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WELCOME TO ETAPS 2008

The European Joint Conferences on Theory and Practice of Software (ETAPS) is the primary European forum for academic and industrial researchers working on topics relating to Software Science. ETAPS, established in 1998, is a confederation of five main annual conferences, accompanied by satellite workshops and other events. Previous conferences were held in Lisbon, Amsterdam, Berlin, Genova, Grenoble, Warsaw, Barcelona, Edinburgh, Vienna and Braga.

ETAPS 2008 is the eleventh event in the series, organized by the John von Neumann Computer Society in collaboration with the Budapest University of Technology and Economics and the Eötvös Lóránd University.

Over 9 days, ETAPS will offer 7 invited talks by distinguished speakers, 5 main conferences, 21 workshops, 4 tutorials, and a significant number of invited talks specific to the satellite events.

We hope that besides the scientific experience, you will enjoy the special atmosphere of Budapest and the taste of Hungarian food and wine.

IMPORTANT CHANGE

We are sorry to inform you that due to the illness of the presenter, the tutorial „Learning Meets Verification” is cancelled. Please contact us if you have enrolled for this tutorial.

LOCATION

ETAPS 2008 will be hosted by Budapest, the capital of Hungary, which was founded in 1873 as the unification of the separate historic towns of Buda (the royal capital since the 15th century), Pest (the cultural centre) and Óbuda (built on the ancient Roman settlement of Aquincum). The city is bisected by the River Danube, which makes Budapest a natural geographical centre and a major international transport hub. Budapest has a rich and fascinating history, a vibrant cultural heritage, yet it managed to maintain its magic and charm. It has also been called the City of Spas with a dozen thermal bath complexes served by over a hundred natural thermal springs.

WHAT TO SEE

Budapest is a city of nearly 2.000.000 inhabitants. It is divided into two parts by the river Danube. There are nine bridges over the river which connects the two sides. The most beautiful ones are the Chain Bridge (Lánchíd), and the Elisabeth Bridge (Erzsébet híd).

One of the best places to walk around is the Castle District, which is also an UNESCO World Heritage Site. It can be reached by bus (Várbusz) from Moszkva Square (reachable from the venue by Trams 4 or 6), on foot or you can take the funicular uphill from Lánchíd. There is a breath-taking view of the city from the Fisherman's Bastion. Across from the Fisherman's Bastion is Matthias Church named after the Hungarian King Matthias. In the Castle District you can find the Royal Palace which is now the home of the Hungarian National Gallery, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the National Széchényi Library and the Budapest History Museum. In the National Gallery you can find paintings of the greatest Hungarian painters such as Mihály Munkácsy, Tivadar Csontváry Kosztka and József Rippl-Rónai.



Downtown is located on the Pest side. It is worth walking along Váci Street all the way from Vörösmarty Square to Fővám Square. On Vörösmarty Square you can find Gerbaud, one of the most famous confectioneries in Hungary. On Váci Street there are many shops and cafes. On Fővám Square you can find the city's largest market hall housed beneath a beautifully restored Zsolnay tiled roof. From Deák Square, one can walk on the Andrási Avenue, flanked by Eclectic Neorenaissance palaces and houses featuring fine facades, staircases and interiors.

TRIVIA

Hungarian is a Uralic language, more specifically an Ugric language, thus Hungary is giving one of the three non-Indo-European official languages of the EU. Finnic languages (Finnish, Estonian, Saami) are Uralic languages, as well, but the linguistic distance between the Ugric and Finnic languages is significant. However, Turkish, German and Slavic languages also had influence on Hungarian during the centuries.

PROGRAMME

		March 29th, Saturday									
Room		Toboz1	Margit	Room I	Magnolia	Room X	Béla	Room IV	Ybl	Toboz II	Room III
9:00	Session 1	Spec#	DCC	FORMED	GT-VMT	PDMC	QAPL	SafeCert	SC	WRLA	FESCA
9:30											
10:00											
10:30		Coffee									
11:00	Session 2	Spec#	DCC	FORMED	GT-VMT	PDMC	QAPL	SafeCert	SC	WRLA	FESCA
11:30											
12:00											
12:30	Lunch	Lunch (included)									
13:00											
13:30											
14:00	Session 3	Learning	DCC	FORMED	GT-VMT	PDMC	QAPL	SafeCert	SC	WRLA	IFIP TC1
14:30											
15:00											
15:30											
16:00		Coffee									
16:30	Session 4	Learning		FORMED	GT-VMT	PDMC	QAPL	SafeCert	SC	WRLA	IFIP TC1
17:00											
17:30											
18:00											
18:30											
19:00	Evening	IFIP Dinner / FORMED Dinner									
19:30		(Invitation basis)									

Wireless Internet connection is available through the day in the conference halls for free.

For a list of *recommended restaurants* and selected pub-locations, see the ETAPS homepage (Local information/Restaurants).

CULTURE

This is the last weekend of *Budapest Spring Festival*, the biggest cultural event in Hungary. *Budapest Fringe Festival* is parallel event for less-known underground artists. See btf.hu/english for details of these events. A featured performance on Saturday evening is the concert of *Les Musiciens du Louvre-Grenoble* at the Academy of Music at 19:30 playing French Baroque Music.



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If you wish something more jazzy, attend the performance of World EklekTrip at Koleves Restaurant (www.koleves.com).

The Museum of Fine arts offer temporary exhibitions about the Art&Life in Renaissance Florence, some drawings of French Masters and a collection of Concept Art works from the 60's and 70's (www.szepmuveszeti.hu/).

An open-air photo exhibition of the cultural and ethnical communities of Transylvania can be seen at Szabadság square (www.100erdely.com).

WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday: Light Showers, 14°C (57 F)/ 3°C (37 F)

Sunday: Sunny, 15°C (59)/2°C (35F)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Tomorrow is the last Sunday in March. This means that

Summer Time starts on Sunday 2:00am. Clocks need to be adjusted one hour forward.



This means that you have one hour less for sleeping. Don't miss Sunday morning sessions... ☺

SCIENTIST OF THE DAY

(From wikipedia)

Dennis Gabor (Hungarian name: Gábor Dénes), Fellow of The Royal Society, (1900, Budapest – 1979, London) was a Hungarian physicist and inventor, most notable for inventing holography, for which he later received the Nobel Prize in Physics.



At the time Gabor developed holography, coherent light sources were not available, so the theory had to wait more than a decade until its first practical applications were realized. The invention in 1962 of the laser, the first coherent light source, was followed by the first hologram, in 1963, after which holography became commercially available.

QUIZ

The world's northernmost Turkish point (a minaret) is built in a *city* which will have a special *title* to hold in 2010. This city is also called the most Mediterranean Hungarian town. The first University of the country was also opened here in 1367.

One of the most famous Hungarian *painters* (a pioneer in geometric abstract art) was also born here.

What is the name and the title of the city? Who is the artist?

