

The call for speakers for PACDEFF 2014 is now open.

The conference will be held this year at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Auckland, New Zealand, over 29-31 July and promises to be the biggest and best yet.

This year's conference will be a three day event and will encompass some new initiatives as well as the general human factors presentations we have had in the past. The following is the planned program:

Day 1: Keynote speaker (Dr Alan Hobbs - San Jose State University and NASA/Ames Research Institute)

General Human Factors presentations on a wide variety of topics

Day 2: Keynote speaker (Professor Graham Braithwaite - Cranfield University)

General Human Factors presentations on a wide variety of topics

Parallel streams for Pilots, Cabin Crew, Engineers ATC and General Human Factors.

Day 3: Decision Making Workshop (Associate Professors Mark Wiggins and Matthew Thomas)

Advanced Facilitator Skills Workshop (TBA)

Academic Research stream in conjunction with Massey University

Cabin Safety stream in conjunction with the Asia Pacific Cabin Safety Working Group.

The proposed program structure is available for viewing on our website at www.pacdeff.com/conf2014.shtml with most presentations being for 20-25 minutes.

Specifically we are seeking the following:

1. General Human Factors presentations

These should be generally aviation specific presentations on contemporary Human Factors issues. Presentations on Human Factors training would be especially welcomed. Human Factors presentations from other industries may also be considered where they may be of interest or benefit to the group.

2. Pilot/Cabin Crew/Engineering/ATC/General specific Human Factors Forums

These should be Human Factors presentations which are appropriate to one of these specific areas. The forums will run in parallel and are designed to showcase contemporary material appropriate to each specialty area.

3. Massey University Academic Research Symposium

This forum is intended to showcase contemporary research on a wide variety of topics, including Human Factors. The forum will offer an opportunity for academics to present their aviation research to a wide range of practitioners and academics from around the world on topics such as safety, security, environment, technology applications, management, economics, finance and human factors related issues. More information about the forum, including abstract requirements is available from the website here: <http://www.pacdeff.com/massey.shtml>

4. Asia Pacific Cabin Safety Working Group

This forum is intended to showcase contemporary research and discussion on issues aft of the flight deck. The APCSWG meets twice yearly to discuss issues on cabin safety and the group would welcome presentations from a wide variety of speakers on any topic related to improving cabin-related aviation safety. More information about this forum is available from our website at:

<http://www.pacdeff.com/apcswg.shtml>

Anyone interested in speaking should email us at admin@pacdeff.com or via the website links on our homepage (www.pacdeff.com).

While none of the presentations require an associated paper, anyone wishing to write an academic paper associated with their presentations may like to consider the peer reviewed Aeronautica Journal for publication. More information about the Journal and any paper requirements is available at:

<https://www104.griffith.edu.au/index.php/aviation/index>.

We have already had a number of world-class speakers express interest in the conference for this year and we look forward to PACDEFF 2014 continuing to develop as one of the most popular and important Aviation Human Factors conferences in the world.

More information about the event is available on our website at www.pacdeff.com. Registrations will open on the 3rd of March and will cost around NZ\$125 for the full three days. A token cost of just NZ\$30 will be charged for those wishing to attend Day 3 only. Registration is free for speakers.

On behalf of the PACDEFF Organising Committee, we look forward to hearing from you with your ideas for presentations and thank you for your interest in PACDEFF 2014.

Kind regards,

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