



**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
50TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE
'THE NEXT 50 YEARS'**

**PORT ELIZABETH,
SOUTH AFRICA**

15-16 NOVEMBER 2021

Objectives

The Nelson Mandela University (NMU) Department of Construction Management 50th Anniversary conference provides an international forum for researchers and practitioners from developed, and developing nations to address fundamental construction management, construction project management, and construction health and safety (H&S) management issues. The broad objectives of the conference are to:

- Celebrate the 50th year of presentation of the BSc Construction Management programme at the NMU;
- Provide a forum for multi-disciplinary interaction between academics and practitioners;

- Provide an internationally recognised, accredited conference;
- Disseminate innovative and cutting-edge practices;
- Identify likely issues during the next 50 years, and
- Contribute to the construction management, construction project management, and construction H&S management bodies of knowledge.

Conference topics

Given that the Department of Construction Management focuses primarily on the education of construction managers, construction project managers, and construction health and safety practitioners, the conference will address topics, which *inter-alia*, include:

- Education and training
- Continuing professional development
- Professional registration / Candidacy / Mentoring
- The business of construction including projects
- The business of consulting including projects
- Ethics
- Health, Safety, and Wellbeing
- People in construction issues
- Sustainability
- Digitalisation / Industry 4.0
- Smart construction
- Innovation
- Construction sociology
- Opportunities and challenges

Abstract and Papers

Authors are invited to submit abstracts in English of not more than 200 words for peer review by the scientific committee by

the 4 June 2021. The abstract should address the following fields: introduction of the topic; objectives; research method and sample stratum(a); findings; conclusions, and recommendations. Authors should not be identifiable to ensure double-blind peer review. Abstracts will be reviewed according to: the relevance to the topics and objectives of the conference; originality of subject matter; likely academic rigour of the proposed paper; and likely contribution to the related body of knowledge. Note that only papers that are based on actual research that includes empirical findings will be accepted upon proof of registration.

Deadlines

The conference deadlines are as follows:

- Abstract (200 words maximum): 4 June 2021
- Notification of acceptance: 18 June 2021
- Submission of completed paper: 27 August 2021
- Notification of acceptance: 13 September 2021
- Submission of final paper: 4 October 2021

Submissions

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=cm50>.

Organisers / Contact persons – South Africa

- Academic Programme Chair: Prof Fidelis Emuze

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Conference web site: To be advised

Accommodation: To be advised

Venue: Marine Hotel, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Conference fees (excludes accommodation):

ACHASM / ACPM / CIB /

CIOB Member / CM Alumnus /

SACPCMP R 3 750.00 + 15% VAT

Non-ditto R 4 250.00 + 15% VAT

Virtual R 1 750.00 + 15% VAT

Student (Full-time) R 2 700.00 + 15% VAT

Accompanying person R 2 300.00 + 15% VAT