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## Social Program

The social program will include an afternoon excursion the conference dinner, and the welcome reception on the eve of the conference. The excursion will include a visit to the Middle Ages Malbrouck castle, a visit of a traditional iron mine and the river Moselle. A partner program will be organized provided that a sufficient demand will exist.

## Transportation

Being at the crossroad of two main international rail connections, Metz is easily reachable by train from Paris, Germany, Benelux or Switzerland and Italy. Luxembourg International Airport with frequent flights to all major European cities is 70 km to the north and is connected to Metz by public transportation. The conference location at ENSAM on Metz Technopôle is reachable from downtown Metz with bus line Nr.8 or bus line U. An additional complimentary bus connection will be made available by the organizers before and after the sessions on Sept. 5 to 8.

## Visa

Participants needing a visa to enter France and requiring a letter of support should contact the conference secretary well in advance. Please indicate the title of your contribution at the conference and the length of your stay in France.

## Contact

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## Second Announcement



## 8<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Applications of Polar Dielectrics

Metz (France)

September 5 – 8, 2006



<http://www.ecapd8-metz.net>

## Topics

- Material Research  
Single crystals, thin films, ceramics, polymers, composites and liquid crystals, multifunctional materials, multiferroics, processing and fabrication technologies
- Application oriented studies of physical properties of dielectrics  
Ferro-, piezo- and pyro-electric properties, optical properties, electro-optical and nonlinear optical effects, photorefractivity and photoconductivity, THz generation and spectroscopy, ultrasonics, high-Tc superconductivity, ionic conductivity, microstructure related properties, domain engineering
- Device research  
Piezoelectric transducers, smart sensors and actuators, pyroelectric detectors, electro-optic modulators, spatial light modulators and displays, 2D and 3D optical storage devices, optical signal processors, optical frequency converters, THz technology, integrated optical devices, nonlinear photonic bandgaps, periodically poled ferroelectric devices, ferroelectric memories, microelectromechanical systems, medical applications.

## Organization

ECAPD'8 is organized by the "Laboratoire Matériaux Optiques, Photonique et Systèmes" (LMOPS), associated to the University of Metz, to Supélec, and to the "Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique" (CNRS). The organization is in collaboration with the "Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Arts et Métiers" (ENSAM).



## Invited Speakers (preliminary)

K. Buse, University of Bonn (Germany)  
T. Button, Univ. Birmingham (UK)  
Y. Cho, Tohoku University, Sendai (Japan)  
F. Claeysen, Cedrat Technologies, Meylan (France)  
M. Copic, Univ. Ljubljana, Josef Stefan Inst. (Slovenia)  
L. Dalton, Univ. of Washington, Seattle (USA)  
D. Damjanovic, EPFL Lausanne (Switzerland)  
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M. De Micheli, University of Nice (France)  
R. Gerhard-Multhaupt, Univ. of Potsdam (Germany)  
S. Kamba, Acad. of Sciences, Prague (Czech Republic)  
K. Kitamura, Nat. Inst. for Mater. Sci., Tsukuba (Japan)  
W. Kleemann, University of Duisburg (Germany)  
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D. Wouters, IMEC, Leuven (Belgium)

The titles of the talks are available on the web-page.

## Time schedule

Abstract submission deadline: April 20, 2006  
Notification of acceptance: May 20, 2006  
Early Registration: June 30, 2006  
Advanced Program: July 15, 2006  
Proceedings manuscript deadline: September 5, 2006

## Conference fees

	Before June 30	After June 30
Regular	380 €	440 €
Student	240 €	280 €
Accompanying	120 €	120 €

The regular and student registration fees include: Conference material and participation to the technical sessions; one CD copy of the proceedings in Ferroelectrics; Welcome Apero on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>; Coffee breaks; Four lunches (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>); Conference Dinner; Conference Excursion.

The fee for accompanying persons includes the welcome apero, the conference dinner and the conference excursion.

## Abstract submission

A one page long abstract in A4 format should be submitted by **April 20** as PDF attached file to the e-mail address [submission@ecapd8-metz.net](mailto:submission@ecapd8-metz.net). One of the templates available on the conference web page (LaTeX, MS Word or OpenOffice) must be used for preparing the abstract. Please accompany your submission by the information indicated on the web page at [www.ecapd8-metz.net](http://www.ecapd8-metz.net).

## Registration

All payments should be made in Euros by either bank wire transfer or check. Payments by credit card or cash will be possible only on site on the first day of the conference (Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>) at the late registration rate. Please consult the conference web page for the registration procedure.

## Accommodation

The conference web page contains a link to several hotels in Metz. A special price for the conference has been negotiated with a few hotels. The participants should reserve their stay directly with the hotels. It is foreseen to provide a limited number of beds in student accommodations at budget price. These accommodations will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis. Information will follow on the ECAPD web page.

## Proceedings

The proceedings of the conference will be published in the journal *Ferroelectrics*. The manuscripts are due on the first day of the conference (**September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006**) and will be peer-reviewed. Each conference participant will receive a free CD copy of the proceedings upon publication. Instructions on manuscript preparation will be published on the web page.