

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT &  
CALL FOR PAPERS

8<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
WORKSHOP ON  
DISCRETE EVENT SYSTEMS



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ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, USA  
<http://www.eecs.umich.edu/wodes2006>

AIMS, SCOPE & VENUE

The interdisciplinary field of Discrete Event Systems (DES) combines different formalisms, methodologies and tools from control, computer science and operations research. The research activity in this field is driven by the needs of many different application domains: manufacturing, process control, supervisory systems, embedded and networked systems, software engineering, transportation, and so on.

After an initial DES workshop in Amherst, USA, in 1991, the WODES series of International Workshops on Discrete Event Systems was formally started in 1992. Since then it has been held every other year in Europe.

The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of WODES is coming to the USA in 2006, in Ann Arbor on the campus of the University of Michigan, July 10-12. It will provide researchers from different fields (control theoreticians and control engineers, software engineers and computer scientists, operations research specialists) with an opportunity to exchange information and new ideas, and to discuss new developments in the field of DES theory and application.

Ann Arbor, a university town of 110,000 people, is located 40 miles (60km) west of Detroit along the banks of the Huron River. Regularly listed among the best places to live in the US, Ann Arbor's cosmopolitan ambiance is matched only by its classic, small town charm.

The newly remodeled Detroit airport, less than 30 minutes drive from Ann Arbor, welcomes nonstop flights from more than 60 cities in the US and dozens of international destinations.

SUBMISSIONS

Authors are invited to submit papers and proposals for special sessions on all aspects of DES research to the workshop secretariat by January 16, 2006.

Papers should be submitted electronically in PDF format. Accepted papers will be limited to 6 pages in the proceedings, to be published electronically.

Special sessions should consist of 4 to 6 papers along with a 1-2 page description of the aim and content of the session. Papers in special sessions will be reviewed individually. In case the special session is not accepted, individual papers will be considered for inclusion in the regular program.

IMPORTANT DATES

**JANUARY 16, 2006:** Submission of papers and special sessions  
**APRIL 17, 2006:** Notification of acceptance  
**MAY 15, 2006:** Final versions due  
**JULY 10-12, 2006:** Workshop

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