Proposed dates

2 – 6 September 2013

• Conference theme: “Service Engineering …”
• 80% of western economies is generated by services.
• The Australian economy is dominated by its service sector, representing 68% of GDP. The mining sector represents 10% of GDP.
Conference Local Organisation

• Hosted by the Wackett Aerospace Centre, a Research Centre of RMIT University.

• School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering introduced a new MEng in System Support Engineering in collaboration with industry, with first students graduating in 2013.

• Conference support through Engineers Australia (EA), the Australian professional society for engineers.

• The 20th ISPE International Conference on Concurrent Engineering will be held on the RMIT University campus in the centre of Melbourne.
Host City – Melbourne, Australia
Capital City of the State of Victoria
Host City – History of Melbourne, Australia

• Founded in 1835, 47 years after the European settlement of Australia, by settlers from Van Diemen's Land, now Tasmania.

• Officially declared a city by Queen Victoria in 1847. Named after Lord Melbourne, British Prime Minister: 1834, 1835–1841.

• In 1851 became the capital city of the newly created colony of Victoria.

• During the Victorian gold rush of the 1850s, it was transformed into one of the world's largest and wealthiest cities.

• After 1901, it served as the interim seat of government of the newly created nation of Australia until 1927, when it moved to the new capital of Australia, Canberra.
Host City – Melbourne, Australia

- Second largest city in Australia with population > 4.1 million
- Voted World’s Liveable City in 2011 and 2012.
- Named “Cultural Capital” of Australia.
- Victoria is home of Australian rules football, with 10 of the 18 clubs of the Australian Football League (AFL) based in Victoria, and the traditional Grand Final held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground usually on the last Saturday in September.
- Melbourne is also home to the Australian Open tennis tournament in January each year, the first of the world's four Grand Slam tennis tournaments, and the Australian Formula One Grand Prix.
RMIT University

- City centre location;
- Established as a Working Men’s College in 1887. Received university status in 1992.
- More than 70,000 students;
- Member of the Australian Technology Network (ATN);
- Close to shops, restaurants and many tourist attractions;
- Close to hotels and public transport.
Conference Location
Melbourne Highlights

- Melbourne is a multicultural city with 180 languages spoken.
- Melbourne is known for its culinary delights, arts and cultural events.
- Easy to reach by air (non-stop from west coast USA and Asia) and one stop from Europe. For example, Qantas flies from London and Frankfurt daily. Flights also from South America (Buenos Aires and Santiago de Chile).
- Great attractions in Melbourne and Victoria, for example, Sovereign Hill (Gold Rush), Great Ocean Road (scenic), Penguin Parade (Phillip Island), Healesville Sanctuary, etc.
- Car Ferry to Tasmania (about 8 hrs), day and night crossings.
- Domestic air travel on Qantas, Jetstar, Virgin Australia and Tiger Airways.
Visa Assistance

- **Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)**
  Instant on-line visa applications for delegates from over 30 eligible countries

- **International Event Coordinator Network (IECN)**
  Free advice and guidance on visa requirements for business events. Australian immigration staff can assist conference organisers with delegate visa processing

- **Over 20 Tourism Australia offices globally**
Accommodation

- 25,500 rooms (16,100+ within the City of Melbourne and 9,400+ in the City Centre)
- 3,000 budget Hostel/Backpacker beds (most within walking distance)
- 80% of all Melbourne hotels have access for people with disabilities
- All major chains represented – Hyatt, Westin, Marriott, Sofitel, Novotel, Langham, Sheraton, Travelodge, Holiday Inn, Hilton, InterContinental, Ibis, etc.
- Most hotels are within walking distance of RMIT University or a short ride on the tram.
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