



## FAB8 News

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FAB8 is fast approaching! In just 30 days we will see many of you in Wellington, New Zealand!

- The conference website is here: <http://www.fab8nz.com/>. There you can register, book your hotel, find travel information, sign up for Fab Camp, and much more. **If you register this week, you can still benefit from the early bird special and save a few dollars.**
- The draft agenda for the meeting is here: <http://cba.mit.edu/events/12.08.FAB8/>
- The [Amora Hotel](#) has extended our discount and is guaranteeing rooms until August 15. After that date you will be able to get a discount, but only if there are rooms still available. The price is \$180NZ/night per room which is about \$135-140US depending on the exchange rate. Please go to the registration page on the FAB8 website to reserve a room. There are other hotel options as well, but this is where the majority of participants will be staying.
- Visas for those traveling from some countries may be complex. Be sure to check NOW for your visa information. To get letters of invitation contact our host Chris Jackson: [C.Jackson.massey.ac.nz](mailto:C.Jackson.massey.ac.nz). It can take up to three weeks to get a visa, and some of our travelers may have to stop in other countries for a day to obtain New Zealand visas: (<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/visitors/quickcheck.htm>) So get started right away!
- New Zealand is a bit of a trek for many of us, and there are fab labs that can't afford to send anyone to the meeting. **If any of you would like to contribute funds or frequent flyer points to bring our fellow fabbers to the meeting, please contact Lass or Chris.**

### FAB8 Assignments:

*Fab Lab Presentations:* The mornings will start with a topical presentation by someone in the network followed by fab lab presentations. We're requiring that all presentations

for fab labs be in Ignite format (<http://igniteshow.com/howto>). This means you prepare 15 slides, you have 15 seconds to present each slide, and then your time is up. The presentations can be about a special project you've done this year, something great happening at your fab lab, your mission, or even just about a day in the life of your fab lab. They can be funny, serious, informative, whatever you like. But they will be done in 3.75 minutes. The slides keep going, even if the presenter talks too long. So you'd better practice! If you are not going to be present, you can send us the presentation and participate by videoconference. We will be using the MCU to broadcast sessions during the week. Send Lass your presentation by Tuesday, August 21.

*Fab Research Pre-Papers:* The network is growing, and so is our collective research. In the interest of capturing and disseminating network research in academia, we are developing a peer-reviewed research paper conduit for future fab forums. To that end we are soliciting pre-papers this year for presentation during the workshops. If you are working on an academic paper related to the Fab Lab network, its research, programs or applied projects and would like to be included in this first pilot presentation, please send your paper to: [research@fabfolk.com](mailto:research@fabfolk.com) by August 5. Peter Troxler is steering the paper collection and review process.

*Fab Camp:* Over the weekend of August 25 & 26 there will be open-ended, self-curated workshops at FAB8. We've got a few sessions planned, but really this is your time to invest in what interests you. Massey's fab lab and workshops will be open for your fabbing pleasure. This is an opportunity to make things, to make progress on a collaborative project, to learn about something new, or to meet with a group that has been hard to nail down. Please visit the workshop wish list page in advance to get and give some ideas: <http://bit.ly/OGsRDP>.

*Fab Lab Exhibition:* On Monday evening following the academic symposium and Fab Academy graduation there will be an exhibition of work from the different fab labs around the world. Please bring with you items and innovations from your lab that you want to show and demonstrate to the community. Please also send us ([C.Jackson@massey.ac.nz](mailto:C.Jackson@massey.ac.nz) and [Sherry.Lassiter@FabFoundation.org](mailto:Sherry.Lassiter@FabFoundation.org)) in advance of the meeting your needs for exhibiting; that is, let us know if you need a power cord, Internet connection, extra space, etc.

*The Fab World Cup Competition:* This year the challenge is Fab Flight. Wellington is known for its wind, which has inspired the competition. As the weather is so unpredictable we will be flying indoors in triple height space, so please take note. We will give five awards: First, Second and Third places, Most Creative Interpretation and Most in the Fab Lab Spirit. There will be five judges and volunteers are welcome! Details will be posted on the FAB8 website. If you are not going to be present, you can send along your entry with a fab friend as proxy. As long as your friend can operate it, it can compete.

*Travel advice:* The New Zealand currency is the dollar, which is not to be confused with the US dollar. US dollars have a favorable exchange rate for New Zealand dollars (at least this week). So with \$140US you can buy \$180NZ. Also please remember, it is

winter in Wellington so pack layers and warm clothes to be sure you're comfortable for the week.

**FAB8 Packing List:**

- motors
- propellers
- ATMega 328s
- multimeter
- sweaters
- warm socks
- demos for Fab Exhibition
- Ignite-format Fab Lab PowerPoint presentation (15 slides @15 seconds ea, then the hook)
- New Zealand Tourist Guide
- And your wonderful self
- etc... ;)

**Can't wait to see you all in Wellington! REGISTER NOW!!!!**

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