular rapid coaches run services to and from London and Heathrow Airport.
- **By rail**, a regular fast service is available to and from Exeter (St David's Station) and London (Paddington Station).
- **By air**, Exeter Airport offers regular flights to many British and Continental destinations and is situated near to Woodbury Park.

Travel between Exeter and Woodbury normally requires a car or taxi.

Among the outstanding leisure facilities at Woodbury Park are two golf courses including the magnificent **Oaks Championship course**, tennis courts, a swimming pool, spa, sauna and fully equipped gymnasium and well appointed lounge areas and bars.

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