

Invitation to offer to host future CDIO meetings and conferences

ISEP wants to host the CDIO Worldwide Fall Meeting 2015 in October-November 2015.

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

ISEP: We are interested in hosting a CDIO Fall meeting because we have adopted CDIO in large scale and we would like to increase the visibility and adoption of CDIO worldwide, but specially in Portuguese-speaking and/or CPLP countries (Brazil, Angola, Mozambique, etc), as well as southern Europe and northern Africa.

The widespread adoption of CDIO at ISEP in 2008 has been instrumental in achieving the ENAAE international EUR-ACE® quality seal for BSc and MSc engineering programs. We envisage achieving 11 EUR-ACE® seals before the end of February 2015 (six BSc, five MSc: [Portuguese EUR-ACE Seals at ENAAE](#)). Accreditation and certification could be a topic in the conference...

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?)

ISEP: Porto was/is Best European holiday destination in 2013 and 2014, with lots of good hostels, hotels, bed & breakfasts, etc. There are several hotels near ISEP, but nice hostels/hotels in city center have a direct metro line taking less than 12 minutes to travel to/from center to ISEP. The Porto metro is one of the most moderns in Europe, with a direct line from/to airport to city center (30 minutes).

Some links to explore:

- Airport/City center by metro – [Metro do Porto: Airport – City Center](#)
- City center/ISEP by metro – [Metro do Porto: City Center – ISEP](#)
- Trendy hostels, etc – [hostelworld.com – Porto](#)
- Hotels (Booking.com) – [booking.com – Porto](#)

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?

ISEP: Yes. We have a Congress Center capable of hosting events with up to 440 attendants in a single large auditorium, but ISEP has also smaller auditoriums (200, 100, 70, 50), as well as conference rooms, amphitheaters, exhibition hall, etc. ISEP has wifi support (Eduroam and local networks) and computers for public use may be provided.

Link to Congress Center brochure: [Congress Center at ISEP](#)

ISEP in LinkedIn: [LinkedIn – ISEP](#)

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

ISEP: In 2007 and 2011 we hosted meetings related to CDIO and HEI. ISEP also has lots of experience in organizing and hosting international events, some of them not even related with engineering and education.

Link to translated ISEP public website: [ISEP website in English](#) (look for events)

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

ISEP: Prof. João Rocha (Dean); Prof. José Oliveira (Vice-Dean); Prof. António Costa (CDIO Mentor, Program Accreditation/Certification Coordinator at ISEP). Prof. Angelo Martins (CDIO Mentor and Informatics Eng. Director) will be also available to help in the event...

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

ISEP: we have a Congress Center department that execute tasks like handling registrations, managing the welcome desk, preparing rooms and equipments, supporting sessions, etc. ISEP also has several large and medium size restaurants/canteens inside the campus, but a big tent for a large number of people+meals has been used before and is a possible option.

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

ISEP: Porto has an international airport with international plus low cost airline companies: Ryanair, EasyJet, Transavia, etc. Porto Airport (IATA code: OPO) is about 11 km from the city center, in one of the country's most important industrial and trading areas. Nowadays, 15 airlines are operating regularly at our airport with flights to more than 65 destinations. With an annual traffic of more than 6 million passengers, Porto airport was distinguished as the 3rd Best European Airport in 2013 by ACI (Airport Council International).

Link to airport: [ANA.pt – Porto Airport](#)

There is a metro connection from Porto airport to ISEP (42 minutes), as well as taxi, hotel vans, shuttles, public bus, etc. A social program may also be arranged for the meeting participants (Port wine cellars, Douro riverside, etc).

Relevant links:

- [European Consumer's Choice.org – Porto Travel Guide](#) (European Best Destination 2014)
- [Gooporto.com](#)
- [Visitporto.travel](#)
- [Tripadvisor.com – Porto and Porto District](#)

PS: Please contact me (acc@isep.ipp.pt) if something is missing or if you need clarifications.

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