

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q:** What is INCOSE?

**A:** INCOSE is the International Council on Systems Engineering, a not-for-profit membership organization founded in 1990. INCOSE's mission is to "foster the definition, understanding, and practice of World Class Systems Engineering in industry, academia, and Government."

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**Q:** Who makes up INCOSE?

**A:** INCOSE is truly international with members in 32 countries including Germany, France, Great Britain, and Israel. Thirty-one percent of the membership is non-US based. Our international membership includes over 1,900 companies and organizations.

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**Q:** Who attends the symposium?

**A:** Attendees come from many countries with strong representation from Australia, North America, Asia, and Europe. Attendees include a high proportion of senior professionals from the defense industry, commercial industry, public infrastructure, academia, and the Government.

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**Q:** How can I obtain extra sets of symposium handouts for teammates who couldn't make it to the symposium?

**A:** Additional sets of symposium material can be obtained at the symposium registration desk. However, we ask you to make arrangements in advance for the additional material so we can plan accordingly. Please contact PCMI [e-mail link], the Symposium Manager.

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**Q:** I understand there will be cool shirts available with the INCOSE 2003 logo. Where can I get one?

**A:** You can purchase a white polo shirt for \$20 at the International Workshop 2003, order a shirt on the registration form, or take a chance that there will still be extras available at the symposium. You can also contact Dawn Jaeger [e-mail link] to have one set aside for you.

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**Q:** What is there for families to do in Washington, DC?

**A:** Washington, DC offers a wealth of fascinating places to explore including outstanding museums, galleries and historical sites. If you are staying over the Fourth of July, there will be music, fireworks and activities throughout the day. For details about activities in the Washington, DC area, visit their web site: <http://www.washington.org/>.