

## CONFERENCE FEES

Payment of the registration fee will entitle to receive:

- Conference CD-ROM
- Access to conference social program
- Complimentary 1 year membership to ISTVS, including subscription to Journal of Terramechanics, (non-members only)
- Conference welcome kit
- Guided Technical Tour

	Early Rate register until July 31	Late Rate register after July 31
ISTVS-Members	50,000 Yen	55,000 Yen
Non-Members	55,000 Yen	60,000 Yen
Students	25,000 Yen	30,000 Yen
Accompanying Person	25,000 Yen	30,000 Yen

## FACT, NEEDS AND USEFUL INFORMATION

All ISTVS members, as well as non-member professionals in the field, are invited to join the conference.

Conference language is English.

Abstracts need to be submitted through the conference web site by [istvs.bpe.agr.hokudai.ac.jp](http://istvs.bpe.agr.hokudai.ac.jp)

All accepted abstract and the full papers will be made available to registered participants through Proceedings on a CD-ROM.

Please check our website for updates:

<http://istvs.bpe.agr.hokudai.ac.jp>

## CONTACTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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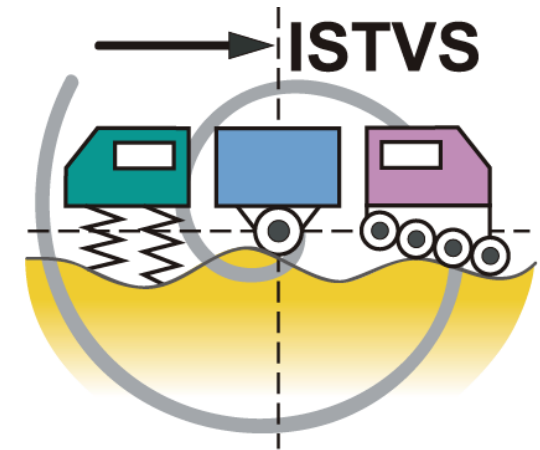
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# THE 9<sup>th</sup> Joint Asia-Pacific ISTVS Conference and Annual Meeting of Japanese Society for Terramechanics



September 27-30, 2010  
Sapporo, Japan

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT  
AND  
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## ABOUT THE ISTVS

The International Society for Terrain-Vehicle Systems was founded in Turin in 1962 with the aim to effect the achievement and advancement of knowledge of the mechanics of terrain-vehicle systems and soil working machinery in all environments.

### The mission of the Society is:

- To advance the knowledge in terrain-vehicle systems for improvements in engineering practice and for innovation;
- To promote the transfer of advanced knowledge to the user for the benefit of society at large in environmental protection, energy conservation and sustainable development.

ISTVS is holding so-called international and regional conferences. The Society is also running the International Journal of Terramechanics, edited by Elsevier, one of the most authoritative scientific publications in the field.

## CONFERENCE THEMES

Conference themes include, but are not limited to:

- Terrain evaluation
- Terrain-vehicle interaction and dynamics
- Agricultural, forest and earthmoving machinery
- Environmental protection and sustainable system
- Robotics and autonomous system
- Planetary rovers and machinery



## CONFERENCE AND VENUE

The joint 9<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific ISTVS Conference and Annual Meeting of Japanese Society for Terramechanics will be held at Sapporo Grand Hotel in Sapporo, JAPAN. The Sapporo Grand Hotel is conveniently located in central Sapporo city, close to the JR Sapporo Station, and subway (<http://www.grand1934.com/english/index.html>). And Hokkaido University is located close to the venue. Nationwide surveys consistently rank Sapporo as one of Japan's most desirable places to live. It's no surprise to the residents, who enjoy the advantages of big-city living with the majesty of a stunning natural environment.



## HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT/FULL PAPER

Abstracts and the full papers will be handled by the conference web site. Length of the abstracts should not exceed 300 words.

### Deadlines:

Abstract submission until April 30, 2010  
Full paper submission until July 31, 2010

Abstract will be peer-reviewed.

Two full days of the conference, September 28 and 30, will be dedicated to technical sessions, including plenary sessions. All authors with accepted contributions will have the opportunity to present their paper additionally as a paper.

## ABOUT SAPPORO

The place where the Sapporo Station and the Odori Park are located is the connection between the end of the alluvial fan and the beginning of a floodplain, the Ishikari Plain. There used to be lots of springs in this area which was called Memu by Ainu, the first inhabitants. Even now, the ponds of the Former Hokkaido Government Office, of the Hokkaido Governor's Official Residence, of the Hokkaido University Botanic Garden, the Sakushu Kotani River of Hokkaido University, the Sapporo Beer Factory or the Yukijirushi milk factory are the remains of those ancient springs.

Ainu settled in a village (kotan) near the Memu where we can easily imagine a great number of salmon ascending the river towards the springs. Salmon is called kamuiciepu (fish of god) in Ainu language. Even now there are still salmon in the Toyohira River, laying eggs between Azuma Bashi (same altitude as the Sapporo Station) and Horohira Bashi (above Odori Park, Tancho Warehouse, Susukino, Nakajima Park). Right in the middle of a two million people city. Water is essential for humans and salmon.

