



Wales International Conference on Electronic Assistive Technology

17th - 18th July 2003 at The St. David's Hotel & Spa, Cardiff



Conference Announcement, Call for Papers & Registration

Paper submission deadline: **2nd May 2003**

Welcome to WICEAT

In the European Year of Disabled People, the Organising Committee of the 1st **Wales International Conference on Electronic Assistive Technology** invites you to participate by submitting a paper on an area of scientific research, development or clinical study. The conference will provide a forum for exchange of information about new and current; techniques, technologies, developments and service strategies in the field of Electronic Assistive Technology, for the benefit of disabled people.

The two day conference is to be held at the prestigious St. David's Hotel & Spa, located in the new Cardiff Waterfront and Bay area, and will include a plenary session, parallel platform scientific/clinical sessions, poster sessions, interactive computer sessions, workshops and a trade exhibition and of course, entertainment.

Conference Website: www.wiceat.org

Conference Programme

The two day preliminary scientific/clinical programme is shown below . In addition to the paper presentations there will be guest speaker presentations, a series of product presentations, a trade exhibition and topical workshops*.

Thursday 17 th July 2003		Pre-Function Room				
8:30 – 9:30	Registration and Coffee					
Suite	Roald Dahl					
9:30 – 10:45	Welcome & Plenary Session					
Suite	Pre-Function Room					
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee Break					
Suite	Roald	Dahl	Lloyd George	Tyddewi	Function Room	Penrhyn Marconi
11:00 – 12:15	Paper Session 1A	Paper Session 1B	Paper Session 1C	Computer Session 1	Poster Session 1	Product Session 1A/1B
Suite	Dylan Thomas					
12:15 – 2:00	Lunch & Product Exhibition					
Suite	Roald	Dahl	Lloyd George	Tyddewi	Function Room	Penrhyn Marconi
2:00 – 3:15	Paper Session 2A	Paper Session 2B	Paper Session 2C	Computer Session 2	Poster Session 2	Product Session 2A/2B
Suite	Dylan Thomas					
3:15 – 3:45	Tea & Exhibits Review					
Suite	Roald	Dahl	Lloyd George	Tyddewi		Penrhyn Marconi
3:45 – 5:00	Paper Session 3A	Paper Session 3B	Paper Session 3C	Computer Session 3		Product Session 3A/3B
5:00	Close					

The conference will also explore several themes, paying particular regard to a multidisciplinary approach to the assessment for, and the provision of Electronic Assistive Technology, improvement of professional standards, best practice, and funding.

Friday 18 th July 2003		Pre-Function Room				
8:30 – 9:30	Registration and Coffee					
Suite	Roald	Dahl	Lloyd George	Tyddewi	Function Room	Penrhyn Marconi
9:30 – 10:45	Paper Session 4A	Paper Session 4B	Paper Session 4C	Computer Session 4	Poster Session 3	Product Session 4A/4B
Suite	Dylan Thomas					
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee & Exhibits Review					
Suite	Roald	Dahl	Lloyd George	Tyddewi		Penrhyn Marconi
11:15 – 12:30	Paper Session 5A	Paper Session 5B	Paper Session 5C	Computer Session 5		Product Session 5A/5B
Suite	Dylan Thomas					
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch & Product Exhibition					
Suite	Roald	Dahl	Lloyd George	Tyddewi	Function Room	Penrhyn Marconi
2:00 – 3:15	Paper Session 6A	Paper Session 6B	Paper Session 6C	Computer Session 6	Poster Session 4	Product Session 6A/6B
Suite	Dylan Thomas					
3:15 – 3:45	Tea & Exhibits Review					
Suite	Roald Dahl					
3:45 – 4:30	Closing Discussion					
5:00	Close					

* To be confirmed in addition to the programme provided.

Call for Papers

The WICEAT Organising Committee is requesting submissions of papers in each of the following topic areas:

1. Augmentative and Alternative Communication
2. Computer and Internet Access and Use
3. Environmental Control, Mechatronics and Electronic Mobility
4. Functional Control, Sensory Impairment and Technology for Special Populations
5. Measurement and Outcomes
6. Professional Skills/Development

The papers will be presented in one of three formats:

- A. Platform presentation B. Poster presentation C. Computer demonstration

Each proposal will be peer reviewed according to the criteria listed below.

- A. Abstract/Background/Statement of Problem or Research Question**
Does the Abstract describe concisely the content of the paper? Does the background information support the need for this work? Is the Statement of the Problem or Objective clear?
- B. Method/Approach/Solutions Considered**
Is the Method described clearly and is it appropriate for achieving the stated objective? Is the experimental design or clinical approach appropriate?
- C. Results/Discussion/Conclusion**
Are results comprehensive, valid and reliable? Are the conclusions valid statistically and justifiable? Does the Discussion demonstrate how the model/policy addresses the issue? Does the Discussion relate to the Problem Statement/Objective?
- D. Overall Quality of Presentation**
Is the paper understandable, clear and well presented? Are the figures and tables legible and correctly annotated? Are the references provided relevant?
Note: It must be emphasised that no editing other than minor layout adjustments will be undertaken by WICEAT.
- E. Subject matter is appropriate to the WICEAT audience**
Is the paper appropriate for the topics covered in this area? Will this paper enhance or revise the existing knowledge?

All abstracts accepted for the WICEAT 2003 will be included in the conference programme. All papers presented at the WICEAT 2003 will be published in the conference proceedings.

In order to make this international conference accessible to the widest possible audience, the official language of the WICEAT will be English. Attendance at the conference will be open but presentations will be geared to the practitioners (in particular therapists and clinical scientists/engineers) and the researchers working with disabled clients.

Full paper Submission Deadline: 2nd May 2003

In addition and in order to compile the conference programme in good time, the Organising Committee request that an **abstract of not more than 200 words is submitted by 18th April 2003.**

Please visit the official conference website at www.wiceat.org for full details of paper and abstract submission formats and updates on the conference programme. The website also contains information on the trade exhibition, where to stay while at the conference, how to get there, the social programme and other relevant conference information (visit the Contacts page for listserver automated updates).

Dr Jeffrey D. Morris
WICEAT Organising Committee Chair

WICEAT Registration Form

WICEAT Office Use:

Surname _____ Title _____

Forename(s) _____

Organisation _____

Address _____

Country _____ Post/Zip Code _____

Phone _____ FAX _____

Email _____

Delegate registration at the conference includes proceedings and conference materials, entry to all sessions, trade show, and evening reception. It also includes all lunches and tea/coffee breaks. The lunches provided include vegetarian dishes. Any special dietary requirements? _____

Please indicate the type of registration required (tick one box only):

Delegate Type	Day 1	Day 2	2 Day Registration
Delegate (EBF) ¹	£ 85.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 85.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 150.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Delegate (EBF/Prof. Discount) ²	£ 75.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 75.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 130.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Delegate (Late Booking)	£ 95.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 95.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 170.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Delegate (LB/Prof. Discount) ²	£ 85.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 85.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 150.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Full time student Delegate ³	£ 60.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 60.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 120.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Entry to trade show only	£ 20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 20.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Student entry to trade show only ³	£ 10.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 10.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	£ 10.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Presenter (non-presentation day free) ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ 75.00 <input type="checkbox"/>

1 EBF - Early Booking Fee before 1st May 2003. The normal fee applies on or after this date.

2 To qualify for a professional's discount you must provide evidence of registration with an appropriate body.

Name of professional body _____ Membership No _____

3 To qualify for the student rates, the registrant will need to provide proof (usually from the Head of Department) of full time student status.

4 If the presenter will only be attending the conference on the day of presentation, please indicate the day.

The appropriate fee can be paid via a British banker's draft, cheque or postal order in British pounds and must include any conversion and bank charges and made out to: U.W.C.M. (WICEAT Account)

This registration form, together with payment should be returned to:

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