



‘Sport Surfaces – Current Knowledge and Future Needs’

**SportSURF Launch Seminar, Thursday 17th November, 2005
Sir Denis Rooke Building, Holywell Science Park, Loughborough University**

This one day seminar will launch the new SportSURF Network. The seminar will include presentations from leading lights on current knowledge and future needs and also aims to establish this forum as a credible voice for both researchers and practitioners in this important growth area. Presentations will include the topics of user/surface requirements, player-surface interactions, medical aspects, materials and systems behaviour, measurement of in-play characteristics, and construction related aspects.

The network aims to stimulate an integrated multidisciplinary response to address the problems associated with the interactions of sport players and the sport surfaces, for community and elite level across the full range of sports. The network will bring together for the first time 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.

The specific objectives of the network are:

- to create a new interdisciplinary sports surfaces community
- to host stimulating meetings/workshops open to all interested parties/stakeholders including a new conference dedicated to this subject area
- to transfer ideas, techniques, models and technology between researchers and practitioners
- to produce multidisciplinary research proposals
- to disseminate the network outcomes widely via the web, publications etc

Who should attend? Academics, Researchers, Technologists, Consultants, Contractors, Manufacturers, Suppliers, Sport Governing Bodies, Policy Makers, Trade Organisations and Funders, and all those who both need to understand what is happening in this important field and would like to have an input into the activities of this new network initiative.

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PROGRAMME



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Draft Agenda

9.15 coffee and registration

9.45am Introduction and Welcome

10.15am Key Topic Presentations

Dr Paul Fleming

Mr Colin Young

Dr Iain James

Dr Sharon Dixon

Dr Matt Carre

Dr Colin Walker

Mr Mike Abbott

Surface/User Requirements

Player-Surface Interactions

Surface Assessment/Behaviour

Industry perspective/construction

1-1.45 Buffet Lunch

(incl. poster exhibition)

1.45 – 2.15pm Key Topic Presentation

Professor Mark Batt

Professor Colin Fuller

Medical/Injury issues

2.15 – 3.15pm

Discussion Forum

Prioritisation of Network Activities

3.15 Coffee Break

3.45 Feedback Session

4.15pm Closing Remarks

4.30pm End

Please note: An exhibition area is available for the display of *research* posters, but you must contact c.young@sportsurf.org to reserve space.

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Travel Directions and Accommodation

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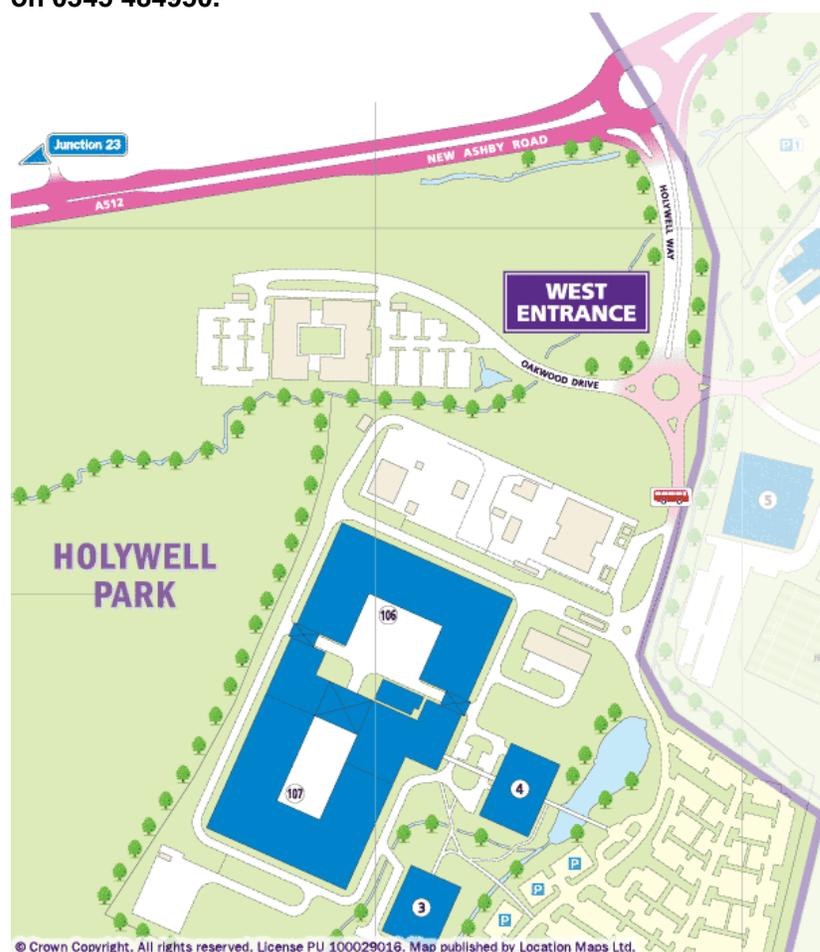
From the North/South/West use junction 21 of the M1, head toward Loughborough on the A512 and turn right after 1 mile at the roundabout toward Holywell Science Park, visitor parking is on the left after the security barrier.

From the East travel around Loughborough on the ringroad, following to signs for the M1, and go past the University Campus (on your left) and turn left at the roundabout toward Holywell Science Park, visitor parking is on the left after the security barrier

By Rail

Regular Intercity services operate between Loughborough and other main line towns - including over 40 trains daily to and from London St Pancras 90 minutes away.

Once at Loughborough's railway station you are just ten minutes away from the campus. From here there is a regular bus service which operates every ten minutes during term time. Taxis are normally available from the station and the journey should cost around £5 - £6. For information on train times and ticket prices phone Railtrack on 0345 484950.



Building No. 4 is the Sir Denis Rooke venue building.

Accommodation

Bed and breakfast is available at the Quality Hotel (01509 211800) or (on campus) Burleigh Court Conference Centre (01509 211515). Please arrange directly with the hotel. (4/4)