The International Conference on Manufacturing Research (ICMR) is an annual event, normally held in the early part of September. For many years, it was an UK National Conference that had successfully brought academics and industrialists together to share their knowledge and experiences. Now the conference has developed as a major international event with a growing number of international delegates participating to exchange their research findings with UK researchers and practitioners. The next conference (ICMR2005) will be held at Cranfield University, a distinctive postgraduate university focusing on engineering, management and applied science.

This conference particularly welcomes presentations of industry related research projects. The first day of the conference (6th September) will be an ‘Industrial Day’ with keynote speeches from senior executives from leading world-class manufacturing companies, top government representatives and internally renowned experts. There will be exhibitions including the UK Engineering and Physical Science Research Council’s (EPSRC), funded Innovative Manufacturing Research Centres (IMRCs) and commercial companies during the day. There also is a guided tour of Cranfield’s world-class research laboratories following the presentations. Information is available on the dedicated conference website.

There will be special sessions and workshops, including:
- EPSRC funded Innovative Manufacturing Research Centres (IMRCs)
- Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
- Collaborative product development
- Knowledge management
- Enterprise resource planning for the 21st Century
- Cost engineering
- Soft computing in design and manufacturing
- Business process modelling
- Advanced manufacturing technologies
- IT for manufacturing
- Impact of globalisation

Further and updated information will be presented on the conference website. We welcome suggestions for more specialist workshops and volunteers to lead them. Please contact the organisers.

Papers are invited for ICMR2005 on the broad range of manufacturing related research. Please refer to the conference themes, workshops & special interest groups sections; further information will be added to the website. All papers submitted must be physically presented at the conference; no author may present more than two papers. Full papers (maximum six pages) should be submitted by email to the conference co-ordinator. Paper formatting guidelines are available on the website.

All papers will be refereed by international experts and published in the conference proceedings. It is proposed that selected papers will be published as a book by a reputable academic publisher. Further selected papers will be published in special issues of international journals, including Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Production Research and Business Process Management.

The registration for the ‘Industrial Day’ (the first day of the Conference) is £120. This includes lunch and conference proceedings on CD. Registration for the full conference programme is £385 including conference proceedings, conference dinner with other meals and refreshments provided.
National and international researchers and industrial practitioners are invited to present their innovative research projects in all aspects of manufacturing. The following are possible topics:

- Collaborative product development
- Innovation management
- Enterprise system implementation
- Product lifecycle management (PLM)
- Requirements and customer relationship management
- Knowledge capture, representation and re-use
- Intelligent design and manufacturing systems
- Soft computing in design and engineering
- Manufacturing systems and operation management
- Supply chain and logistics
- Cost Engineering and design optimisation
- Intelligent decision support systems
- Performance measurement and benchmarking
- Global manufacturing and business strategies
- Rapid product development and evaluation
- Quality management and Six Sigma
- Resource and capability management
- Project Management and process improvement
- Precision engineering and nano-technology
- Advanced manufacturing processes
- Sustainability and new design methodologies
- Small and Medium Enterprises
- Product data exchange and system integration
- CAD / CAM / CAPP / CAE / ERP
- Virtual environments and prototypes
- Lean and agile manufacturing
- E-manufacturing, e-business and virtual enterprises
- Manufacturing education
- Industrial case studies

**Important Dates**

- Full paper: 31 March 2005
- Final paper: 31 May 2005
- Registration: 30 June 2005

**Conference Location**

Cranfield University is located around 50 miles north of London. Detailed directions and maps to the conference are available from the website. Cranfield is within one hour by car from Oxford and Cambridge. International delegates can arrive from any of London’s five airports. Visits to London, Oxford and Cambridge may be arranged on request.

**Conference Chairs and Co-Chairs**

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All conference details are available on the website, including submission requirements, paper formatting guidelines, contact details, locations and travel information.

**Conference Web**

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www.cranfield.ac.uk/sim/cim/icmr2005