

1. Why are you interested in hosting a CDIO Fall meeting or International conference?

Don State Technical University is highly interested in hosting the CDIO Worldwide Fall meeting, October-November, 2015 and the International CDIO conference, June 2017 being targeted to internationalization of the educational process, promotion of innovative education standards and technologies, encouraging and propagation of engineering education.

As a CDIO member DSTU is interested in both popularization CDIO principles throughout academic community and establishing fruitful networking between technical universities and their partners to develop the best policy for technical higher education to create effective mechanisms for new, competitive and productive engineers to be brought up and launched to the world engineering labour market.

2. Please tell us why your school and city would make a good place to hold a CDIO meeting/conference. (e.g., is there good quality accommodation near to the conference venue/campus?)

Being one of the leader of international education DSTU hosts the RF Bologna club, the open association of Russian universities targeted to implement international education transparency, openness and comparability as well as to search for the most effective ways to contribute to the knowledge-based society development and in particular business-industry-university cooperation enhancing.

Bologna club has recently become a platform for dissemination of different and up-to-date education international projects and methodologies such as Tuning, AHELO and IMPI. This experience makes a stand-alone base for promotion of core standards and principles of CDIO as well as attracting new members among RF HEIs.

Being situated in Rostov-on-Don, the largest city in the south of the Russian Federation, a well-known administrative, cultural, scientific, educational, industrial center and a major transportation hub, one of the host of Football World Cup and other world-wide events, DSTU is famous as a unique platform for placing international conferences, forums and meetings.

An important advantage of DSTU venue is the location of its main campus in the city center of Rostov-on-Don within the numerous administrative offices, business centers, cultural places and HEIs. There is a great number of hotels in the immediate proximity to the university, among which the three largest hotel complexes of Rostov-on-Don: Marins Park Hotel (<http://www.rostovhotel.ru/eng/>), Congress Hotel Amax (<http://rostov-on-don.amaks-hotels.ru/>), Don Plaza (<http://www.don-plaza.ru/>).

3. What facilities do you have on campus for the meeting? Do you have space for both plenary and breakout sessions? Can meeting attendees have wireless access? Do you have computer projection? Other?

All the events of the conference are to be held in the DSTU Congress Hall located in the very heart of the city.



Concert hall with a capacity of app. 1300 persons: 2 floors (ground floor and balcony); a projection screen and two additional screens (multimedia); professional stage light, technical support. The main room of the Congress Hall hosts concerts and festivals, exhibitions major media projects. There is a lounge nearby for coffee-brakes and banquets (the catering is provided).

Press conference hall for 300 seats: a multifunctional space with a large round glass table in the center, a projection screen, professional lighting and sound, technical support - our technologies make it easy to held business meetings, conferences, press conferences, workshops, seminars, lectures, presentations etc.

Conference hall for 200 seats: multimedia equipment for presentations, sound amplification: 5 microphones, audio monitors, hardware system: audio, video mixers, computers, light control panels, technical support. Conference hall can host all sorts of conferences, meetings, plenary sessions, shows and presentations, tele- and videoconferences.

20 Multimedia rooms for breakout sessions

25 Open-up labs for engineering decisions demonstrating

Technical facilities:

- Professional video and photography using studio lighting and sound and broadcasting on the panels;
- Free WiFi access.
- Computer Graphics: backgrounds and titles, the integration of logos and commercials, multimedia presentations.
- Broadcasting of the activities on the Internet, including smartphones and tablets, websites and social networks, open either to all or by a password.
- Multi-language broadcasting.
- Teleconference from anywhere in the world.
- Custom design solutions for events.

4. Do you have previous experience hosting international meetings/conferences? Please describe

DSTU is known to have a great experience of holding national and international conferences and other events such as (2014):

1. International conference on international education recognition and (or) qualification.

Chairs: International Accreditation Agency ASIIN, National TEMPUS Office in the Russian Federation, Federal Education and Science Supervision Agency Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, RF Bologna Club

Events:

- Plenary session of European Commission project board on foreign education and qualifications recognition.
- Incentive seminar "Tools for independent quality assurance models".
- Round-table "Methodology for educational programs quality ensuring".
- Workshop "Mobility for better learning: joint projects for engineering education".

2. International Education Forum Effective implementation of the international dimension in the practice of Russian Universities

Chairs: the European Union embassy in the Russian Federation, Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation, Federal Education and Science Supervision Agency, the National TEMPUS Office in the Russian Federation, RF Bologna Club.

Events:

- Plenary session of European Commission project Evaluation board: "Joint programs of RF and EU HEIs";
- International Forum "Internationalization measuring for educational institutions: tools, criteria and challenges";
- Training course for HEIs top management "Technology and procedures for the foreign education and (or) qualification recognition";
- Teleconference bridge "Global CDIO Initiative - principles and standards of modern engineering education".

5. Who are the 3 key individuals who will be involved in planning and executing the conference?

Shvedova Svetlana V., Vice-rector for International affairs, Bologna Club President, EC Higher Education Reform expert.

Maevskaya Irina M., Chief of International education department, International faculty dean, CDIO coordinator at DSTU.

Markaryan Julia, RF MICE-expert, chief of the International cooperation department.

6. Do you have support staff who can help with meeting organization (e.g., handling registrations, staffing the welcome desk, etc.)

DSTU has a great experience in hosting international events in various formats. The team of experienced staff will be in charge of registration, personnel support, and other kinds of assistance during all the conference events.

7. How do international participants most effectively travel to your campus?

Rostov international airport is located about 8 km from the center. Transfer for the participants will be arranged from the airport to the DSTU as well as from DSTU to the hotel and backward.