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PRT



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First Announcement and Call for Papers

Deadline for Abstracts Friday 14 May 2010

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Last year's PRT conference introduced many transport professionals to the concept of Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) and enabled them to see the track and vehicles that are now undergoing full passenger trials at LHR T5. The conference also reviewed the other PRT systems being made ready for passenger service elsewhere in Europe, and the associated research that has already begun to reveal that PRT systems will significantly reduce our dependence on the car and cut the emissions it causes.

The event attracted more than 130 attendees from all over the world, with outstanding speakers from the public and private sectors as well as academia. The 2010 conference returns to Heathrow and will enable delegates to ride on the LHR T5 PRT system, as well as to further understand its efficiency and thus its future roles in providing a genuine alternative to the car and greatly improving the accessibility of existing public transport systems, such as suburban rail networks. It will therefore reinforce the urgency of the need to plan for PRT not simply as a convenience at airports but also as a new form of urban and suburban transit.



Audience

The conference is aimed at transport planners, developers, engineers, urban transport designers, architects, managers, airport infrastructure professionals, academics and anyone involved in strategy development and delivery of innovative transport solutions.

It is designed to demonstrate how PRT can move forward to become a major force in transport and the urban environment, as well as celebrate its success as a key addition to airport transport networks.

Presenting a Paper

It is important that abstracts contain sufficient information about the content of the proposed paper and the conclusions or results likely to be reached when the written paper is submitted (Friday 20th August 2010) and presented (Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd or Thursday 23rd September 2010). Abstracts which identify actual or anticipated outcomes, are always particularly welcomed. If your abstract is selected you will be notified by the end of May 2010 and at that time you will be asked to confirm that you can:

- Submit the full written paper by **Friday 20th August 2010**
- Attend the Conference and present your paper. Presenters will be asked to speak for approximately 15 minutes followed by 15 minutes for questions and discussion.

Please note that all presenters and co-presenters will be asked to pay an attendance fee for the day they are presenting. This fee is significantly discounted from its 2009 level.

One-day attendance fee: £250 +VAT

Two-day attendance fee: £450 +VAT

Three-day attendance fee: £500 +VAT

Financial assistance may be available to presenters from voluntary organisations and charities.

All fees are plus VAT at the current rate.

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How to Submit an Abstract

You may submit one or more abstracts in Microsoft Word format **up to a limit of 300 words**. **Please try to restrict the text to ONE page.**

Please send abstracts for submission directly to Sophie Webber at Sophie.webber@ptrc-training.co.uk.

Abstracts should contain the following information:

Title of Paper

Proposed Theme - possibly but not exclusively from the list below.

An indication of the type of paper - either "think piece" or case study/outcomes-based project

Author's Name

Postal address

Position and affiliation

Telephone number

Email address

Date of Birth (if 28 years or younger on 13 July 2009)

The abstract should clearly identify the following five areas:

1. *Clear description of the project/idea*
2. *Purpose and objectives*
3. *Content*
4. *Findings*
5. *Conclusions and policy implications*

If there is more than one author, please supply full contact details of the co-author/s.

Abstracts should not include additional material, for example, photographs and appendices.

Abstracts should be sent by email to Sophie.webber@ptrc-training.co.uk. The deadline for the receipt of abstracts is **Friday 14th May 2010**.

The Selection Process

The Programme Committee will aim to select papers which will make for lively and fruitful discussion and will enhance the working knowledge of those involved with PRT. **Whilst the Programme Committee particularly welcomes abstracts in the areas outlined below it is keen to attract papers on any topic that is likely to be of interest and value to those involved with all aspects of PRT design and implementation.**

Papers for this year's PRT conference are therefore requested on the following themes:

- PRT systems available
- Planning PRT networks in urban and suburban areas
- Incorporating PRT systems in new developments
- Financial and economic performance of PRT networks
- Procurement
- Connecting PRT and conventional public transport networks
- Urban design issues in incorporating PRT tracks in urban environments
- PRT at Heathrow Airport



Facilitated Workshop or "Surgery" Sessions

The feedback from PRT@LHR 2009 indicated that many delegates would like to have the opportunity of attending more workshop or surgery-style sessions. The Programme Committee would therefore welcome contributions or offers from individuals to facilitate a workshop or surgery on a subject of current debate or controversy. Proposals for a workshop regarding the procurement side of PRT would be particularly welcomed.

Sponsorship and Exhibition Opportunities

There are opportunities to sponsor all or parts of the event such as the sessions, the conference bag, catering breaks, conference dinner etc. In addition, spaces will be available for exhibition displays. A details of sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are available from Sophie Webber, Conference Manager, PTRC - Email: Sophie.webber@ptrc-training.co.uk

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