

**The 5th International Symposium on Underground Freight Transport
ISUFT 2008
The University of Texas at Arlington
Room 100 Nedderman Hall
416 Yates Street
Arlington, Texas, 76010 USA**

Thursday through Saturday, March 20-22, 2008

The 5th ISUFT be held on the campus of The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), USA, Thursday through Saturday, March 20-22, 2008. The event will include presentations of technical papers, exhibition of technologies related to underground freight transportation (UFT) and field trips to local industries and projects. The Symposium will be hosted by UTA, which is located near Dallas Fort Worth Airport (DFW), Texas. The Co-chairmen of the Symposium will be Professor John H. Matthys, Dr. Nur Yazdani, Dr. Henry Liu, and Dr. Mohammad Najafi. The event is under the auspices of the International Steering Committee of ISUFT.

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ISUFT 2008-Symposium Topics

- ✚ Structural, Geotechnical, Mechanical, Hydraulic, Electrical, and Architectural Aspects
- ✚ Capsule pipelines, especially pneumatic capsule pipelines (PCP)
- ✚ Pipeline transport
- ✚ Underground freight transport systems
- ✚ Underground construction technology
- ✚ Trenchless technology
- ✚ Modern tunneling technologies
- ✚ Geology and Geotechnical Issues
- ✚ Design of capsules and vehicles used in underground freight transport
- ✚ Cost and economics of underground freight transport systems
- ✚ Legal and environmental aspects of underground freight transport
- ✚ Safety and security of underground freight transport systems
- ✚ Political and institutional issues regarding underground freight transport
- ✚ Case studies of major underground freight transport systems in different nations
- ✚ Other topics related to underground freight transport

ISUFT 2008 Call for Papers

The 5th International Symposium on Underground Freight Transport by Capsule Pipelines and Other Tube/Tunnel Technologies (ISUFT) will be held on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington, USA, on Thursday through Saturday, March 20-22, 2008. You are cordially invited to submit an abstract on any of the Symposium topics.

Submissions of Abstracts

Abstracts must be submitted in the following format:

- ✚ Written in English.
- ✚ Approximately 300 words (one 8.5 x 11 in. page).
- ✚ Font 12 point Arial or Times Roman.
- ✚ Name of the author/s must be included, with the presenting authors' name underlined.
- ✚ Full contact details of the main author as a footnote at the bottom of the page (Address, Phone, Fax, Email).

Abstracts should be submitted by email, as an attached document in Microsoft Word format to najafi@uta.edu

Abstract must be submitted by **June 30, 2007**.

Authors with accepted abstracts will need to write a full paper for publication in the Symposium Proceedings. Review criteria for the paper will include relevance, significance, accuracy and quality. Details on paper preparation will be supplied to all authors whose abstracts are accepted.

Invitation to Exhibitors

The ISUFT 2008, 5th International Symposium on Underground Freight Transportation by Capsule Pipelines and other Tube/Tunnel Systems, will be held on campus of The University of Texas at Arlington, USA, Thursday through Saturday, March 20-22, 2008.

The aim of the symposium is to draw government agencies, design and consulting engineers, economists, legal experts, logicians, and interested end-users for discussion of recent developments in underground freight transportation as well as of the technical, economical, and legal possibilities, opportunities, and challenges. The symposium will present new developments and results both in podium and in poster sessions, but will also be an excellent occasion for exhibition of technical tools and equipment as well as for practical outdoor demonstrations.

The indoor-exhibition will be in the foyer directly in front of the lecture hall, and, in order to create an excellent publicity for the exhibitors, the symposium registration as well as the coffee breaks and lunches will be placed within the exhibition area.

The organizers cordially invite your organization to attend the symposium and also participate in the exhibition activities.

ISUFT 2008 Registration Fees

Before February 15th, 2008

ISC of ISUFT members	\$250
Regular participants	\$460
Students (Student ID is required)	\$100

After February 15th, 2008

ISC of ISUFT members	\$300
Regular participants	\$550
Students (Student ID is required)	\$120

On-Site Registration

ISC of ISUFT members	\$350
Regular participants	\$600
Students (Student ID is required)	\$120

The registration fee includes lunches, refreshments, reception, field trip on Saturday, March 22, 2008, and a copy of the Symposium *Proceedings* in electronic form. The registration fee does NOT cover lodging.

Summary of Important Dates

June 30, 2007	Abstract submission deadline
August, 31, 2007	Notification of acceptance of abstracts
October, 30 2007	Submission of draft papers
February 15, 2008	Symposium early registration deadline
February 15, 2008	Final papers due
February 15, 2008	Hotel reservation deadline

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