



Vietnam is changing quickly from agricultural ...

Venue & Settings

Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) or Saigon, situated in the southern part of Vietnam, was once called the Pearl of the Orient by the French. The Saigon River bends in the east of HCMC, linking the city to the sea. HCMC is rich with interesting sites; from charming French villas and fashionable café society to traditional Vietnamese markets and alleyways full of street food vendors.

Over the past 10 years, the city has experienced a spectacular change. The once low-rise landscape of the city center, is now marked with shining skyscrapers. This bustling, vibrant, industrial hub of the nation is the biggest city in Vietnam. HCMC is also the cultural centre and economic capital of the country. The city with its teeming metropolis mingled with the elegance of ancient culture, gives you a view of the entire nation.

The 13th GCSM will be held at a newly built conference center and on the main campus of the Vietnamese-German University (VGU). Both venues are 30 km north of HCMC in Binh Duong New City. Details about the venue and accommodation will be announced on the conference website www.gcsm.eu. On the third conference day we will visit benchmark companies for sustainable manufacturing in Vietnam. For transportation a shuttle bus between HCMC and Binh Duong will be provided.

Topics of the conference include sustainable design, resource efficiency and effectiveness, Life-Cycle-Management, Cycle-Economies, Business-Models and any manufacturing related aspect that has the potential to increase sustainability.



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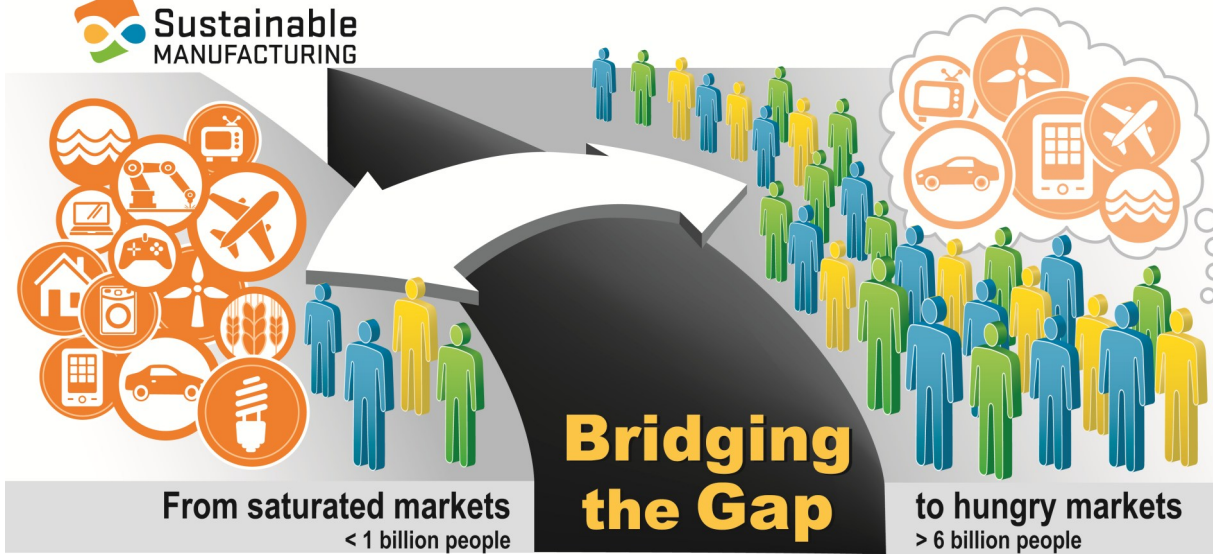


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13th GCSM Invitation

Technische Universität Berlin and Vietnamese-German University will jointly organize the 13th GCSM near Ho Chi Minh City in Binh Duong New City. This conference is sponsored by the International Academy for Production Engineering (CIRP, www.cirp.net). GCSM serves as a forum for academics, researchers, and practitioners from international universities, research institutes and industrial companies working on topics related to sustainable manufacturing. It offers keynote speeches, panel discussions and parallel session presentations.

You are cordially invited to submit a paper to the conference which is expected to attract representatives from academia and industry from all over the world. We are looking forward to welcoming you to Binh Duong New City for the 13th GCSM.

Best regards,

Holger Kohl, Jürgen Mallon and Günther Seliger

Publications

All accepted papers will be published as open access in CIRP Procedia (www.journals.elsevier.com/procedia-cirp).

Extended versions of selected papers will be recommended for publication in related journals.

Micro-cosmos Vietnam

Emerging countries manufacture a major part of so-called light industry products, such as textiles, leather, wooden or plastic parts. Low costs due to low wages and conventional equipment characterize many manufacturing sites. At the same time customers worldwide become increasingly aware of the ecological and social conditions under which products are created.

Vietnam is considered a very-attractive destination for light industries. However, this affects the social and environmental conditions of the country. Vietnam's further growth demands improved infrastructure, technical capabilities and capacity building on all levels. Companies need to innovate their processes and acquire expertise in product design and quality management. A transparent design of global supply chains helps communicating advantages to quality-oriented customers worldwide.

The conference wants to bridge the gap between industrialized and emerging countries. Innovative technologies, their local applications and societal implications are discussed. Innovative solutions and best practices from Vietnam in areas, like resource efficiency and effectiveness, recycling and remanufacturing, innovative business models or examples for industrial symbiosis, are supposed to give the participants a holistic view on the multitude of technological opportunities which can foster prosperity through global collaboration and competition.



Fisherman in front of Saigon's skyline

Deadlines

March 16 th 2015:	Abstract submission
March 23 rd 2015:	Notification of abstract acceptance/rejection
May 11 th 2015:	Full paper submission
June 22 nd 2015:	Notification of full paper acceptance/rejection
June 29 th 2015:	Final manuscript submission

Registration fees

Early bird:	€ 370	Before March 30 th 2015
Regular:	€ 445	Before July 27 th 2015
On-site:	€ 515	After July 27 th 2015

Vietnamese participants can apply for scholarships from industry. Scholarship holders will have a reduced fee of \$100 for participation.