



**Tallinn University of Technology Main Building**

## The 15th ETAPS

ETAPS 2012 is the 15th installment of the conference series. The first ETAPS was held in Lisbon in 1998. Next were Amsterdam and Berlin. Then Genova, Grenoble, Warsaw, Barcelona, Edinburgh, Vienna followed. The 10th ETAPS in 2007 was in Braga. After further ETAPSEs in Budapest, York, Paphos, Saarbrücken, the conference series has come to Tallinn.

### LEARN ABOUT THIS PLACE

#### Tallinn's name

The name Tallinn (two ell's, two en's) is thought to have been derived from Taanilinn ("Danish city").

The first written mention of Tallinn dates back to 1154, when a town called Qalaven was described on the world map of the Almoravid by the Muslim cartographer al-Idrisi as "a small town like a large castle" among the towns of "Astlanda".

Kolyvan, known from East Slavic chronicles, is probably derived from the name of Kalev, Estonian mythical hero. Up to the 13th c. the Scandinavians and Henry of Livonia called Tallinn Lindanise (possibly after Kalev's wife). After the Danish conquest in 1219, the town became known as Reval (the ancient name of the surrounding county).

### FOREVER UNDER CONSTRUCTION

#### Lake Ülemiste

If you checked the map of Tallinn, you must have noticed that the city is squeezed between the Tallinn Bay and a lake—Lake Ülemiste. This lake is on the northern margin of a flat limestone plateau, while the city is below. According to a legend, on the darkest autumnal night each year a mysterious old man climbs out of the Ülemiste depths, knocks on the city gates and asks whether the construction of Tallinn has been completed. The little man has sworn that, should it one day be finished, he will release the lake's waters and drown out the whole city. The knowing guards therefore always answer, "No, good sir! There's still a great deal of construction taking place. Please be so good as to come again after a little while."

That's why Tallinn will never be completed. Though already eight centuries old, it's still a work in progress, forever growing and reinventing itself while never forgetting its unique heritage.

### Weather forecast

	Today 0    4 °C		Tomorrow 2    7 °C		Tuesday 5    11 °C
Less and less snow left. There may come spring eventually...					

### Today's new workshops

Today, five one-day workshops join.

**BX** explores bidirectional transformations, while maintaining the consistency of related sources of information.

**FIT** challenges compositionality of component interfaces.

**iWIGP** aims at the interrelation between interactions, games and protocols.

**MBT** is devoted to model-based testing of both software and hardware.

**VSSE** focuses on verification and testing of software change and upgrades.



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## THE PLACE AND THE STORY

## Maikrahv—The Count of May



Entrance of Maikrahv (remember the “M”)

Today is the day of the pre-conference workshops dinner. This social event will happen at **Restaurant Maikrahv** (Raekoja plats 8) in the very center of the

Old Town. *Raekoja plats* means Town Hall square. The restaurant is in a building on the northern side of the square, on the cellar floor. Since it has no windows, it is not as noticeable from the street as are the other restaurants around. Look for a door with an “M” letter over it.

The dinner begins at **20.00**. Please take the event ticket with you.

The “M” is not for MacDonalds, but for Maikrahv and is named after an annual festival in Tallinn held during the week of Pentecost. These festivals were held 13th-16th c. and first organized by the Merchant Guild and then the Blackheads. The festival lasted a whole week. During this festival a tournament was held for young men to compete in riding and shooting. The overall winner was granted the title of “Count of May”, crowned with a birch wreath, had the honor of choosing a “Countess of May” from among eight lovely maidens in a rose garden in front of the Great Coast Gate (Suur Rannavärav) and was entitled to grant liberty to a prisoner. There were processions, feasts, balls. . . The title was given for one year.

Nowadays, the tradition of choosing the Count and Countess of May is revived each year during the Old Town Days. ■

## WORTH KNOWING

## Arrangements here at the workshops venue

The arrangements are similar to yesterday’s. Please use the (wo)manned cloakroom on the 1st floor.

Coffee is served in the foyer of the 4th floor, which is also where the registration desk is.

Lunch will be given at two cafeterias:

- in the *cafeteria of the Library Building*, which is reachable from Building X via a passage on the 2nd floor) and reserved for solely us,
- in the much bigger *cafeteria of Building X* (ground floor), together with students.

For a more even distribution of load between the cafeterias (the menu is the same) we suggest that participants of GT-VMT, MSFP and WRLA eat in the Library cafeteria and others in the Building X cafeteria.

Please identify yourself with your badge.

You can take/ask everything you want (sandwich, salad, soup, main course, dessert, water/milk/juice, coffee).

We will lock the workshop rooms between 12:30 and 13:30. ■

## A LOOK AHEAD

## Start of ETAPS 2012 main conferences tomorrow

Tomorrow we will continue in the city at Swissôtel. The conference center is on the 6th floor. The opening of the main conferences is at 9:00. Don’t come at the very last minute. Please leave your coat in the cloakroom. The opening will be in Ballroom 1-3.

In the evening there will be the ETAPS 2012 welcome

reception at the House of the Brotherhood of the Blackheads, a truly remarkable building in the Old Town. This event is included for all participants of the main conference. Workshop-only participants need a separately paid ticket to attend. ■