SYMPOSIUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH IN MEXICO

Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí.
San Luis Potosí, México, June 29th and 30th, 2017
BACKGROUND

Many universities in México perform high quality research on matters related to sustainable development. Yet, there are relatively few events where a multidisciplinary overview of research efforts and projects has taken place; and where researchers from across the spectrum of the natural and social sciences have had the opportunity to come together to discuss research methods, the results of empirical research or exchange ideas about on-going and future research initiatives focusing on sustainable development.

It is against this background that the “Symposium on Sustainable Development Research in Mexico” is being organized by the Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, México, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, and HAW Hamburg, Germany, under the auspices of the Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme (IUSDRP) and a number of institutions of higher education active in this field, from across the region. The Symposium will involve researchers in the field of sustainable development in the widest sense, from business and economics, to arts, administration, environment, languages and media studies, will focus on “Sustainable Development Research in México” and will contribute to the further development of this fast-growing field.

AIMS

The aims of the Symposium are as follows:

i. Provide researchers at universities in Mexico –or from abroad working in México– performing research on issues pertaining sustainable development with an opportunity to display and present their work (i.e. curriculum innovation, empirical work, activities, case studies, practical projects);

ii. Foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of research projects, successful initiatives and good practice;

iii. Discuss methodological approaches and projects which aim to offer a better understanding of sustainable development across society and the economic sectors and;

iv. Network the participants and provide a platform so they can explore possibilities for further cooperation.

A further aim of the event will be to document and disseminate the wealth of experiences on sustainable development research in México today. To this purpose, a peer-reviewed book titled “Sustainable Development Research at Universities in Mexico” will be published, with all accepted papers. This will be part of the award-winning “World Sustainability Series”, published by Springer, one of the world’s top five scientific publishers.
PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Symposium participants will come from a cross-sectoral range of areas.

These are:

i. Teaching and research professionals
ii. Postgraduate students
iii. Higher Education staff
iv. Project officers and consultants
v. Other people interested in the field

It is believed that this wide range of participants will emphasize the need for integrated approaches towards research on sustainable development and contribute towards advancing this field of work even further.

STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT

The symposium will revolve around four main themes:
1: Research on Education for Sustainable Development, including curriculum issues
2: Research on community and outreach programmes
3: Research on applied science and technology for sustainability
4: Research on participation and engagement on sustainability

The Event will be organized around two main strands:

Strand 1: the posters
Participating universities will be able to put-up posters describing their works and projects and to distribute the relevant information to the participants. The posters will be the backbone of the event and will allow close, one-to-one contacts between the participants and the exhibitors.

Strand 2: the presentations
A set of presentations, divided into four main sections will be organized, dealing with issues of strategic value in reviewing the state of the art of research on sustainable development today.

A special session will be held with and for doctoral students undertaking research on sustainable development.
The Symposium will be held on June 29th and 30th, 2017 in San Luis Potosí, México.
In order to ensure an efficient use of the time, participants are kindly asked to organize their travel in a way that allows them to arrive in the afternoon of June 28th and travel back on June 30th after the closing ceremony, since the best papers awards will be handed over at 15:00 on that date.

**SYMPOSIUM DATES AND LOCATION**

**FEES AND CHARGES**

An early discounted fee of $70 USD will be charged to delegates and general public participants who register until 30th December 2016. After that, delegates and participants will pay the full fee of $90 USD. A special fee of $40 will be charged to participating students. The registration fee includes lunches and coffee breaks on both days of the event as well as the Reception.

**RESCHEDULING**

Submission of abstracts: December 1st, 2016
Confirmation of acceptance: January 15th, 2017
Early delegate registrations deadline: January 26th, 2017
Submission of full papers: February 23th, 2017
Full, revised papers: April 20th, 2017
Delegate registration deadline: April 27th, 2017
Since the book will be launched soon after the Symposium, the deadlines need to be followed.

**REGISTRATION AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

Confirmation of acceptance of submissions will be sent by December 1st. Delegate registrations are now open and are possible until April 6th 2017. Regrettably, delegate registrations after the deadline will not be possible. Since the space for displays and the time for presentations is limited, delegates are advised to submit their abstracts and register as soon as possible. The organizers will notify any interested delegate or organization in case there are any limitations with time for presentations, or in respect of space for displays. Registered delegates will then receive further details on the payment of the fees and updated information on the preparations for the event. The decision as to which papers will be accepted for presentation will be taken by the Chairpersons, following consultation with the Scientific Committee. Persons interested in attending as general public are also advised to register before the event.

**THE VENUE**

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HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

An abstract should be up to 200 words, it should describe the rationale and aims of the paper, and some of its results. General descriptions of broad contexts should be avoided. The full contact details about the author(s) need to be provided. Abstracts should be written in the third person and not in the first or second one (e.g. I, me, or my paper). Authors whose abstracts have been accepted, will receive further details about how to submit their full papers, and further logistical information. Abstracts should be written in a MS-Word compatible file.

Abstracts should be sent to: sdrmexico2017@gmail.com

In order to publish the material after the event, all abstracts and papers submitted must be written in English. The organizers will not provide document translation services. However, presentations and posters can be either in Spanish or English and real-time translation will be provided at the event for some sessions.

CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATOR AND CONTACT POINT FOR FURTHER DETAILS

All questions related to registrations or general information should be addressed to Ana Pérez. E-mail: sdrmexico2017@gmail.com

For updates and further information go to: http://ambiental.uaslp.mx/sdrmexico2017/index.html