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Registrations and Payment are now due

In order to plan for the conference we welcome your registration as soon as possible. While late registrations will be accepted, delegate registrations received too long after 5th April *may* be subject to a late fee.



REMINDER Special Accommodation Offer

To promote the participation of students and minimise costs to Academy members, the *Netherlands Defense College* has a number of one person 'hotel style' rooms available (on a first come, first served basis). People who can apply for the free rooms are (in order of priority):

- Student participants
- Participants from academies in developing countries
- Other participants

Should you wish to nominate for one of the remaining rooms please contact:

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As at the end of March 20 rooms were still available. If you want to use one of them please let LtCol Punt know by phoning 0031 76 527 3532 directly and outlining your case. You are reminded that you shouldn't delay too long in making your reservation, because a big tourist event (the *keukenhof*) taking place around the same time. The hotels will be fully booked by the middle of April.

DACeL 2010 Social Program

As well as Wednesday's Welcome Reception the Conference Dinner will be held on Thursday evening. For this *city-dinner-walk* a guide will walk us through the historic city of Delft (where Willem of Orange was killed and the royal burial ground can be found) in phases, and in between we will have dinner in different restaurants. Comfy shoes and a waterproof jacket are recommended. For information on Delft go to:

<http://www.keukenhof.nl/>



Cash

In Holland the currency is the Euro. ATMs are widely available throughout the Netherlands including the airports. As ATMs are not available at the Netherlands Defense College, you will need find one outside the College.

REGISTER THE CONFERENCE AT: www.dacel.com.au



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Participants from at least thirteen countries have confirmed their attendance at this year's conference making it a truly international affair. To date, participants are coming from *Netherlands, Republic of South Africa, United Kingdom, Australia, Romania, Estonia, USA, Greece, Poland, Belgium, the Sultanate of Oman, Spain and Saudi Arabia.* A current draft of the program is available on the web site at: <http://www.dacel.com.au/page3.htm> The site is being updated regularly.

Copies of the 2009 Conference Proceedings will be made available free of charge to delegates at the 2010 conference in the Netherlands. In addition, a selection of papers is being edited for a special edition of the journal; *Campus Wide Information Systems* to be published during the latter half of 2010.

Weather

The Dutch weather in April is quite unpredictable. Chances are that it will be 20+ degrees Celsius, but it can also be 10 degrees Celsius, or even below zero during the nights. Springtime in Holland means quite wet weather. Given that on Thursday the *citywalk* will take place (45 and 30 minutes) at least a light waterproof jacket and walking shoes are recommended.

DACeL Research and Development Network

The DACeL Conference presents a great opportunity to collaborate on educational research projects in a PME environment. An example might be a project focusing on *Student engagement in learning and assessment in [Joint] Professional Military Education.* A full session will be set aside at the conference to discuss the possibilities of international collaboration.

Accommodation

By now you should have booked your accommodation. If not, please do so as soon as possible. The WestCord Hotel Delft (delft@westcordhotels.nl) which is replacing the *Tulip Hotel* is ideally located on the A13 between Rotterdam and The Hague, and yet just moments away from the historical city centre of Delft. Delft is the city of the Dutch painter Vermeer, the world famous Delftware, canals and the beautiful historical city centre.



Identification

In Holland every person within the country is obliged to have identification documents with them. This means that you need to have your passport or drivers license on you when you are outside the conference precinct. To get access to the site of the Defense College you also have to be able to identify yourself, so please make sure that the name, under which you registered as a conference participant, is the same as in your passport.

Registration

Registration will take place at Wednesday morning at 08.00 hours. Please don't be late, because conference starts at 08.30 hours. For those staying at the Defense College, pre-registration will take place upon arrival when receiving keys.

ICE

The Defense College does not have its own medical services. In Case of Emergency, civil medical services will be used, so travel insurance is necessary. Please make sure you have information about who to inform In Case of Emergency available.