

Ultra-High Temperature Ceramics: Materials for Extreme Environment Applications IV

(Final program and posters with additional details at www.engconf.org/17ai)

September 17-20, 2017
Cumberland Lodge
Windsor, UK

September 12, 2017

To: Participants, Ultra-High Temperature Ceramics IV

From: Barbara Hickernell, ECI Executive Director

We're looking forward to your participation the Ultra-High Temperature Ceramics IV conference. Please read this note as there are items in it that may be helpful to you before your arrival at the conference.

Conference Venue:

[Cumberland Lodge](#)
The Great Park,
Windsor,
Berkshire,
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UK
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Transportation to Cumberland Lodge:

Cumberland Lodge is just 27 miles from central London, 20 minutes from [Heathrow Airport](#) (LHR), close to [Gatwick Airport](#) (38 miles) and 15 minutes from regular train services to London Waterloo, Paddington and Reading. The Lodge is also 15 minutes from the M25, M4 and M3 motorways. Taxis are readily available at both airports.

For a map and detailed directions on the various travel options please see [HERE](#).

Sunday conference registration: Conference registration will be open from 16:30 on Sunday (17 September) in the Tapestry Hall. An opening reception will be held at 18:00 followed by the opening plenary at 18:30 (Flitcroft Room) and dinner at 19:30.

Weather: Temperature highs are expected to be about 17 °C (low 60s° F) and lows around 9 °C (48° F) during the conference week. Please check www.weather.com for an update before you pack. In any case, we advise that you bring an umbrella and a sweater or jacket for the meeting room.

Speakers: We expect that all presentations will be on PowerPoint and we will have a computer projector as well as a laptop with Microsoft PowerPoint. Please bring your presentation on a memory stick for loading onto the ECI computer. **Matthew Porter** will be assisting with the audio-visual during the week and will help load your talk on the conference computer. Be sure that you have provided your session chair with a **brief** biography for your introduction.

It is essential to the conference schedule that you keep to your given time - and be certain that you allow enough time for questions/discussion. Keeping in the tradition of these conferences, please be available during the conference for discussion and questions. Meals and social hours are perfect for discussion and questions.

Dress: ECI conferences are casual. We discourage suits and ties.

Currency: The currency in the UK is the Great British Pound. Currently, 1 GBP = Euro€ 1.10 and 1 GBP = US\$1.32.

Electricity: The UK has Type G outlets that accept three prong plugs. If you are not coming from the UK or Ireland, bring an electrical adapter for your laptop and other items that will require charging. For details see [here](#).

Poster Presenters: Posters should be either A0 or A1 size. Poster boards will be available in the Drawing and Sitting rooms. Tacks will be provided.

Guests/Accompanying Persons: If you decide to bring a guest at the last moment, please email Kathy (kathy@engconfintl.org) to make arrangements for payment.

Check out time on Wednesday: The Lodge has informed us that all attendees need to vacate their bedrooms by 9am on Wednesday (20 September). Luggage storage will be provided.

Internet access: Wi-Fi is available and free to guests. If this is your first visit to the Lodge, you will need to sign in with an email address.

Miscellaneous: The following are a few housekeeping items which you need to be aware of:

- If you have special **dietary needs** (e.g., vegetarian, allergies, etc.) that you didn't communicate to us when you registered, please make sure we are made aware of them during registration so that we can give the hotel this information. Vegetarians and attendees with other special requests will be given a card to identify themselves to the wait staff. Please retain this card throughout the conference.
- If your arrival or departure date should change prior to the conference, please notify Kathy Chan (Kathy@engconfintl.org).
- An electronic evaluation form will be distributed on Tuesday during the conference. Please complete it as your comments will be very useful to the planners of the next conference in the series.

As a courtesy to conference participants, we request that all mobile phones be turned off (or to "vibrate") during the technical sessions. If it is necessary to use your mobile phone, we request that you step outside the meeting room to an area that will not disturb other attendees. As usual, all conference functions are smoke-free.

Ram Darolia is the technical liaison from the ECI Conferences Committee and **Kevin Korpics** is the ECI site manager.

We thank the conference chair, **Jon Binner**, and the co-chair, **Bill Lee**, who put in a great deal of effort to produce this program.

Through Friday if you have any last minute questions, please call us at 1-212-514-6760 or email **Kathy Chan** (Kathy@engconfintl.org). For urgent matters from Saturday onward, you may text or call Kevin at +1-917-756-7513.

We wish you all an intellectually stimulating, productive and enjoyable conference.