

## ACED 2013 24-25 October 2013 at Hornton Grange

The Association of Civil Engineering Departments held its 2013 Annual Conference at the University of Birmingham's Conference Park.

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#### Conference Organiser

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#### Conference Aims

The Association of Civil Engineering Departments exist to promote excellence in the teaching of Civil Engineering students and to provide a forum for the debate of important issues. The 2013 Annual Conference will allow delegates to discuss matters of current interest presented by speakers from a range of organisations in education and industry.

#### Venue

The 2013 conference is being hosted by the School of Civil Engineering, University of Birmingham. The venue is Hornton Grange part of the University Conference Park. Accommodation for the conference at the conference park site has been reserved and will be held until mid September. Please follow the instructions under the accommodation tab. The conference dinner on the 24th of October will be held at Hornton Grange and this is included in the registration fees.

#### Registration

Please go to the registration section and complete the registration through the online shop. Following ACED's trail of a reduced double registration fee, this is available again this year to encourage wider attendance from Departments/Schools. Single registration is £170, while double is £240.

Please remember to book your accommodation separately from the accommodation section.

## Programme and presentations

### Thursday 24 October

- 09:00 Registration – Tea and Coffee
- 09:45 Welcome
- 10:00 **Session 1** (Chair: Professor Kamel Hawwash, University of Birmingham)  
**The Staff Team: Challenges for the future**  
**Dr Dominic Fox** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/dominic-fox.pdf>), Head of School of Civil Engineering and Surveying, Portsmouth University  
Dr John Owen, Head of Department of Civil Engineering, the University of Nottingham
- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:30 **Session 2** (Chair Dr Harry Johnston, Queen's University, Belfast)  
**Student Expectations**  
**Dr Jessica Lamond** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/jessica-lamond.pdf>), UWE students ([University of Birmingham student \(/Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/university-of-birmingham-student-\(session-2\).pdf\)](/Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/university-of-birmingham-student-(session-2).pdf)), **Coventry University students** ([/Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/coventry-university-students-\(session-2\).pdf](/Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/coventry-university-students-(session-2).pdf)), **Coventry University part-time student** ([/Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/coventry-university-part-time-student-\(session-2\).pdf](/Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/coventry-university-part-time-student-(session-2).pdf))
- 12:45 Lunch
- 13:45 **Session 3** (Chair: Professor John Davies, Coventry University)  
**Developing Communication Skills (1: Visual)**  
**Dr Paul Smith** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/paul-smith.pdf>), Coventry University  
**Dr Rachel Horn** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/rachel-horn.pdf>), University of Sheffield
- 14:45 **Session 4** (Chair: Dr Dominic Fox, Portsmouth University)  
**Developing Communication skills (2: Writing)**  
**Dr Harry Johnston** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/dr-h-t-johnston.pdf>), Queen's University, Belfast  
**Dr Virginia Stovin** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/virginia-stovin.pdf>), University of Sheffield
- 15:30 Coffee
- 16:00 **Session 5** (Dr Callum Tooth, University of West Scotland)  
**Updates from Partners**  
**Dr Gill Cooke** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/gill-cooke.pdf>), Higher Education Academy  
**Mrs Susan Kay** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/susan-kay.pdf>), Engineering Professors' Council
- 16:30 **ACED Annual General Meeting**  
For ACED Member Institutions
- 17:30 Close
- 19:00 **Conference Dinner at Hornton Grange**

### Friday 25 October

- 09:00 **Session 6** (Chair: Dr Rachel Horn)  
**Assessment Challenges**  
**Graham Gibbs** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/graham-gibbs.pdf>), University of Winchester  
**Callum Tooth** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/callum-tooth.pdf>), University of West Scotland  
**Dr Bill Steele** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/bill-steele.pdf>), University of West Scotland
- 10:45 Coffee

- 11:15 **Session 7** (Chair: Dr John Owen)  
**IStructE Education Project**  
**Professor John Nolan** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/john-nolan.pdf>), University of Birmingham  
**Professor Tim Ibell** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/tim-ibell.pdf>), University of Bath  
**Dr Graham Owens** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/graham-owens.pdf>), Institution of Structural Engineers
- 12:15 **Session 8** (Chair: Graham Ford)  
**Instilling professionalism in students**  
**Professor Stephen Garrity** (</Documents/college-eps/civil/news/aced/stephen-garrity.pdf>), University of Leeds  
Professor John Nolan, University of Birmingham
- 13:00 Closing remarks
- 13:15 Lunch and Depart

## Registration

Registration for the ACED 2013 Conference is now open. Single registration costs £170. As in previous years a second registration from the same Department is offered at the reduce rate of £70 to encourage more colleagues to participate in the Conference.

The registration includes attendance at all sessions and dinner on the evening of the 24th, which is at the Conference Park.

To register please follow the link below: <http://shop.bham.ac.uk/browse/product.asp?compid=1&modid=2&catid=100> (<http://shop.bham.ac.uk/browse/product.asp?compid=1&modid=2&catid=100>)

## Accommodation

ACED has reserved a number of rooms on site at the University of Birmingham Conference Park. Those are very convenient as they are close to the Conference venue and cost £60 per night for a single room including breakfast.

To book your accommodation, follow the link below and enter the code ACED13.

Please book by the 13th of September to secure your rooms as rooms will be released after that date. <http://www.venuebirmingham.com/bedandbreakfast/> (<http://www.venuebirmingham.com/bedandbreakfast/>)

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