

Dear Colleague:

This is to advise you of a number of important changes to the paper submission and publication process for NAMRC 39, which will be collocated with the ASME 2011 International Manufacturing Science & Engineering Conference (MSEC) and the 2011 JSME/ASME International Conference on Materials and Processing (ICM&P) and will be held at Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon from June 13-17, 2011. The major changes are as follows:

- All paper submissions and evaluation for NAMRC 39 will be done via the online conference toolbox available at <http://www.conferencetoolbox.org/NAMRC39> and per the publication schedule listed at the same website.
- The format and length of the NAMRC paper have been updated as specified under “Author Resources” in the conference toolbox. Paper length has been increased to 10 pages and formatting requirements have been revised to suit possible publication in the SME SCI-indexed journals (see below). Following the recent decision by the NAMRI/SME Board, accepted papers will be published on CD-ROM in the peer-reviewed publication titled ***Proceedings of NAMRI/SME***. Note: High quality NAMRC papers will be fast-tracked for publication in special or regular issues of SME’s SCI-indexed *Journal of Manufacturing Systems (JMS)* or *Journal of Manufacturing Processes (JMP)*. To take advantage of this opportunity, authors are strongly encouraged to submit their best work to the conference.
- NAMRC 39 registrants will have access to all three conference activities and will also receive the proceedings of the ASME MSEC and JSME/ASME ICM&P.

The above changes are intended to enhance the quality and stature of NAMRC and provide increased value to NAMRI/SME members. We hope that you will continue to use NAMRC as the leading forum for disseminating your latest original research findings.

Sincerely,

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