

First Announcement  
& Call for Papers

# **ICOM 2008**

## **International Congress on Membranes and Membrane Processes 2008**



**July 12-18, 2008**  
**Sheraton Waikiki**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii, USA**

**Organized by**  
**The North American Membrane Society**

**Co-Organized by**  
**The Aseanian Membrane Society**  
**The European Membrane Society**

# INVITATION

On behalf of the organizing ICOM Organizing Committee, it is with great pleasure to invite you to the International Congress on Membranes and Processes to be held at the Sheraton Waikiki from July 12-18, 2008, at the Sheraton Waikiki in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

ICOM is the world's most profound meeting for exchange of the most important aspects in fundamental and applied membrane science and engineering. The meeting will provide a wide variety of oral and poster presentations in all membrane-related fields as well as viewpoints of world-renowned keynote and plenary lecturers. The meeting will include an exhibition of current membrane suppliers with their state-of-the-art membrane products.

We hope that the scientific quality of the ICOM 2008 meeting and the beautiful, enchanting spirit of Hawaii will encourage you to attend this meeting. We believe that Hawaii is a perfect location for this event because it captures the cultures from the East and the West.

ICOM 2008 will be a very special meeting in membrane science history. As chairmen of this important meeting, we would like to invite you to participate in this event.

With best wishes,

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# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The organizing committee of ICOM 2008 invites all interested individuals to submit oral papers or posters in the following areas:

**a) Materials**

- 1) Polymeric membranes
- 2) Inorganic membranes
- 3) Membrane modification
- 4) Facilitated transport membranes
- 5) Liquid membranes
- 6) Hybrid membranes
- 7) Nanostructured membranes
- 8) Packaging and barrier materials and membranes

**b) Membrane Formation and Modification**

- 1) Asymmetric polymeric membranes (porous and nonporous)
- 2) Composite polymeric membranes
- 3) Inorganic membranes
- 4) Surface modifications

**c) Membrane Characterization**

- 1) Membrane structure
- 2) Membrane chemistry
- 3) Membrane fouling

**d) Membrane Applications**

- 1) Ultra- and microfiltration
- 2) NF and RO
- 3) Drinking and wastewater
- 4) Fuel cells
- 5) Membrane contactors
- 6) Gas separation
- 7) Pervaporation
- 8) Biomedical
- 9) Hybrid and novel processes
- 10) Desalination

**e) Others (specify)**

## Guidelines for Abstract Submission

Please visit the ICOM 2008 website at <http://www.membranes.org> for detailed information regarding submission formats and deadlines for oral papers or poster presentations.

## Student Paper Contests

There will be a number of travel awards available to support students (proof of student status will be required) to attend the meeting. In addition, awards will be provided to the best oral and poster presentations. Further information will be posted on the ICOM website as it becomes available.

## Pre-Congress Workshop

On the weekend before ICOM 2008, several workshops on important membrane topics will be organized. Topics of the workshops will include the following areas: a) membrane formation and modification, b) gas separation, c) desalination, and d) fuel cells. Other topics may be added.

# DEADLINES

## Submission of Abstracts

- Oral Papers: February 1, 2008
- Posters: April 1, 2008.

## Registration

- Early Registration: April 1, 2008
- Hotel: June 23, 2008

# REGISTRATION

## On-Line Registration

Credit card on-line registration is highly recommended for ICOM 2008. Please visit the NAMS website for further information.

## Registration Fees

Category	Early Registration (By April 1, 2008)	Late or Onsite Registration
Participant	US \$ 650	US \$ 800
Student	US \$ 250	US \$ 300
Guest*	TBD	TBD
Banquet**	TBD	TBD

\* includes participation in opening ceremony, poster receptions, and banquet.

\*\* includes participation in banquet only.

Rates will be published in early 2008 for both events.

## ACCOMODATION

The Organizing Committee of ICOM 2008 has reserved sufficient rooms at discounted rates to accommodate all meeting participants and accompanying persons. Hotel reservations can be made online using the ICOM 2008 website link.

Hotel	Room Rates (US \$)*	Distance from Venue
Sheraton Waikiki	95 -215	Venue
Sheraton Kaiulani	150	5 min by foot
Sheraton Royal Hawaiian	195	5 min by foot
Sheraton Moana Surfrider	185	5 min by foot

\* Double occupancy

Rates are valid 3 days before and after meeting (subject to room availability).

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