Welcome to the first day of ETAPS 2012. ETAPS is the primary European forum for academic and industrial researchers working on topics relating to Software Science. Since its start in 1998, it has always comprised five annual conferences CC, ESOP, FASE, FoSSaCS and TACAS. This year adds POST, the Conference on Principles of Security and Trust. ETAPS 2012 has 21 satellite workshops.

WE ARE YOUR HOSTS

Estonia’s technical university

Established 1918, the Tallinn University of Technology is the second largest university in Estonia and the sole technical university, with some 14000 students and 2000 employees, whereof 1200 are teaching and research staff.

ETAPS 2012 is hosted by the Institute of Cybernetics, a research institution of the university conducting research in mechanics, control systems and computer science. The institute coordinates the Estonian national centre of excellence in computer science, EXCS.

The building where we are for the workshops belongs to the Tallinn School of Economics and Business Administration, one of the 8 faculties of the university.

LEARN ABOUT THIS PLACE

Tallinn, basic facts

Here are some first facts about Tallinn. We shall tell you more about our city and country over the week.

Tallinn is the capital and largest city of Estonia. It occupies an area of 159.2 km² with a population of about 410,000. It is situated on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland, 80 km south of Helsinki, 380 km east of Stockholm and 320 km west of Saint Petersburg.

Tallinn’s medieval Old Town is in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Tallinn was the European Capital of Culture for 2011, along with Turku in Finland.

Tallinn as a modern living city was listed among the world’s “Top Seven Intelligent Communities” for 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Today’s workshops

We start ETAPS 2012 with three workshops.

GT-VMT focuses on visual notations for complex systems. This year’s workshop has a special theme of constraints.

WRLA centers around rewriting logic, a semantic framework for concurrency, parallelism, communication, and interaction.

FICS is about fixed points, which are fundamental to computer science and logic by justifying induction and recursion.

Weather forecast

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We had a nice cold winter with loads of snow this year.
ONE HOUR LESS
Daylight saving time starting tomorrow
Please do not forget to adjust your clock

A stylish watch

Wikipedia has some information about the origins of daylight saving time:

Modern DST was first proposed by the New Zealand entomologist George Vernon Hudson, whose shift-work job gave him leisure time to collect insects, and led him to value after-hours daylight. [...] Many publications incorrectly credit DST’s proposal to the prominent English builder and outdoorsman William Willett, who independently conceived DST in 1905 during a pre-breakfast ride, when he observed with dismay how many Londoners slept through a large part of a summer’s day. An avid golfer, he also disliked cutting short his round at dusk.

So let’s shorten the night.

WORTH KNOWING
Arrangements here at the workshops venue
Please take notice

An example of a Nordic lunch

Lunches are served

- in the *cafeteria of the Library Building*, which is reachable from Building X via a passage on the *2nd floor*) and reserved for us,
- and on 25 March, 31 March and 1 April also in the *cafeteria of Building X*, together with students.

Please identify yourself with your badge. You can take/ask everything you want, all is included:
- water, milk/yoghurt, juice
- soup, sandwich, salad
- warm meal
- cake, pastry, other dessert
- coffee

Lunches are from 12:30 to 14:00. We will lock the workshop room at 12:30, when everyone leaves for lunch, and reopen at 13:30, that is, 30 minutes before the next session starts.

Bon appetit! Or as we say, *Head isu*!

If you need assistance, please talk to our people.