



ManuFuture 2011 Conference First Announcement

Dear colleagues and Manufacturing enthusiasts:

This is the first announcement for the MANUFUTURE 2011 CONFERENCE, which will take place on October 24th – 25th at the Regional Business Tourism Centre in Wrocław, Poland. Participation is free of charge but by invitation only. This conference is held in association with the EU Polish Presidency 2011.

West and East Europe in global High Added Value manufacturing

The focus of the conference will be on how to ensure successful cooperation in High Added Value global manufacturing between EU countries and countries from Central and Eastern Europe as well as within the EU itself (between new and old member states). The good chance for this kind of cooperation as for the first time the ManuFuture conference will be organized in the country, which is placed in Central Europe and is recognized as new EU member state.

In the 2011 ManuFuture conference, the following main areas will be addressed:

- * Cooperation West-East Europe in global manufacturing,
- * Cooperation and partnership of EU countries with Balkan countries as well as EECA region,
- * Cooperation between old and new EU member states,
- * SMEs in transforming European economies,

Further information: More information about the ManuFuture 2011 conference (programme, registration, travel and accommodation, local information etc.) will be available at the www.manufuture2011.eu conference website, due to be online in November 2010. Meanwhile, please feel free to contact us if you need more information or assistance: manufuture2011@dpin.pl. We are looking forward to your participation and contribution and hope to see you in Wrocław.

Best Regards

Edward Chlebus, Chair Organizing Committee; Jarosław Chrobot, Secretary Organizing Committee

- * Current stage of research and innovations in advanced manufacturing,
- * Effective models of academia-research-industry cooperation,
- * Public engagement activities.

The conference will be accompanied with the outreach activities - actions addressed to wide public and to youth, including school students.

Conference agenda:

The event starts on Sunday October 23rd, with a welcome cocktail at 20h00 and ends at 17h00 on Tuesday October 25th. We suggest that you block your agenda and start preparing your trip.

Travel and accommodation:

You can reach Wrocław by plane using the Mikolaj Kopernik international airport or by train using the Wrocław Główny main train station. ManuFuture 2011 organisers will try to make your trip easy by assuring conference help desk at the airport and buses that will drive you to hotel and conference venue. For your convenience a number of hotel rooms will be pre-booked at different hotels in Wrocław city centre near Old Market Place.

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Lower Silesia Region and its capital Wrocław

The Lower Silesia is located in south-eastern part of Poland. Industrial sectors present in Lower Silesia are: copper metallurgy, engineering industry, automotive industry, chemical industry, minerals mining and processing, clothing industry, furniture industry, textile industry. In order to boost economic development of some regions of Poland, Special Economic Zones were established within the country. Currently, there are 14 Special Economic Zones, three of which are situated in the Lower Silesian voivodship, i.e. the Legnica Special Economic Zone, the Kamienna Gora Special Economic Zone for Small Business and the Walbrzych Special Economic Zone. Investors in any of those areas are offered tax allowances and simplified administrative procedures while setting up their businesses. Wrocław

offers place for incubating companies through establishing of Wrocław Technology Park, Wrocław Industry Park as well as Lower Silesia Innovation and Science Park. Wrocław is the main academic centre of the region and one of the most important in Poland. Due to the special natural aspects, plenty of historical monuments and well-developed infrastructure Lower Silesia is one of the foremost tourist areas of Poland. Four major international routes pass through Lower Silesia. There are also international railroads crossing the region. There are regular international flights from Wrocław Mikolaj Kopernik International Airport to different European cities, for example in Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy and Spain, as well as regular domestic flights.

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