



SIRWEC 2004

**12th International Road Weather Conference
16th - 18th June 2004
Bingen (on Rhine), Germany**

**First Announcement
Call for Papers**



Conference Objectives

The „Standing International Road Weather Commission“ (SIRWEC) is a forum for the exchange of information on the state-of-the-art technology between road engineers, climatology researchers and meteorologists. The objective of the biennial meetings is to promote improvements in snow and ice control operations with focus on specialised road weather forecasting and climatological measuring techniques as well as improvements in the organization of winter maintenance.

Language

The official conference language is English.

Conference Topics

- Sensors and equipment
- Climatology, weather conditions
- Forecast methods and accuracy
- Presentation and interpretation of road weather information data
- Winter maintenance management systems
- Cost and benefits, Road users
- Winter maintenance methods and policy

Time Schedule

Wednesday June 16 th	10:00 h	Registration (up to 13:00 h)
	13:00 h	Opening of the Conference
	13:30 h	Session I
	17:30 h	Executive Committee Meeting
	19:00 h	Apéro, Welcome Buffet
Thursday June 17 th	8:30 h	Session II
	12:00 h	Lunch
	13:30 h	Parallel Workshops
	17:30 h	Rhine river tour to the famous rock of Loreley with conference dinner
Friday June 18 th	8:30 h	Session III
	10:30 h	Reports from the workshops
	12:00 h	Closing of the Conference
	14:00 h	Excursion

On Thursday several parallel workshops on different themes will be offered. You may choose which theme you are interested in.

Venue

The 12th International Road Weather Conference will take place at the NH Hotel in Bingen where excellent facilities for the conference are provided.

Bingen is a charming town situated in the romantic middle Rhine valley, surrounded by castles and vineyards. You will find a great variety of sights and cultural visits.

The hotel reservation form will be sent to you with the second announcement and the final program in January 2004.

Exhibition

Exhibition space will be available at the conference for suppliers of weather and snow/ice control and forecasting systems, and for suppliers of winter maintenance management systems or winter maintenance equipment.

Exhibitors who are interested, please contact us for further details on available space and equipment and about the charge.

Call for Papers

Papers describing the results of recent research, practical improvements or technological innovations related to the foregoing topics are solicited for presentation at the conference. The list of topics is, however, not intended to be all-inclusive. If you have any other subject that might be of interest for the road weather conference, please feel free to submit it.

Please send your complete manuscript in paper form as well as in data-format until November 30th, 2003 to Mr. Dr. Horst Hanke (address below), accompanied by a 100-word biographical note.

In January 2004, a selection will be made which papers will be accepted for presentation at the conference. The authors of those papers will be invited to make a presentation of 15 minutes. All manuscripts received will be published in the conference proceedings.

Please follow the manuscript guidelines: in English only, papersize A4; lettersize 12pt Times New Roman; manuscripts must not exceed 8 pages (graphs included). Data format MS WORD or PDF.

Conference fee

The conference fee will be 350,- Euro prior April 1st, 2004; 400,- Euro after this date. It will include all sessions, the workshops, the proceedings, welcome buffet, conference dinner (with boat tour) and lunch on Thursday.

Accompanying Persons

A programme will be organized for accompanying persons if there is any interest. The fee will be probably 180 Euro. It will include welcome buffet, conference dinner (with boat tour), a city guidance in Bingen on Wednesday and a visit to Wiesbaden on Thursday.

Pre-Registration

Please use the pre-registration form for the conference to ensure that your name will be added to the SIRWEC mailing list.

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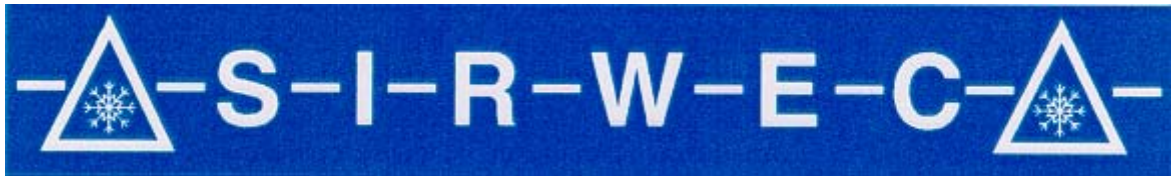
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Pre-Registration SIRWEC 2004 Bingen, Germany

Please complete this form and return it until October 31st, 2004 to:

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Title: Profession:

Organisation / Company:

Address:

Zipcode, City: Country:

Phone: Fax:

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I plan to come to the conference

alone

accompanied by

I plan to make the following presentation at the conference

Author:

Title:

Topic:

Please note that deadline for sending in the manuscript is November 30th, 2003

Workshop:

I am interested in a workshop with the following theme:

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Exhibition:

I am interested in a display booth at the exhibition. Please send us detailed information.