The FAST Conference takes place every two years, the first was held in Trondheim, Norway in 1991. Since then:

- Operators of passenger high speed ships became more concerned about comfort, regularity and reliability.
- Safety has again been focused on because of several accidents both within operation of high speed craft and ferries.

However, there are several indications and trends showing that within the different fields of sea transportation and operations at sea there will be a lot of new concepts developed, like:

- Fast small craft, patrol, rescue, landing and terrorist protection.
- Larger and faster Ro-Ro and container ships.
- Fast mega yachts, up to 90-100 kts.

The aim of the FAST Conferences is to increase the performance, the economy and the safety of fast ships through the exchange of knowledge and the promotion of discussions on relevant topics in these fields. It will provide an opportunity to present research results and experiences and to consider practical applications. The associated exhibition will also provide a showcase for all aspects of high-speed vessels, from design to construction and services to this sector of the marine industry.
Technical papers are invited containing new and original ideas, innovative applications and practical achievements in the fields of fast ships and fast sea transportation. As Conference themes the following will be important:

Performance, Resistance and Propulsion.
Wave Loads, Structures and Materials.
Operability, Seakeeping and Manoeuvring.
New Concepts, High Speed up to 100 kts.
Hull Monitoring, Motion and Ride Control Systems.
Safety and Training.
Survivability after Damage.
Design for Minimum Environmental Effect (Noise, Emissions, Wake, Fuel Consumption, etc.)
Ship Economy and Law.
Integration of Fast Vessels with Transportation Infrastructure to Maximize throughput of Passengers and Vehicles.

The FAST 2003 Conference should include contributions from these fields. The Conference will give priority to papers presenting new R&D work and documented experience from the industrial operators. People interested in the FAST 2003 Conference are kindly requested to send the registration form to the Conference Secretariat.

ABSTRACTS
Abstracts should be 300-500 words in length and must clearly indicate the contents of the paper. The abstracts ought to include author and co-authors full names, addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail addresses.

REVIEW
Manuscripts will be reviewed by international experts.

LANGUAGE
The conference language will be English. All abstracts and full length papers must be submitted in English.

KEY DATES
Receipt of abstracts 1st November 2002
Notification of provisional acceptance 1st February 2003
Receipt of full length paper 1st May 2003
Notification of final acceptance 1st June 2003
Early registration 1st June 2003
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The Conference fee includes the printed proceedings, attendance at all technical sessions, lunches and refreshments, welcome reception, conference banquet.

The Conference fee for accompanying Persons will cover the social program, welcome reception and conference banquet.

VENUE
The Conference will be held in Ischia, the largest island in the bay of Naples, known as the "Verdant isle" due to the typical lush vegetation that covers it entirely throughout the year.

It is full of thermal radioactive springs that for centuries have provided health and physical beauty in setting that is still ecologically intact.

Daily excursions to Naples, Capri, Pompei, Sorrento, Amalfi and Positano can be organized.

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