

PREFACE

ICED 03 follows a long and successful tradition with the Stockholm conference being the fourteenth in the series. The ICED conference series was initiated by Workshop Design-Konstruktion (WDK) in 1981, and ICED 03 is the first to be arranged under the umbrella of the Design Society. A team of Swedish professors has for over two years worked together with the Design Society and Swedish companies to plan the conference. We are delighted that Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria agreed to be patron of ICED 03.


The last three ICED conferences have set a high academic standard for us to follow. Our aim was to realise a conference of high quality that achieved the best possible platform for communication between design practitioners, design scientists and design educators. To achieve our goal the best papers had to be selected. A total of 737 abstracts from 41 countries was received and blind reviewed by several colleagues around the world. From the accepted abstracts 388 papers were submitted and 341 accepted after a second blind review by more than two reviewers. The support from those 168 colleagues in the International Program Committee as well as from Alex Duffy and Mogens Myrup Andreasen has ensured our decisions and our design of the program with podium, panel and poster presentations.

The theme of the conference “Research for Practice – Innovation in Products, Processes and Organisations” emphasises the importance of engineering design in industrial product development and ultimately in our future quality of life. The theme addresses the design process itself, the different methods used, the applications and the knowledge and information for supporting the process. The 44 topics selected within the overall theme will provide a framework for communication, experience exchange and co-operation.

The state of the art will be presented in 144 oral presentations, 139 posters and 57 panels. Before the conference 6 workshops will be held as a part of the activities of the Design Society. It is our hope that visions for the future of engineering design will emerge.

We would like to thank the people in our universities for important work for this conference, without all your hours ICED 03 would not have been possible.

We welcome you warmly to Stockholm. Our beautiful town is ready to receive you in its most delightful time of the year! We are convinced that ICED 03 will be a rewarding experience for you and leave memories of stimulating discussions with old and new colleagues.



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