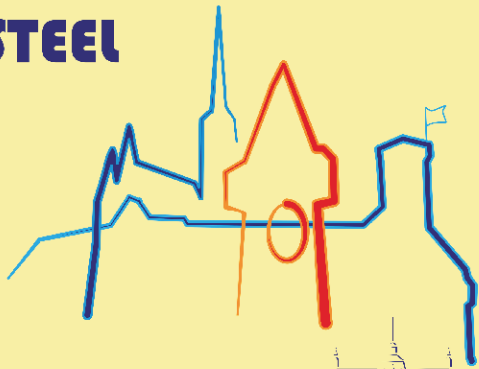


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Welcome to Graz

Dear Participant !

The 5th European Conference organised by the three universities of Graz, Vienna and Ljubljana follows the Conferences held earlier in Athens (1995), Prague (1999), Coimbra (2002) and Maastricht (2005).

At the Eurosteel Conference in Maastricht, a joint proposal from the Graz University of Technology, University of Ljubljana and Vienna University of Technology was put forward to host the 2008 Eurosteel Conference in Graz. Graz is located in Austria and has been a World Heritage Site since 1999.

The conference will present and discuss a great variety of the latest research results and new ideas for the further development of steel and composite structures and products in the fields:

practice - eurocode

innovative steel and composite structures for bridges and buildings
optimization for maintenance, fabrication, erection and economy
experiences with Eurocodes and further developments

research

strength, stability, fatigue, connections, fire
dynamic behaviour of buildings and bridges
product development

new materials

high strength steels
high strength steel and concrete composite members
components with thin plated elements
steel and glass composite members

We wish you a most rewarding and enjoyable stay in Graz and a successful participation at Eurosteel 2008.

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General Information

Dates and venue

The Eurosteel 2008 Conference will be held at Graz University of Technology, Austria, from Wednesday 3 September till Friday 5 September 2008. A post-conference tour is organised on Saturday 6 September 2008.

Language

The official language of the Conference is English. It will be used for all printed material as well as oral and poster presentations. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

Time

In September, the Austrian time zone is GMT+2 (summertime).

Transportation to and from Graz

Airport

Transportation to and from Graz is possible by aeroplane to the airport Graz. It is about 14 km from the venue (<http://www.flughafen-graz.at>).

Railway

Trains from neighbouring countries run to Graz and stop at the Graz Central Station. It is within easy reach by tramway number 3 and 6 to the centre. Vienna is about 2 ¼ hrs. from Graz by train (<http://www.oebb.at>).

Car

Graz is located near the motorways A2 South Highway and A9 Phyrn Highway. It is about 200 km from Vienna.

Venue

The sessions will take place at the following address:

Graz University of Technology

Rechbauerstraße 12

Lessingstraße 25

Petersgasse 16

<http://www.eurosteel2008.tugraz.at>

Visa and passport

A valid passport is required for citizens of non-European and some European countries. A visa is not required for citizens of most nationalities. Please contact your local travel agency or the embassy of each country you are planning to visit if you need further information.

A letter of invitation aimed at facilitating the visa delivery can be obtained upon request from the Conference Office. It is to be understood that such an invitation is not a commitment on the part of the Conference Organisation to provide any financial support.

Weather

Please visit the website of the Central Institute of Meteorology and Geomagnetism (<http://www.zamg.ac.at>).

Currency and banks

The local currency is the Euro (€ 1 ≈ US\$ 1.20 or GB£ 0.67 or CHF 1.60). Exchange is possible at the many banks located in the city centre.

Electricity

The voltage is 220 V with a frequency of 50 Hz. Plugs and sockets are as in the continental countries of the European Union.

Organisation of the Working Sessions

The presentations will be made either orally or by means of posters. Oral presentations will take place during parallel working sessions related to specific topics. Each session will be conducted by a chairman who will briefly introduce the papers (those orally presented as well as those presented by poster) belonging to the session. Some time for free discussion will be reserved at the end of each working session.

Poster presentations will be held in time periods during which the oral presentations will be adjourned.

Powerpoint presentations will be required for the oral presentation sessions. Each presenter will be requested to deliver the electronic file with his/her presentation to the Conference Secretariat at least two weeks before the opening of the Conference. A beamer (including a PC) will be operated by the technical staff.

Detailed guidelines for the preparation of both posters and oral presentations will be provided in due time.

During the three days of the Conference, guidance and assistance to the participants will be provided at the registration/information desk.

Publication of the Conference Proceedings

Those contributions which have been accepted by the Scientific Committee for either oral or poster presentations will be included in the Conference Proceedings made available to the participants at the registration desk.

In case the total registration fee is not received in due time, the contribution will not be included in the Conference Proceedings.

Young Researchers / Engineers Programme

In accordance with the tradition of Eurosteel conferences the Organizing Committee of the EUROSTEEL 2008 would like to encourage young researchers and young engineers to participate actively at the conference. In this respect

- a reduced registration fee is offered
- three outstanding papers, authored or co-authored by young researchers or young engineers, will be awarded

To be eligible for a reduced registration fee and for an award, a young researcher/engineer has to

- prove that he/she is not older than 32 years before 1 September 2008 by a copy of an identity card or a passport (attached to the registration form)
- inform the conference office of his/her decision to take part in the competition (check box on the registration form)

Those, who want to participate in the young researcher / engineer programme have to register before 4 June 2008. The award ceremony will be held during the Conference Dinner.

Abstracts

Authors are invited to submit 200 to 300 word abstracts on one of the topics in English. The abstract should fit on one page A4. The preferred format for the abstract file is Portable Document Format (.pdf). Please include your contact information in the abstract file.

Please submit your abstract by the ABSTRACT FORM at the website. If you want to submit more than one abstract, send each abstract separately. You will receive

a notification by e-mail when the review of the abstract is finished. The schedule is given in the key dates.

Key Dates

deadline for submission of abstracts	10 October 2007
acceptance of abstracts	1 December 2007
deadline for submission of papers	1 March 2008
acceptance of papers	15 May 2008
deadline for registration of participants with a paper	4 June 2008
deadline for submission of presentations	20 August 2008
Eurosteel Conference 2008	3 to 5 September 2008
Post Conference Tour	6 September 2008

Registration

The registration should be submitted by the REGISTRATION FORM at the website. You will receive a confirmation from the conference office when the total registration fee is transferred.

registration fees ¹	registration date	fee in €
full registration fee	before 4 June 2008	400
full registration fee	after 4 June 2008	450
reduced registration fee ²	before 4 June 2008	250
reduced registration fee ²	after 4 June 2008	300
accompanying persons	before 4 June 2008	150
accompanying persons	after 4 June 2008	175

¹ Graz University of Technology is not liable to VAT

² reduced registration fee for young researchers and engineers

The full and reduced registration fees include admission to the sessions of the conference, proceedings, lunches, coffee, conference cocktail and the conference banquet. The post conference tour is not included in the fees.

The accompanying persons' fee includes the conference cocktail, the conference banquet, sightseeing tours and visit of museums in Graz.

Cancellation

cancellation date for registration	refund in percent of total payment
before 20 August 2008	50
after 20 August 2008	0

A cancellation of a registration should be notified to the conference office. The cancellation date is the date when the cancellation is received. The refund will be paid back by bank transfer. Please include in your fax or e-mail the information for the bank transfer.

Payment

The participants are requested to pay their fees using the online payment form available at <http://www.eurosteel2008.tugraz.at>.

Two ways of payment are available:

- credit card
- bank transfer

The payment with credit cards is available only within the period from 1 January 2008 to 1 September 2008.

Payment with credit card

Eurocard/Mastercard, Visa and Diners Club are accepted. When paying with credit cards, please provide the following information:

- card type, card number and expiry date
- card verification, i.e. the three last digits of the number on the reverse side of your card (card signature panel)
- name of the card holder and the total sum to be paid

Payment by bank transfer

If you prefer to pay the registration fee by bank transfer please use the following bank data:

Account number: 51656 101 851
 BLZ: 12000
 IBAN: AT07 1200 0516 5610 1851
 BIC: BKAUATWW

Receipt of payment

Receipt of any payment of registration fee will be confirmed by the Conference Office.

Technical Programme

The provisional technical programme is given below. More detailed information on the topics in each session will be given in additional documents available at the registration desk and at the website at the time of the conference. Before the conference, each speaker will be informed about the time allocated to his/her oral presentation and the location of his/her Session.

	Wednesday 3 September 2008	Thursday 4 September 2008	Friday 5 September 2008
08.30-13.45		parallel sessions	parallel sessions
13.45-14.45	opening session		
14.45-15.00	plenary session		
15.00-16.00			
16.00-16.30			
16.30-17.30			
17.30-18.30			closing session
18.30-20.00	conference cocktail	drink	
19.30-22.00		conference banquet	

Post Conference Tour

On Saturday 6 September 2008 a post conference tour will be organized. The program and the fee for the tour will be announced in due time.

Hotel Accommodation

The conference office is not in charge of hotel reservations. The rooms can be booked at

Tourist Information Office
Herrengasse 16, 8010 Graz, Austria

<http://www.graztourismus.at>
info@graztourismus.at
Tel.: +43 / 316 / 8075-42
Fax: +43 / 316 / 8075-15

Hotels can be located on the online map <http://www.graztourismus.at>, on the website of the hotel or on the city map at <http://www.eurosteel2008.tugraz.at>.

designation	class	address
Grandhotel Wiesler	*****	Grieskai 4
Hotel Weitzer	****	Grieskai 11
Hotel Gollner	****	Schlögelgasse 14
Hotel Mercure	****	Waltendorfer Gürtel 8-10
Parkhotel	****	Leonhardstrasse 8
Hotel Erzherzog Johann	****	Sackstrasse 3-5
Hotel Daniel	***	Europaplatz 1
Hotel Ibis	***	Europaplatz 12

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