

THE 28TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL  
**SOLID FREEFORM  
FABRICATION** SYMPOSIUM  
– AN ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING CONFERENCE – 2017

**August 7-9, 2017 ♦ Austin, Texas USA**

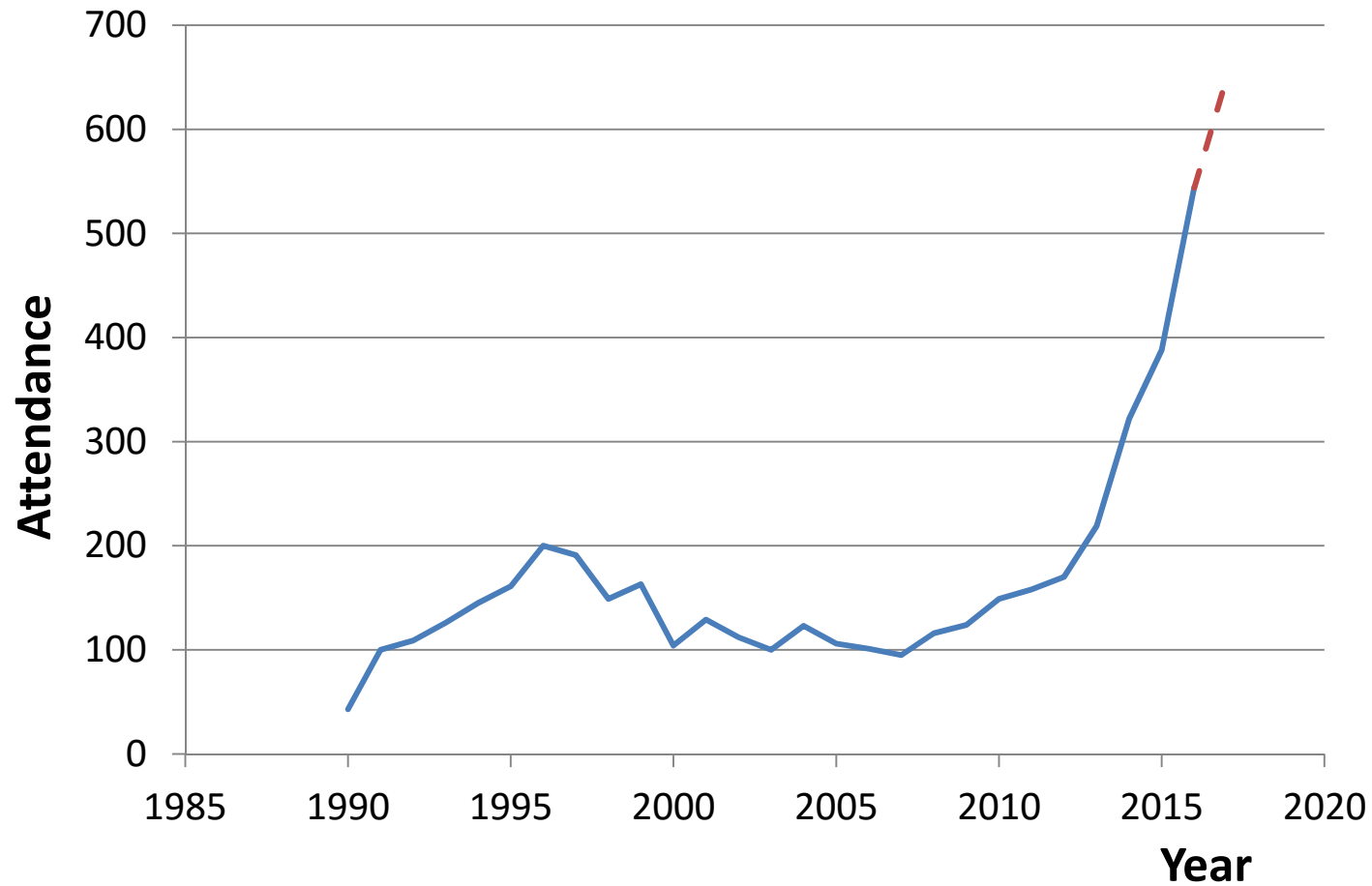
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# Meeting Report/Statistics

- Three Full Days
  - 1 Plenary Session
  - 5 Parallel Sessions (10 Tracks Each)
- Presentations (493 total)
  - 443 Oral Presentations
  - 50 Poster Presentations
- 595 Attendees (Sunday 8/6/17))
- 21 Countries

# SFF Symposium Meeting Growth



# Special Organized Sessions

- **AM for Defense** (Monday PM), organized by Jennifer Wolk, Office of Naval Research
- **Hybrid Processes** (Tuesday AM/PM), organized by Michael Sealy, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

## Wireless Internet Access in the Hilton Austin hotel

Complimentary wireless internet is available for attendees in the Hilton Austin meeting spaces.

To access, open the wireless menu on your device and choose the network “SFF2017” and enter the password “SFF2017”.

# General Announcements

- There will be a table for posting information: upcoming conferences, positions available or wanted, etc. Please feel free to place items there.
- Monday Night Award Reception and Banquet [Dress is casual]
- Tuesday Lunch in Salon J-K. Nothing planned for Tuesday night.
- Questions about anything? See Organizing Committee or Registration Desk

## Poster Session – Tuesday Afternoon

- Salon J-K
- Poster stands will be available Tuesday morning
- Attachment media (binder clips) will be provided
- Suggested post times: anytime after about 10 AM
- Posters **MUST** be removed at the end of the session (Tuesday 5:00 PM) or they will be discarded

## Plant Visits – Tuesday and Wednesday

- **Tuesday Afternoon, TyRex Group (~2 hr)\***  
Bus from Hilton depart every 15 minutes from 3-5:30 PM,  
\$35 restaurant gift card
- **Tuesday Evening Dinner, 6-8 PM, 3DSIM**  
Professionals directly involved with metal powderbed fusion technology, including machine manufacturers, owners and operators, part designers, researchers and those working with workflow software.  
Request tickets at [info@3dsim.com](mailto:info@3dsim.com); limited seating  
Uncle Julio's Mexican Restaurant (San Jacinto and E. 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- **Wednesday Lunch, EOS North America\***  
Bus from Hilton at 11 AM, lunch and tour, Bus back to Hilton by 2:30 PM  
60 person (max)

\*Details are in the Conference Program



## Best Papers

- There will be a dedicated a special issue of the *Virtual and Physical Prototyping Journal* for the best 7 papers from the meeting (4000 word limit).
- The TMS materials journal *JOM* will devote part of a special issue to 15 best papers with a materials theme (4000 word limit).
- The quality of the submitted manuscripts will be the primary judging criterion. Selection will be made by the Local Organizing Committee.

# Manuscripts for the Proceedings

## Non-Reviewed

Upload to the conference website no later than August 31

## Reviewed Manuscripts

Upload final versions to the conference website no later than August 31

Mandatory Revision: please respond in comment box when uploading final manuscript to conference website

Reviewers: If your reviews are not received by 7 August, the status of your manuscript will be changed from “reviewed” to “non-reviewed” status

The Conference Proceedings Thumb Drive will mail out to all attendees no later than mid-November

Proceedings articles will be posted and downloadable for the general public at the conference website - <http://sffsymposium.engr.utexas.edu/archive>

# Communication During the Conference

If an unanticipated event occurs that necessitates communication with the all conference attendees during the meeting, one or both of the following will take place:

- Session chairs will receive the announcement, or a runner will interrupt the session between talks
- A message will posted on the conference website homepage:  
<http://sffsymposium.engr.utexas.edu/>

## Conference Organizing Committee

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