

SportSURF 5th Workshop, Thursday 24th April 2008 at the Sport Technology Institute, Loughborough University.

The 5th SportSURF workshop will be held on Thursday 24th April 2008 at Loughborough University Sport Technology Institute, Loughborough, UK. The focus of the workshop will be on describing and explaining the technology of 'Sport Surfaces and Interactions'.

This one day event will comprise an industry focussed seminar describing technical aspects of sport surfaces, explaining behaviour and raising issues for discussion and debate. The workshop and network are supported by SAPCA.

The sessions will combine an overview of surface types, their design, playability, and aftercare. The presentations will include research into user feedback, user performance and safety (including footwear), surface design, sport measurement systems, ball interaction, long-term performance (including maintenance) and aspects of sustainability.

Who should attend?

The workshop is aimed at the sport surface industry and the wider related community, including: Sport Surface Suppliers and Manufacturers; Consultants; Contractors; Architects; Owner/operators; Funders, National Governing Bodies, and other parties interested in sport surface science.

Invited Speakers

- Mike Abbott: (SAPCA, Technical Chairman)
- Eric O'Donnel (Director, Sports Labs)
- Robbie Craven: (Tiger Turf, R & D Manager)
- Paul Fraser: (Bonar Yarns, Sales Manager)
- Sharon Dixon: (Exeter University, Director ExBiRT)
- Jamie Capel-Davis: (ITF, Technical Department)
- Alastair Cox: (Director, Labosport)
- Paul Fleming and Colin Young (Loughborough University, Sports Technology Institute)

SportSURF membership?

Membership to the SportSURF network is free, and as a member you qualify for a discounted workshop registration fee. If you would like to become a member please visit our website and complete the online membership form (www.sportsurf.org/signup.php).

Agenda (TBC)

09:15 Coffee and registration

09.45 Introduction & Welcome *Dr Paul Fleming (Network Manager)*

Session 1 – Surface Design and Construction

This session will cover aspects of Materials, Design, Durability, Sustainability and Long-term Performance

10:00 to 10:30 Mike Abbott (SAPCA – Technical Chairman)

10:30 to 11:00 Eric O'Donnel (Sport Labs)

11:00 to 11:30 Coffee break

Session 2 – User and Ball Interactions – Role of Yarns and Carpets

11:30 to 12:00 Paul Fraser (Sales manager, Bonar Yarns)

12:00 to 12:30 Robbie Craven (R & D Manager, TigerTURF)

Lunch 12:30 to 13:30*

Session 3 – User and Ball Interactions – Current Research and Developments

13:30 to 14:00 Jamie Capel-Davis (International Tennis Federation)
Development of a New Ball Interaction Test

14:00 to 14:30 Sharon Dixon (Exeter University)
Player Movement and Safety

14:30 to 14:45 Coffee break

Session 4 – Measurement of Surface Properties

14:45 to 15:15 Alastair Cox (Labosport)
The Influence of the LISport Machine on Long-Term Surface Properties

15:15 to 15:45 Paul Fleming & Colin Young (Loughborough University)
Measurement techniques and Surface Materials Behaviour

Session 4 – 15:45 to 16:45 – Future Challenges to the Industry

Discussion Forum and Closing Remarks:

16:45 ENDS

*During lunch there will be a tour of the new facilities at the Loughborough Sport Technology Institute.

Please Note: This is a draft agenda – timings and speakers may change

Travel Directions and Accommodation

Venue: Loughborough University Sport Technology Institute
Room: Main Lecture Room
Address: Loughborough Science & Enterprise Park
 1 Oakwood Drive
 Loughborough, LE11 3QF

By Car

From the North/South/West use junction 23 of the M1, head toward Loughborough on the A512 and turn right after 1 mile at the first roundabout toward Holywell Science Park, at the next roundabout turn right the Sport Technology Institute is on the left and there is plenty of parking.

From the East travel around Loughborough on the ring road, following to signs for the M1, and go past the University Campus (on your left) and turn left at the roundabout toward Holywell Science Park, at the next roundabout turn right the Sport Technology Institute is on the left and there is plenty of parking.

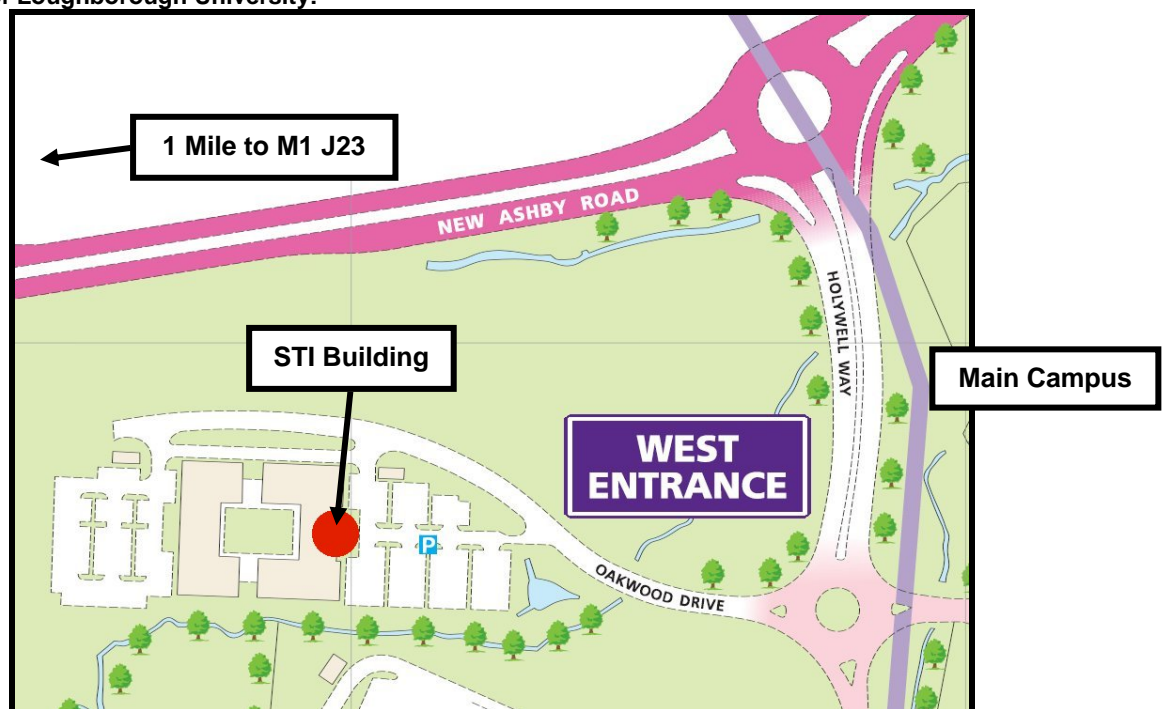
By Rail

Regular Intercity services operate between Loughborough and other main line towns - including over 40 trains daily to and from London St Pancras 90 minutes away. Once at Loughborough's railway station you are just ten minutes away from the campus. From here there is a regular bus service which operates every ten minutes during term time. Taxis are normally available from the station and the journey should cost around £5 - £6. For information on train times and ticket prices phone Rail track on 0345 484950.

By Air

Nottingham East Midlands Airport is only 20 - 25 minutes from Loughborough University and many budget air liners operate from there including www.ryanair.com and www.easyjet.com. Taxi fare from the airport to the university campus is normally in the region of £15 - £20.

Map of Loughborough University:



Additional maps available at: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/about/map/>

Accommodation

Bed and breakfast is available at the Quality Hotel (01509 211800) or (on campus) Burleigh Court Conference Centre (01509 211515). Please arrange directly with the hotel. Both hotels are within 5 minutes walk of venue.