



Malaysia

ICCE '97

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KUCHING - Malaysia will host the International Conference on Computers in Education (ICCE '97) for the first time, after competing with several other countries to organise the event.

The ICCE conference is an international event of the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE) being held in the fast growing Asia-Pacific region.

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak and the Asia-Pacific Chapter of AACE will organise this international event - the third in the series. According to Professor Zaidah Razak, Chair of Local Organising Committee for ICCE '97, this event is becoming the premier conference in this field, serving for innovative responses to the challenges of education in the Information Age.

It is concerned with the current state of the art, acting as a reference basis for future research and

with the real-world deployment of educational technologies, she said.

Over 170 working papers from 30 countries will be presented, including a few from Malaysia. About 100 papers on significant works in re-search and development (R&D) are scheduled for presentation and to be published in the Conference Proceedings.

The conference also features invited speakers from USA, Austria, Germany, Australia, India, Singapore and Japan. These speakers are international leaders in their respective fields who will share their insights regarding some of the most current issues concerning Computers/Information Technology in Education.

400 participants are expected to attend this event; 300 are from overseas.

Two panel sessions are scheduled which besides highlighting a variety of

opinions on current topics will encourage participants' interaction for a fruitful and spontaneous discussion of the issues.

An exhibition of commercial educational technology products and services will be held concurrently with the conference.

There will also be "Examples-in-Practice" demonstrations by researchers and non-commercial developers of systems developed or prototyped. The sessions will provide an opportunity for feedback and contact.

The objectives of this conference is to show Malaysia's commitment and endeavour with respect to IT research and development. It is hoped to gain confidence from foreign investors in the development of our workforce enhancing its knowledge in IT.

Another objective is to encourage a research base among us to facilitate Malaysia's IT development as well as increase our

cooperation and networking with researchers around the world.

The major tracks of this conference include: "Teaching-Learning Strategies and Environment" which features educational productivity, global education, virtual campus/university and workplace competencies.

Another major track involves "Technologies and Innovative Applications" featuring on the Internet/Intranet/WW tools, multimedia resources, hypermedia, virtual reality, etc. Others include "Education Reform and Support" and also "Social and Cultural Issues."

Those who wish to contribute to the progress of the field, interchange ideas or gain a window into developments in the Asia-Pacific are encouraged to attend ICCE 97.

ICCE '97 will be held at the Kuching Hilton International Hotel from 2 to 6 December 1997.