

## Systems Engineering conference registration open

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From the 15th until 19th of June 2008, the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) will organise the 18th Annual INCOSE International Symposium (IS2008) in Utrecht, the Netherlands. The theme of IS2008 is „Systems Engineering for the Planet“, addressing the expanding scope of Systems Engineering application and responsibility. Examples of this expanding scope are addressed in specific sub-themes that focus on the application of Systems Engineering in complex consumer and industrial systems, transportation and water management.

The INCOSE International Symposium is the foremost annual conference on Systems Engineering, gathering more than 1000 delegates from six continents to participate in five days of presentations, case studies, workshops, and panel discussions. The program attracts professionals, researchers and educators from industry, government and academia. It is hosted by The Netherlands Chapter of INCOSE, with the support of the other European, Israeli and South African chapters.

For the opening plenary session, the chairman of ProRail, Mr. Bert Klerk, will deliver a speech about “Crossing borders by applying Systems Engineering”. ProRail is responsible in the Netherlands for constructing and maintaining the rail infrastructure, managing and utilising capacity, and controlling train traffic. Mr Klerk has been the chairman of the association European Rail Infrastructure Managers (EIM) since 2005.

Details of the program and registration details can be found on our conference website [www.incose.org/symp2008](http://www.incose.org/symp2008).

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The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) is a not-for-profit membership organization founded to advance the art and practice of systems engineering by helping individuals and enterprises turn complexity into competitive advantage. The Councils mission is to foster the definition, understanding, and practice of world class systems engineering in industry, academia, and government.

Systems Engineering is based upon the delivery of system effectiveness through the balanced interaction between system elements across a range of technologies; and an understanding of the complex behaviour which emerges when system are used together in a real world environment. Systems engineering integrates all the disciplines and specialty groups into a team effort by creating a structured development process that proceeds from concept to production to operation. Systems engineering considers both the business and the technical needs of all stakeholders with the goal of providing a quality product or service that meet the user real needs.

INCOSE is committed to shaping a future where this systems approach is preferred and valued for projects of all sizes and at all levels of problem solving from providing integrated technology solutions for product development; through matching products and services to real user need to enabling holistic solutions to global challenges.

INCOSE has grown significantly since its formation in 1990. Today, there are over six thousand members representing a broad spectrum – from student to senior practitioner, from technical engineer to program and corporate management, from science and engineering to business development. Members work together to advance their technical knowledge, exchange ideas with colleagues, and collaborate to advance systems engineering. Its individual members are affiliated with over 50 chartered chapters or national societies worldwide which are organized in Regions. The chapters, volunteer committees, and working groups provide the energy and direction for the organization. In addition, nearly 60 international enterprises from industry, academia, and government participate in INCOSE. The industries represented include aerospace, space, automotive, defence, electronics, energy, general machine building, health, IT, mining, ship building and transport.

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