

The Seventh Pan-Pacific Conference on Occupational Ergonomics (PPCOE 2007)

"Achieving Improved Quality of Working and Daily Life Through Ergonomics"



October 17 – 19, 2007

Sofitel Central Plaza, Bangkok, Thailand



First Announcement and Call for Papers

The first Pan-Pacific Conference on Occupational Ergonomics (PPCOE) was held in 1990 at the University of Occupational and Environmental Health in Kitakyushu, Japan. The main theme of the PPCOE 1990 was "Searching for Solutions to Occupational Problems." Since then, a series of PPCOEs were held in different countries in the Asia-Pacific region, namely, Australia, China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, ROC. The seventh Pan-Pacific Conference on Occupational Ergonomics (PPCOE 2007) will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, during October 17 – 19, 2007. The PPCOE 2007 is organized and sponsored by the Ergonomics Society of Thailand. It is also supported by the Pan-Pacific Council on Occupational Ergonomics.

The PPCOE 2007 aims to provide a forum for international researchers and practitioners in ergonomics to meet and share current issues and problems regarding ergonomics, safety, and health found in working and daily life. Case studies and research results on ergonomics issues in both working and live environments from countries in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond will be reported and discussed. Ideas will be exchanged and research collaborations are expected to be initiated as a result of this conference.

The conference venue is the Sofitel Central Plaza, a world-class hotel situated in the center of Bangkok, a City of Angels in the Land of Smiles, a country of glittering temples, ancient culture, and charming hospitality. Due to its location, Bangkok is one of the major crossroads in the world. It is the natural airline hub for the region, served by more than 80 international airlines. Together with its new international airport, Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok deserves its well-earned reputation as one of the world's favorite meeting places. The Sofitel Central Plaza is near the BTS Skytrain Terminal and a major station for the new Bangkok underground commuter system, providing easy access to the Chatuchak Market, known as Bangkok's famous open-air weekend market, and other parts of the city. The Sofitel Central Plaza is also adjacent to an air-conditioned shopping mall complex.



Areas of Interest

- Design of work, workplace, and work environment for safety and health
- Anthropometry, biomechanics, and work physiology
- Manual materials handling
- Cumulative trauma/musculoskeletal disorders
- Design for aging population
- Accident/injury prevention
- Computer-aided ergonomics
- Ergonomics in rehabilitation and health care
- Office ergonomics
- Human-computer interaction
- Ergonomics in complex systems
- International ergonomics standards
- Participatory ergonomics
- Ergonomics in developing countries
- Other ergonomics-related issues

Interested persons are invited to submit abstracts (100-200 words) for presentation at the PPCOE 2007. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Technical Program Committee. Accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings (CD-ROM).

Authors of all accepted papers will also be invited to submit full manuscripts for publication in **Asian Journal of Ergonomics**, the official peer-reviewed journal of the Pan-Pacific Council on Occupational Ergonomics.

Proposals for organizing sessions dedicated to selected topics are also welcome.

The conference language is English.

Important Dates

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| • Submission of abstracts | March 15, 2007 |
| • Notification of acceptance | April 15, 2007 |
| • Submission of full papers | August 31, 2007 |

Registration Information

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| • Authors (max. 2 papers) ¹ | USD 445.00 | USD 495.00 |
| • Non-authors ¹ | USD 495.00 | USD 545.00 |
| • Students ² | USD 245.00 | USD 295.00 |

¹The conference package includes: conference bag, conference proceedings (CD), abstract book, welcome reception, conference banquet (with cultural shows), refreshment breaks, and lunches.

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Special room rates for conference participants are guaranteed at the Sofitel Central Plaza (the conference hotel). Reservation must be made directly to the hotel no later than **September 15, 2007**. For more information on the hotel location, rooms, and facilities, please visit the hotel web site: <http://www.centralhotelsresorts.com>.

Any inquiries about the PPCOE 2007 can be sent to the Conference Secretariat at ppcoe2007@est.or.th. The conference web site: <http://www.est.or.th/ppcoe2007> will be available in January 2007.

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