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Figure 1: San Francisco Church at Santa Fe



Figure 2: Congress location, Mayorazgo Hotel, Paraná

Call for papers MECOM 2002

he Argentinean Association for Computational Mechanics and the Brazilian Association for Computational Mechanics announce the First South American Congress on Computational Mechanics, together with the Terceiro Congresso Brasileiro de Mecânica Computacional and the Séptimo Congreso Argentino de Mecánica Computacional, which will be held in the cities of Santa Fe and Paraná (Argentina) on October 28-31, 2002.

Background - The Argentinean Association for Computational Mechanics (AMCA) was created during the first MECOM Congress, which took place in 1985 in Santa Fe-Paraná. Repeating the success of this first MECOM, subsequent congresses were held in Córdoba (1988), Santa Fe-Paraná (1991), Tucumán (1996) and Mendoza (1999). On the other hand, the Brazilian Association for Computational Mechanics (ABMEC) was created in 1997. The first ABMEC Congress was held in Rio de Janeiro in 2000, and the second one in Campinas, in 2001.

Both Associations decided to share the organization of MECOM' 2002 as the First South American Congress on Computational Mechanics, which will include the

Terceiro Congresso Brasileiro de Mecânica Computacional and the Séptimo Congreso Argentino de Mecánica Computacional. They also agreed on appointing the International Centre for Computational Methods in Engineering (CIMEC) as local organizer of the Congress.

Objectives - The aim of MECOM 2002 is to bring together engineers, mathematicians, physicists, researchers, and other professionals, as well as students, who develop numerical methods or use them as part of their professional practice. The meeting is carried out in order to exchange experiences and to assess the state-of-the-art in the application of innovative computational methods to problems arising from industry.

Conference Topics - Application of numerical methods in engineering problems, including some topics as: Fluid mechanics, Algorithms and software development, Heat transfer, Computational mathematics, Solid mechanics, Mesh generation and error estimation, Structural analysis, High performance computing, Multiphysics problems, Innovative computational methods, Multiscale modeling, Inverse problems and optimisation, Biomechanics, Industrial applications

> Location - Santa Fe and Paraná are two cities separated by the Paraná River, one of the broadest and longest rivers of the world.

Important Dates

Deadline for presenting a one-page abstract May 15, 2002 Acceptance of the paper June 30, 2002 Deadline for submitting the full length paper July 31, 2002 Deadline for early payment August 31, 2002 Congress October 28-31, 2002

> Information - http://venus.ceride.gov.ar/mecom2002 e-mail: cimec@ceride.gov.ar ●



AMCA Awards 2002

AMCA is opening the period for nominations to the AMCA Awards for 2002.

These awards have been instituted as a recognition of the scientific trajectory in the field of computational mechanics and are granted in three categories:

- Young Researcher
- Scientific, Professional and Teaching Trajectory; and
- International Scientific Trajectory.

The AMCA Awards 2002 will be granted during MECOM 2002 at Sante Fe in October 2002. The basis and guidelines for these awards can be found at the ACMA website: http://venus.ceride.gov.ar/AMCA Nominations can be sent until March 31

Election of AMCA Authorities

During ENIEF 2001, the annual assembly of the AMCA, the new authorities for the period 2001-2003 were elected.

The Executive Committee for this period is formed by: President: Sergio Idelsohn Secretary: Victorio Sonzogni Treasurer: Mario Storti

and also by:

Fernando Basombrio, Enzo Dari, Eduardo Dvorkin, Carlos García Garino, Luis Godoy, Guillermo Este, Angel Menéndez, Marta Rosales and Marcelo Venere.

ENIEF 2000XII

Congress on Numerical Methods and their Applications

October 30th-November 2nd 2001 - Córdoba, Argentina

From October 30 to November 2, 2001, the ENIEF 2001: XII Congress on Numerical Methods and their Applications was held at the city of Córdoba, Argentina.

Córdoba is an important tourist centre in Argentina, with lakes and mountains of great beauty. It also has a remarkable historical and architectural heritage reflecting a Spanish past, and some of this has been declared as a cultural patrimony of humanity. Cordoba has an important tourist infrastructure, which may be enjoyed throughout the year.

ENIEF 2001 had over 100 participants mainly from Argentina, but also from Chile, Brazil, USA, Spain, Germany and Australia. The ENIEF proceedings are edited as a book of the Series Mecánica Computacional. It contains 89 papers (in Spanish and English), in 693 pages and was compiled by Fernando Flores.

Invited lecturers at ENIEF 2001 were: Jason Antenucci (University of Western Australia), Ricardo Burdisso (Virginia Polithecnic Institute and State University), José Longo (German Aerospace Centre), Dean Mook (Virginia Polithecnic Institute and State University) and Sergio Oller (Universidad Politécnica de Cataluña).

The ordinary annual assembly of AMCA took place during the Congress.



Figure 3: Participants at ENIEF 2001