

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## CONFERENCE VENUE & HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

All conference events will take place at:

### **The Mirage Hotel & Casino**

3400 South Las Vegas Boulevard

Las Vegas, NV 89109

Phone: 702-791-7111

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[www.mirage.com](http://www.mirage.com)

## CONFERENCE DATES

Sunday, June 28–Wednesday, July 1

## SPONSORS

Metal Powder Industries Federation

APMI International

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## ATTENDANCE OPEN TO

Powder metallurgists; educators and students; design, mechanical, and materials engineers; technicians; production personnel; management; and other persons interested in any aspect of powder metallurgy, particulate materials, and related technologies.

## ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Register in advance by mail, fax, or online. Doing so entitles you to special pre-registration discounts and will guarantee participation in selected events. **PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE MAY 15 TO QUALIFY FOR LOWEST RATES.** Advance rates increase after May 15, higher rates apply for registration on site at the conference. All registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail. If you do not receive an acknowledgment within 4–7 days, please contact MPIF's registration department.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

You can register and reserve hotel rooms online by visiting: [www.mpif.org](http://www.mpif.org) and clicking on the "PowderMet2009" link. Online registration will be processed immediately and will be dated based on day of transmission. Acknowledgements will be sent by e-mail. Online registrations must be charged to a credit card.

## REGISTRATION BY FAX

You may register by fax (609-987-8523) before June 25. If you are also mailing a copy of a registration form that was previously sent by fax, please check off the box on the registration form indicating this fact so we may avoid duplication.

## REGISTRATION AT CONFERENCE

Those unable to register in advance may register at the conference. Higher on-site registration rates will apply.

## FEES

APMI member rates apply to persons who are individual members of APMI International. MPIF member rates apply to employees of companies that are members of the Metal Powder Industries Federation and its constituent trade associations: Powder Metallurgy Parts Association, Metal Powder Producers Association, Powder Metallurgy Equipment Association, Refractory Metals Association, Advanced Particulate Materials Association, and Metal Injection Molding Association, as well as overseas, consultant, and affiliate members.

## FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The conference registration fee includes all conference technical events, general sessions, exhibit admission, two (2) conference luncheons, the Sunday Opening Night Event and Monday evening's dinner and Cirque du Soleil LOVE show. The fee also includes preprints of technical manuscripts distributed on CD-ROM at the conference and the complete CD-ROM proceedings mailed after the conference. Registration on a daily basis is not available.

## SPEAKER REGISTRATION

Discount applies only to participating speakers and session chairmen off applicable MPIF, APMI and non-member full conference rate. Co-authors must register at regular conference rates.

## EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION

There are two registration options available for qualified exhibitor personnel:

Option 1: Includes two (2) luncheons, Sunday Opening Night Event and Monday dinner and Cirque du Soleil LOVE show, general sessions, and admittance to your choice of two (2) technical sessions.

Option 2: Same as Option 1 but without the Sunday Opening Night Event and Monday dinner and show.

*To participate in all technical events, exhibitors should instead register as full-conference registrants. Exhibitor personnel who do not register for either the special exhibitor registration or full-conference registration will be admitted to the exhibit hall only. Badges are required for admittance to all events.*

## SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATION

Spouses and guests accompanying full registrants should register in order to receive name badges and to attend meal events. Tickets for luncheons, Sunday Opening Night Event and Monday dinner and show are available to accompanying spouses/guests and can be purchased separately. Registration in advance is highly recommended to guarantee tickets for meal events.

## STUDENT REGISTRATION

The special student rate includes admittance to all conference events but does not include meals. This rate is open only to full-time engineering students. Proof of active student status must accompany your registration form unless you are a student member of APMI International.

## RETIRED APMI MEMBER REGISTRATION

Retired APMI members may register at a special discounted rate. This rate is open only to members of APMI International who are classified and paying retired member dues. Contact MPIF for details.

## MEAL TICKET SALES

Additional tickets for conference luncheons on Monday and Tuesday, and for the Sunday Opening Night Event and Monday's dinner and show will be available for purchase only to: accompanying spouses/guests of full-conference registrants, exhibitor personnel, students, and PMPA Spring Business Meeting registrants. Individual meal ticket sales are intended as add-ons to existing conference registrations. Individuals who are not full-conference registrants will not be able to purchase meal tickets.

## NON-MEMBERS OF APMI

Attendees who are not members of APMI International may join when registering and take advantage of reduced conference rates as well as receive membership benefits, including the *International Journal of Powder Metallurgy*, the *Who's Who in PM* Membership Directory, and other benefits and services. Annual dues are \$105 U.S., Canada, and Mexico, and \$125 overseas. Employees of MPIF-member companies who are not individual members of APMI may use this opportunity to join.

## ADMISSION TO EXHIBIT ONLY

Exhibit admission may be purchased on a daily basis. Individuals planning to attend the exhibit only are not eligible to purchase meals or other conference events. Those exhibit attendees requiring hotel accommodations should make their reservations in advance using the online conference registration option or by faxing the registration form to MPIF.

## AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR CHILDREN

Delegates with children should note that, unless otherwise specified, children under the age of 17 will not be permitted in general conference events and meal functions. Children over 8 years of age may participate in the Sunday Opening Night Event and the Monday dinner and show (tickets required).

## CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations for registration will only be accepted by mail or fax. If you cancel by telephone, you must still confirm by mail or fax at the time of cancellation in order to receive a refund. A 10% cancellation fee will be deducted from refunds on all cancellations received through June 19 (does not apply to the APMI golf tournament). No refunds will be given after this date. Individuals who fail to cancel in writing by June 19 and do not attend the conference will be subject to the full fee. **Golf cancellation policy:** contact MPIF should you need to cancel playing in the tournament. After May 29, 2009, there are no refunds and you will be charged the full fees.

## REQUEST FOR FOREIGN VISAS

**Some travelers entering the U.S. must obtain a visa and should apply for a visa as early as possible due to U.S. government increased security and entry requirements.** Special letters of invitation which can be used in applying for entrance visas will be provided to participants upon written request to the conference organizers. Please contact Bonnie Kessler at MPIF ([bkessler@mpif.org](mailto:bkessler@mpif.org)) to request this letter. As soon as you know you will be traveling to the U.S., request your letter of invitation and make your appointment for a visa interview.

## CD-ROM PRE-PRINTS

Pre-prints of all advance submitted technical manuscripts will be made available to full-conference registrants in CD-ROM format at the conference. The CD-ROM will contain preliminary drafts of technical manuscripts received by the June 2 deadline.

## PROCEEDINGS CD-ROM

*Advances in Powder Metallurgy & Particulate Materials—2009*, proceedings of the technical sessions, poster program, and special interest programs (where applicable), will be published in CD-ROM format following the conference and are included with all full-conference registrations. Other registrants may purchase additional copies at the special pre-publication price of \$625, which represents a 33% discount. The full price after the conference is \$925. In addition, limited quantities of printed sets of proceedings will be available for purchase at the conference at a pre-publication price of \$675 (\$1,000 after the conference).

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Room reservations at the Mirage Hotel must be processed through MPIF using the printed conference registration form or through online registration. The hotel will not accept reservations directly. Room reservations will be acknowledged by e-mail. Reservation requests received after May 15 are subject to availability. Contact MPIF for information on suites.

### Special Conference Rates. Reserve early to guarantee these special rates. (Higher rates apply after May 15):

Single (one person) or Double (two persons):  
\$95.00 + tax

Hotel reservation changes or cancellations: You can log in and access your reservation and make the appropriate changes up until June 24, 2009. Thereafter contact the hotel directly.

**Hotel Deposit & Cancellation Policy:** Credit card information must be provided in order to process your reservation. Your card will be charged the first night's room and tax on or after June 5 as a deposit. This deposit is refundable for cancellations received at least 48 hours (2 days) prior to your confirmed arrival date.

**Check-In Time:** 3:00 p.m. (15:00)

**Check-Out Time:** Noon (12:00)

**Taxes:** Current occupancy tax is 9%.

**Parking:** Self and valet parking are complimentary at the Mirage.

## SUGGESTED DRESS

Business or business casual attire is appropriate for all conference events. Sunday's Opening Night Event and Monday evening's dinner and show are casual attire.

## AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

McCarran International Airport is approximately 4 miles from the hotel. The taxi cost is approximately \$20 one way. Taxicabs are available at baggage claim, outside door exits 1–4. *Please note:* Most taxis will not accept credit card payments. The maximum number of passengers allowed in any taxi is five. A variety of shuttle/limousine services are available at McCarran, and are located outside door exits 7–13. Please note that there are both group shuttle and "for-hire" stretch limousine services. For a list of participating shuttle companies and rates go to: [www.mccarran.com/03\\_shuttles\\_01.asp](http://www.mccarran.com/03_shuttles_01.asp)

## DISCOUNT CAR RENTAL

Hertz has been appointed the official car rental company for the conference. Special discounted rates with unlimited mileage have been negotiated and are available from the week prior to through the week after the conference. Advance reservations are recommended. Reservations can be made online at [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com) or call 1-800-654-2240 and identify yourself with the conference and meeting #CV 01CB0019.