



The International Marine Simulator Forum

in cooperation with Lantec Marine Inc. and Virtual Marine Technology is pleased to announce the MARSIM 2018 conference to be held in

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada from 12 – 16 August 2018



First announcement / Call for papers

The MARSIM 2018 Conference marks the 40 year anniversary of this event. In 1978 the first conference was organized by the IMSF founding fathers and held at Warsash in Southampton, UK. Ever since, the conference has been held with 3 year intervals in sequence with the AGM in the years in between.

The 2018 conference will cover four days and include the Annual General Meeting, paper presentations, simulation exhibits and an optional technical tour and visit. A registration reception, casual and conference dinner, lunches and coffee/tea breaks are included in the conference fee. The preliminary programme is included in this first announcement.

IMSF members who have not fulfilled their contribution dues are requested to settle this in advance or then and there. All participants shall cover their own travel, accommodation and incidental expenses.

As Halifax can be considered very popular in the summer months, we strongly advise all participants to book travel and accommodation as soon as possible. Information of the preferred accommodation facility is also mentioned.

We kindly request you to register before 1 May 2018 to facilitate planning of catering and facilities. This is possible by internet/email by means of the included registration form. Also if you are intending to present a paper, please submit an abstract that relates to the specific topics listed below or to other topics of interest, before 15 March 2018.

We hope to welcome you at the MARSIM 2018 conference in Canada.
Stephen Cross
Chairman IMSF

LOCATION

Canada is the second largest country in the world in land area, after Russia. It has the longest border with water of any country in the world. So one can imagine that the marine domain is of utmost importance.



The MARSIM 2018 conference will be held in Halifax, the capital city of Nova Scotia, one of the smaller provinces on the Canadian Atlantic coast.



More details of Halifax and Nova Scotia can be found on www.novascotia.com

PROGRAMME (v1)

Sun 12 August	
AM - PM	Travel to Halifax
1800 - 2000	Registration Hotel Delta Barrington
1900 - 2100	Welcome Reception
Mon 13 August	
0830 – 0900	Registration Ivany Campus
0900 – 1000	Opening /Keynote Speeches
Break tea/coffee	
1030 – 1200	IMSF AGM
Lunch	
1330 - 1500	Presentations
Break tea/coffee	
1530 – 1700	Presentations
Break	
1900 - 2100	Casual dinner
Tue 14 August	
0830 – 1000	Presentations Ivany Campus
Break tea/coffee	
1030 – 1200	Presentations
Lunch	
1330 - 1500	Presentations
Break tea/coffee	
1530 - 1700	Presentations
Break	
1900 - 2100	Conference dinner
Wed 15 August	
0830- 1000	Presentations Ivany Campus
Break tea/coffee	
1030 - 1200	Closing MARSIM 2018
Lunch	
1330 - 1830	Travel to Sydney (optional)
Thur 16 August	
0900 - 1200	Visit CCGC (optional)
Lunch	
PM	Travel home

The times and topics may be subject to changes depending on the detailed planning. Accompanying persons are invited to attend all social activities, technical tours and visits. Depending on the number of accompanying persons additional activities may be organized.

PAPERS

Although MARSIM conferences started mainly discussing simulation with ship bridge systems, we feel that inclusion of simulation of the entire marine domain is urgently required to justify the mere existence of the International Marine Simulator Forum.

Therefore it is explicitly requested to widen the range topics presented, to include all types of present and future marine simulation, in the widest sense.

Suggested paper topics could thus include, but are not limited to:

- a. Trends in computer simulation technology,
- b. Hydrodynamic, visual and other related (mathematical) modelling,
- c. Applications of simulation in navigation, engineering, communication, survival, offshore, dredging, pollution control, autonomous shipping,
- d. Simulation applied in education, training, and research,
- e. Instructors, assessors, supervisors in the simulation loop,
- f. Relevant other simulation applications in the entire marine domain.

All selected paper presentations will be scheduled as a 30 min. session. Depending on the types and amount of topics there will be up to 3 simultaneous streams of presentations.

A printed version of the introduction of each paper will be available at the conference opening. The complete version of the papers will be distributed by USB stick.

A detailed schedule for selected workshop sessions will be announced in advance of the AGM.

Draft papers on above topics can be submitted until 15 March to IMSF Area Rep America's, anthony.patterson@virtualmarine.ca and IMSF Chairman, sjcross@hetnet.nl

Approval will be confirmed by 31 March.
Complete papers need to be submitted by 15 May.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION

Travel

Depending on where you are travelling from, there are many ways to get to Halifax: by air, by land or by sea. The best way to get information of your choice of travel is by the very comprehensive website of www.novascotia.com. or www.destinationhalifax.com.

Accommodation

As indicated before, Halifax is a popular place during the summer period. This puts pressure on the availability of relevant hotels near the city centre.

For the MARSIM 2018 we have decided to hold the registration reception and the conference dinner at the Delta Barrington Hotel, which is on the city centre waterfront. They have blocked sufficient rooms with attractive rate for our expected attendees until 1 May. You are thus strongly urged to try and make you hotel bookings soonest. The hotel booking and payment should be direct to the hotel of which details are below.

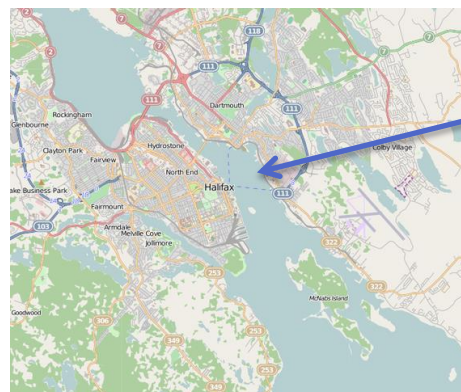
Hotel Delta Barrington

A dedicated block booking link and rate can be reached by the following:

[Book your group rate for International Marine Simulator Forum](#)

As guarantee the hotel requests a credit card number in the booking site.

Alternatively booking can be done by phone to Marriott reservations + 1 (800) 268-1133.



Should you be too late with booking or prefer an alternative, the best way again to succeed is via the local Halifax Tourism website www.destinationhalifax.com.

Please be aware that the conference venue is just across the harbour from the hotel, a 12 minute ride by transit ferry and within short walking distance. Departures are every 15 minutes during peak period and ferry tickets are included with registration.



PAYMENT

The conference registration form can be sent by email to marsim2018@imsf.org
The form contains the various conference fee cost categories.

Payment details for appropriate conference fee:

For worldwide participants in Euro's :

Bank name: Rabobank Leeuwarden-Noordwest Friesland
Bank address: Postbus 769, 8901 BN Leeuwarden, The Netherlands
Account in name of: S. J. Cross, IMSF Chairman
IBAN Account No.: NL85RABO0157420019
Swift/BIC code: RABONL2U

For Canadian participants optional in CAD \$:

Bank name: Royal Bank, Branch 1763
Bank address: 44 Portland Street Dartmouth, N.S. Canada
Account in name of: LANTEC MARINE Inc.
Direct funds transfer to
CDN account no.: 1000561

In case of cancellation the conference secretariat must be notified in writing.
An administrative fee of 50 euros will be applied to cancellations made before 15 July 2018.
No cancellation refunds will be made after 15 July 2018.

Contact details:

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Title	Prof/Dr/Capt/Mr/Mrs/Ms*	
Name		
Organisation		
Address		
City/Zip Code		
Country		
Telephone		
Email address		
Accompanying person's name		
Visa invitation letter	Yes/ No*	
Submitted paper draft	Yes/No*	
Title paper draft		
Conference fee: € Euro / \$ CAD	Before 1 /5/18*	After 1/5/18*
Participant	€ 500 / \$ 750	€ 600 / \$ 900
IMSF Member	€ 400 / \$ 600	€ 450 / \$ 700
Paper presenter	€ 400 / \$ 600	€ 450 / \$ 700
Accompanying person	€ 200 / \$ 300	€ 250 / \$ 400
* please tick off appropriate		

Submit this registration form to email address: marsim2018@imsf.org

A separate Word version of the form has been sent to you to facilitate filling in.

Please make appropriate conference fee payment, according to details in previous section.