

# FAIM2013

23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on  
Flexible Automation & Intelligent Manufacturing

## THE CHALLENGE OF SUSTAINING GLOBAL COMPETITIVE MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS

26-28 June 2013  
Porto, Portugal

### PRELIMINARY CALL FOR PAPERS

FAIM 2013 conference organising committee cordially invites everyone, from academy to industry to participate in the 23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Flexible Automation and Intelligent Manufacturing, to be held in Porto on 26 – 28 June 2013.

Acceptance of papers is based on the full paper (up to 8 pages). Each paper will be peer reviewed. However, prospective authors should submit a short abstract (approximately 300 words) in advance, in order to check if the proposed topic fits within the conference scope.

### CONFERENCE TOPICS

The theme of FAIM 2013 conference is: **The Challenge of Sustaining Global Competitive Manufacturing Systems**. The conference will cover a wide range of topics in the following areas:

- **Product, Process and Factory Integrated Design**
- **Manufacturing Technology and Intelligent Systems**
- **Manufacturing Operations Management and Optimisation**
- **Manufacturing Networks and MicroFactories**

The global aim is to provide an international forum for the exchange of leading edge scientific knowledge and industrial experience regarding the development and integration of the various aspects of Flexible Automation and Intelligent Manufacturing Systems covering the complete life-cycle of company's Product and Processes.

Case studies, conceptual papers, review papers, methodological papers, and multidisciplinary papers on one or more of the above topic areas are particularly welcome. All accepted papers will be published in the FAIM 2013 conference proceedings.

As in previous years, special issues of **International Journals** will be published with selected papers.

This year, we are glad to announce the inclusion of a special event - "Industrial Session" in the conference program. Here, Industrial participants will present and demonstrate solutions and on-going projects in the context of FAIM topics.

Proposals for additional **Special Sessions** and **Workshops** are welcome.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or wish to be notified when further details are available, please don't hesitate to contact:

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### VENUE: PORTO

Porto is the largest city in the north of Portugal, on the western most tip of continental Europe. Situated on the banks of the Douro River in the heart of an area of great vitality, surrounded by several modern industrial companies.

The City of Porto has one of the richest artistic, cultural and historical heritages in Portugal. Many areas in Porto, well planned and landscaped, have been dedicated to leisure, public gardens, sophisticated and attractive shopping areas and excellent museums and theatres.

The Historic Centre of Porto, classified as World Heritage by UNESCO, is one of the most attractive entertainment venues for visitors, providing a rich variety of monuments and ordinary dwelling, from different periods stretching back as far as the 14th century.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract:	Nov 15, 2012
Full paper:	Dec 31, 2012
Acceptance notice:	Feb 28, 2013
Camera ready:	Mar 17, 2013

Detailed Conference Information will be available  
at [www.faim2013.org](http://www.faim2013.org)