

**SportSURF 2nd Workshop, Wednesday 26th April 2006
Cranfield Management Development Centre, Cranfield University**

The 2nd SportSURF workshop will be held on **Wednesday 26th April 2006** at **Cranfield University**. The primary focus of the workshop will be to 'Quantify the Performance Requirements for Sport Surfaces'.

The workshop will consist of a number of presentations and open forums to discuss current knowledge and identify research needs. Two keynote presenters have been confirmed:

- Dr Eric Harrison (FIFA, IRB) will present the research programme and findings used to develop the FIFA quality concept and IRB regulation 22.
- Dr Stuart Miller (ITF) will present the International Tennis Federations surface classification scheme which will include ongoing projects in relation to ball/surface and player/surface interactions.

The key outcomes of the workshop will be collated to identify 'gaps in knowledge' and rationalise coherent 'research needs'. The workshop will contain several open forums to stimulate debate from the attendees. Furthermore, there will be an opportunity for delegates to make short presentations of their current work/research/knowledge to stimulate further discussion (if you are interested in doing this please contact c.young@sportsurf.org).

SportSURF Background:

The network aims to stimulate an integrated multidisciplinary response to address the problems associated with the interactions of sport players (and equipment) and the sport surface, for community and elite level across the full range of sports. The network will bring together a broad range of stakeholders, comprising academics, practitioners, and sport governing bodies to share ideas and consolidate current knowledge, discuss and formulate research needs, seek funding, advance the science and understanding of player-surface interactions and innovate the better engineering of surfaces to benefit play and users' health.

Who should attend?

Academics, researchers, technologists, consultants, contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, sports governing bodies, policy makers, trade organisations and funders. Also any individual who would like to have an input into the activities of this new network initiative.

SportSURF membership?

Membership to the SportSURF network is free, and as a member you can enjoy 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).

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Draft Agenda:

09:30	Coffee and registration	
09:45	Introduction & Welcome	<i>Dr Paul Fleming (Network Manager) Dr Iain James (Core Member & Host)</i>

Session 1 – 10:00 to 12:45

10:00	Key note presentation I (<i>Dr Eric Harrison - FIFA, IRB</i>)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of the FIFA quality concept and IRB regulation 22• Research behind the standards	
10:45	Q & A forum – Dr Harrison	
11:15	Coffee break	
11:45	Discussion Forum/Open presentations*	

Lunch 12:45 to 14:00

Session 2 – 14:00 to 15:45

14:00	Keynote presentation II (<i>Dr Stuart Miller - ITF</i>)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Tennis Federation's Surface Classification Scheme• The science behind the scheme	
14:45	Q & A forum – Dr Miller	
15:15	Coffee break	

Session 3 – 15:45 to 16:30

15:45	Discussion Forum/Open presentations*	
16:15	Summary	
16:30	ENDS	

Please note:

This agenda is subject to change. *An opportunity exists to present research directly related to the topics being presented. If you are interested in doing this please contact c.young@sportsurf.org.

An exhibition area is available for the display of research posters. If you are interested in preparing a poster please contact c.young@sportsurf.org.

Travel Directions and Accommodation

Venue: Cranfield Management Development Centre
Cranfield University
Cranfield
Beds
MK43 0AL

Room name: Lecture Room 16

Travel Directions (maps available on next page):

BY ROAD:

- **From London and the South:** M1 to junction 13 (A421): right, then first left at traffic lights to Salford. Right at Salford, straight at roundabout opposite Cranfield Technology Park then right at second roundabout and left at the third (following signposts to Cranfield University).
- **From Birmingham and the North:** M1 to junction 14 (A509): left, then first right through Moulsoe village: once through the village, straight on for 1 km, take left turn after sharp bend, signposted to Cranfield University.
- **Via Bedford:** A428-A422 west to Astwood (11km), then left following signposts. Or A421 south-west towards the M1. Right at Marston Moretaine roundabout at end of dual carriageway following signposts to Cranfield (at Little Chef). On entering the village follow right turn signposted to Cranfield University.

BY RAIL:

- **Milton Keynes Central** is on the Intercity routes from London Euston, Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow and Gatwick airport.
- **Bedford Midland** serves the East Midlands, London Thameslink and Gatwick Airport and Luton airports.
- **Taxis** are available from both stations at all times. Cranfield is 20 minutes from Milton Keynes station by taxi, and 25 minutes from Bedford Midland.

BY AIR:

- **From Heathrow Airport:** Take London Underground train (Piccadilly Line) to Leicester Square then Northern Line to Euston. Intercity and Northampton Line to Milton Keynes Central Station.
- **From Gatwick Airport:** Direct link to Bedford Midland Station and Milton Keynes Central Station.
- **From Birmingham Airport:** Direct rail link from Birmingham International Station to Milton Keynes Central Station.
- **From Luton Airport:** Take train from Luton Central Station to Bedford Midland Station
- **From Stansted Airport:** Leaving Stansted follow signs for Bishop's Stortford and Buntingford (A120). Turn onto A10 towards Buntingford and Baldock and then onto A507 by-passing Stotfold, Shefford and Ampthill. Turn right off A507 to Millbrook, then turn left to Marston Moreteyne, picking up signs for Cranfield village. Cranfield University is signposted from the village.

Accommodation Details:

Below are several options for overnight accommodation. Please arrange directly with the hotel.

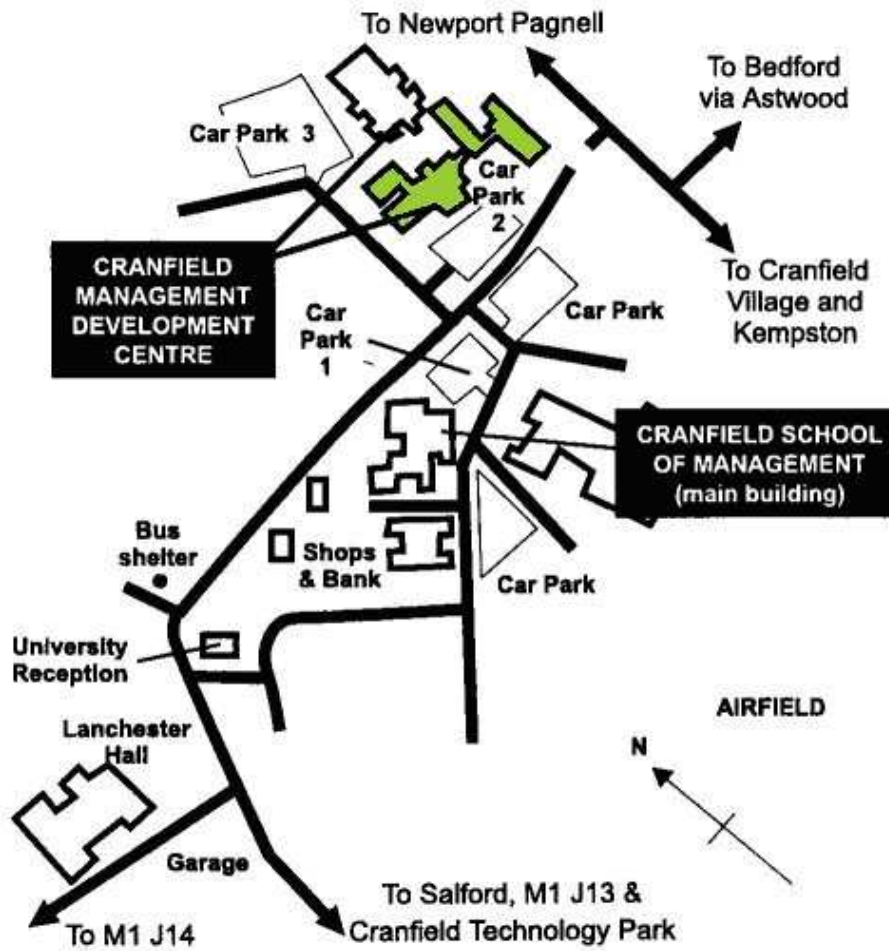
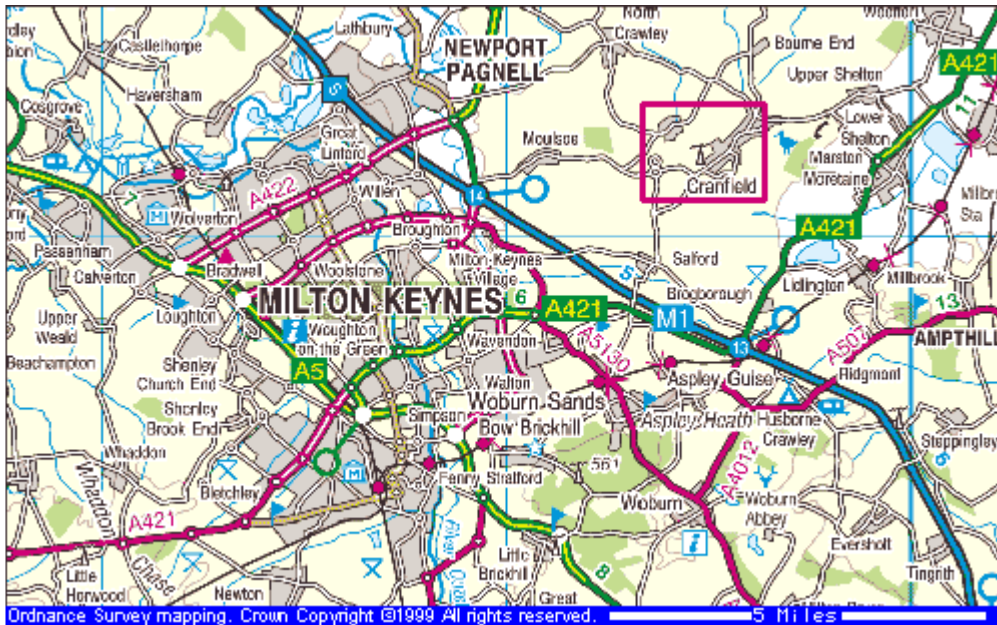
On campus:

Option 1 - <http://www.cmdc.info/overnight.asp> +44(0)1234 751122

Option 2 - <http://www.mitchellhall.info/accommodation.html> +44(0)1234 754343

Nearby Hotel:

Courtyard Milton Keynes (www.marriott.co.uk)



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