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**THE NINTH *IFIP* INTERNATIONAL
WORKING CONFERENCE**

**IFIP Working Group 3.7:
Information Technology in Educational Management (ITEM)**

in collaboration with

**IFIP Working Group 3.4:
Professional and Vocational Education in ICT**

Kasane, Botswana

26 - 30 JULY, 2010

ITEM 2010 CONFERENCE THEME:

Information Technology and Managing Quality Education

WEBSITE: www.item2010.gov.bw

CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

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HOST

Ministry of Education
Botswana

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

We believe that **Information Technology and Managing Quality Education**, a five-day event in Botswana, will be of interest to the following groups of people:

1. Researchers in school management / IT / ITEM / professional and vocational education
2. Policy-makers in education
3. Developers and vendors of IT systems for education
4. Education providers

As the Botswana conference is a joint enterprise of Working Groups 3.7 and 3.4, papers related to both Working Groups are welcomed. As can be seen from the conference theme we are looking to explore a wide range of issues and to imaginatively and creatively demonstrate and explore directions for developing and improving all types of educational institutions through IT(EM). Delegates will be encouraged to share ideas and will gain an international perspective of IT(EM) developments.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The ITEM 2010 Conference will take place in Kasane, Botswana.

Located at the confluence of the borders of Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe, Kasane is at the gate of the Chobe National Park, one of the world's most renowned tourism destinations. As the township borders three countries, the communities found there are diverse with several ethnic groups such as Basubiya, Batawana, Lozi, Ndebele, etc. The people in the township co-exist with animals, most of which can be seen walking through the village at any hour of the day. Kasane township lies along the Chobe River, which itself is also a major tourist attraction. The tourism sector is the second largest employer in the township after Government. With a population of just over 7000 people from the 2001 census, the township continues to grow with more people choosing to settle there. There are various tour operators in the area, and major hotels such as the Chobe Marina Lodge and Mowana organise morning, afternoon and night game drives into the adjacent Chobe National Park at nominal fees. Boat rides in the Chobe River from the hotel lobby also provide a spectacular view of swimming hippos and bathing elephants, which are all part of the excursion into the National Park. For more information on the conference venue, please visit:

www.google.co.bw/search?hl=en&q=kasane+botswana&meta

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since the mid-1980s computer assisted educational information systems have been developing in various parts of the world and the knowledge surrounding the development and implementation of these systems has been growing. In 1994 the first international working conference on Information Technology in Educational Management (ITEM) was held in Jerusalem. Two years later a second working conference was held in Hong Kong and following this Working Group (WG) 3.7 of the International Federation for Information Processing was established. WG 3.7 focuses on promoting the effective and efficient use of IT in the management of educational institutions. Subsequently conferences have been held in Maine (USA), Auckland (New Zealand), Helsinki (Finland) and Las Palmas (Spain), Hamamatsu (Japan), and Darwin (Australia). The conferences have engendered a spirit of co-operation amongst people around the world resulting in the publication of seven books, three special editions of academic journals, numerous papers, research funding

obtained, and research projects carried out. More detailed information about WG 3.7 can be found at: <http://item.wceruw.org/>

PARTICIPATION

Participation is limited to invited participants and the number of places at the conference will be limited. Consistent with being a Working Conference, the participants are expected to attend and participate for all working days. This arrangement facilitates personal contacts, information exchanges and fruitful discussions in the plenary sessions and in smaller groups.

Participation is by invitation only from the International Programme Committee. Invitations will be issued on the basis of recommendations by national representatives of the Technical Committee on Computers in Education (TC3), the Programme Committee and the sponsoring institutions, and on the suitability of the materials and papers submitted to the Programme Committee for presentation.

Intending participants may apply to attend in one of the following three modes:

- Mode 1** Presenter of A FULL PAPER. A substantial paper (maximum length 8 A4 pages, 3500 words including references, with an abstract of about 200 words on the front page) which may refer to any of the sub-themes of the Working Conference.
- Mode 2** Presenter of A SHORT PAPER. This could be based on practical experiences, relate to projects in progress and report interim results. Length of the paper would be limited to six A4 pages, with an abstract of about 200 words on the front page.
- Mode 3** Persons with SPECIAL EXPERTISE AND INTEREST. A person having special expertise or interest in the stated sub-themes may apply to attend and participate without submitting a paper.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS (Mode 1 and Mode 2)

Intending participants in Modes 1 and 2 should send their papers to reach the Programme Chair, by **email** (an attachment in RTF), as soon as possible but not later than **15 December, 2009**.

All papers, short and long, will be submitted to a rigorous process of peer review. The Programme Committee Chair will notify intending participants (Modes 1/2/3) of the outcome of review, i.e. acceptance, acceptance subject to changes being made, or declined, by **1st February 2010**.

Presenters of accepted papers will be provided with details of amendments suggested by the reviewers and an author's kit containing instructions provided by the publisher (www.wkap.com/IFIP).

The final camera-ready text of papers must reach the Programme Chair by e-mail not later than **15th April 2010**. Registration Forms should then also be sent to the conference secretariat.

Formal Registration

This will take place after paper submissions and the peer review process. Registration packs including Registration Forms, accommodation details, author's kit, etc. will be provided together with the Invitation to participate from the Programme Committee Chair.

Participants are requested to return the completed Registration Forms by **15th March 2010** following the instructions provided in the Registration pack.

PROCEEDINGS AND LANGUAGE

All papers, presentations, discussions and recommendations of the Conference will be in English. While all accepted papers will be duplicated for distribution at the conference, only a selection of "full papers" and "short papers" will be published in the Conference Book. The book will be published by Springer Publishers as a special volume in accordance with the high standards associated with IFIP publications. A copy of this Springer publication will be distributed to each Conference participant, when printed approximately six months after the Conference. Papers will be published only if authors are present at the conference.

The Programme Committee will make decisions regarding the acceptance of submitted papers for **presentation** at the Conference. Following recommendations by the Programme Committee, the editors will make final decisions regarding acceptance for **publication** in the Proceedings. Such decisions will be final and authors concerned will be notified separately by the editors.

ORGANISATION

The Working Conference is sponsored by Technical Committee 3 (Technical Committee on Computers in Education) of IFIP, and organised by the Ministry of Education of Botswana.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Working Conference will commence on Monday 26th July 2010 and end on Friday 30st July 2010. On Sunday 25th July there will be a welcome reception. The conference venue will be Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge in Kasane, Botswana.

Indicative Conference fees

The conference fee will be \$500 (US dollars). Fees are inclusive of a welcome reception, 5 conference lunches, 1 conference dinner, refreshments, entertainment, one boat drive, one game drive, a day trip to Victoria Falls and the published conference book.

Accommodation

We advise that all bookings for accommodation be centralised and done by the local Organising Committee. This is to the benefit of the delegates as they will be charged in local currency rate which is far much lower than if they had booked directly themselves, and were charged in foreign currency. Also note that the local Organising Committee is negotiating an accommodation package with the hosting hotel at a discounted rate, which will further reduce costs to the delegates. The arrangement is such that we will hold adequate rooms for the delegates which they will pay for in Botswana Pula upon arrival.

Partners

Partners are welcome and leisure and recreational possibilities will be included in the Registration Pack. A charge of approximately \$100 will be payable for partners and this will include the reception and conference dinner.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES

- Papers in Modes 1 and 2 should reach the Chair of the Programme Committee, by **email**, as soon as possible but not later than **15th December, 2010**.
- Intending participants will be notified of the outcome of review, i.e. acceptance, acceptance subject to changes being made, or declined, **by 1st February, 2010**. Registration packs will be provided to those accepted to attend.

The final camera-ready text of papers must reach the Conference Secretariat and the chair of the programme committee by e-mail not later than **15th March, 2010** (see www.wkap.com/IFIP), along **with completed registration forms**.

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