

Preface

The CIRP Design 2010 Conference has been very productive on the scientific point of view, despite “the cloud” from the volcano in Island, and all the negative consequences on attendance.

But fortunately, electronic communications allow the speakers who had transportation difficulties to present their contributions through videoconferencing system.

The CIRP Design Conference is an official conference from the CIRP (International Academy for Production Engineering), this was the 20th issue of this event.

This book has been built from the different papers presented during the keynote sessions and the parallel sessions.

The different sessions of the CIRP Design 2010 Conference were constituted with papers that relate to the actual topics concerning design and mainly on the Global Product Development point of view. This proceedings book gives a very relevant and representative view of the actual trends in Design. Its organisation is based on the different topics that have been addressed during the conference.

As the Global Product Development topic is very important for academic structures, industrial companies and more generally, the civil society, it is important to underline the fact that many sponsors have decided to support this event. We kindly thank all of them for their support.

We also thank the honorary President, Prof. Michel Véron, former President of the CIRP, all the scientific committee members for their active and very important contribution to the scientific quality of this event, and the organisation committee for the hard work during the preparation and the execution of this event... mostly because of “the cloud”...



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