ESAFORM is a European association aiming at stimulating the applied and fundamental research in the field of material forming. Its main objectives are as follows:

- spreading the scientific and technological information in the academic and industrial communities
- establishing links between industrial and public research laboratories
- promotion of teaching of material forming sciences in European universities
- stimulation of common projects or networks in the area of material forming
- cooperation between national, European and international organizations
- encouraging interdisciplinary research in the field of material forming.

ESAFORM publishes an official journal and organizes many scientific activities, the most important being the annual conference on Material Forming.

ESAFORM has launched annual prizes to distinguish the researchers, both from the academia and industry, who have brought an outstanding contribution in the field of materials forming.
CONFERENCE SCOPE
The ninth annual ESAFORM conference covers the multitude of disciplines related to material forming. The materials concerned include metals, polymers, ceramics and their composites. Other materials, for example, biomaterials are also of interest. All traditional and new forming processes are relevant. It is expected that a variety of techniques including theoretical analyses, experimental testing and numerical simulations will be used. A good mixture of fundamental approaches and applied science would be particularly welcomed. Traditionally, this conference is organised around a series of mini-symposia.

MINI-SYMPOSIA
1. Inverse analysis, optimisation and stochastic approaches in material forming
2. New and advanced numerical strategies in forming process simulation
3. Multiscale approach in material forming processes (micro-macro modelling)
4. Sheet metal forming technologies and modelling
5. Anisotropy and formability of materials
6. Hydroforming of sheet metals and tubes
7. Springback in sheet metal forming
8. Forging technologies and modelling
9. Extrusion and drawing technologies and modelling
10. Heat transfer modelling in material forming processes
11. Nanostructuring metals by severe plastic deformation
12. Micro forming technologies
13. Rapid prototyping and rapid tooling
14. Machining and cutting technologies and modelling
15. Structure and properties of polymers
16. Polymer processing and modelling
17. Composite forming technologies and modelling
18. Forming of biomaterials and large deformation in biomechanics
19. Semi-solid processing
20. General and special topics in material forming

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The abstracts should be emailed to a.rosochowski@strath.ac.uk, who will forward them to the co-ordinators of the appropriate mini-symposia. The co-ordinators, together with the Conference Scientific Committee, will review the abstracts and all authors will be notified of the outcome by the conference organisers.

Final manuscripts (4 pages long) should be prepared in the camera-ready form following a template, which will be published on the conference website. Proceedings will be available at the conference. Extended versions of selected papers will be published in the *International Journal of Forming Processes*, the official journal of ESAFORM.

KEY DATES
- October 15th, 2005
  Submission of abstracts to conference secretary
- November 15th, 2005
  Notification of acceptance
- December 15th, 2005
  Paper submission directly to co-ordinators
- February 15th, 2006
  Final paper submission to conference secretary
- April 26th - 28th, 2006
  Conference, Glasgow, UK

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Before March 20th, 2006 £180
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