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The start of the combined LCWS and ILC conference is only three week away – time for some more detailed information on the conference, on the program and other important and not so important issues.

WEB The Web site of the conference – <http://lcws07.desy.de> – is constantly updated and always reflects the latest state of the planning. You are encouraged to go there frequently and check for news, updates of the program or other interesting items.

Fees Registration for the conference has now entered its final phase. If you have not yet registered, you have missed the early registration fee, and will have to pay the increased fee of 350 EUR. Please note that we have to charge a surcharge if you pay your fee on arrival only – so make sure you have submitted payment before, either by credit card or by bank transfer.

Hotels Hotels in the surroundings of DESY are filling up rapidly. There are still beds available though if you are willing to travel a bit further. With the rather well developed public transportation network in Hamburg this is not really a problem. However you should act rapidly, as many hotels which offer special rates to LCWS participants will do so only for a few more days.

Transportation As part of your conference registration pack you will receive a pass for the public transport system in Hamburg, which will give you free and unlimited travel for all days of the conference. If for some reason you do not need this, or need more than one pass, please let us know at the latest on the day of registration, May 29, 2007. The transportation pass will be valid from May 30 to June 3.

By train If you arrive in Hamburg by train please take the S-Bahn (the light rail system in Hamburg) in the direction Blankenese/ Wedel (S1/ S11) and get off at the station Othmarschen.

By plane If you arrive by plane, you have different options.

By Taxi The most comfortable means to get to DESY of course is a taxi. There are plenty of taxis waiting at the front of the terminal. Just take one (Taxis in Germany have a light sand color, and carry a yellow sign “taxi” on the roof) and tell the driver to go to DESY (in Bahrenfeld, Notkestrasse 85 – but most taxi drivers will know DESY). A single fare should be – depending on traffic – around 40 EUR, travel time is

approximately 30min.

Public transport The cheapest method is to use the public transport system. Take bus number 110 which leaves in front of the terminal, and which will take you to the nearest S-Bahn station. From there take the S-Bahn S1/ S11 direction Blankenese/ Wedel and get off at the station Othmarschen. You can buy a ticket from the bus driver, or at the automatic ticket vending machine at the bus stop.

Airport Express Alternatively you can take the "Airport Express" bus to the main station in Hamburg (Hauptbahnhof). This bus, which is operated by the company Jaspers, leaves in front of the terminal as well. It is a bit more expensive, but a little bit faster than the S-Bahn. Tickets for the bus are also valid on the S-Bahn. From Hauptbahnhof you need to take the S-Bahn S1/ S11 direction Blankenese, Wedel.

Once you are in Othmarschen, walk to the exit against the direction of the train coming in (the eastern end of the platform) and exit the station. A few meters on your right is the central bus station.

Bus shuttle During the conference days, starting in the morning of May 30, a bus shuttle service will operate from Othmarschen station to DESY. In the evening a bus shuttle will ferry you back to Othmarschen, from where you are asked to find your own way back to your hotel. On the conference WEB page you will find detailed information for the "conference hotels" on how to reach them with public transportation.

At other times the bus number 1 takes you directly to the main gate of DESY (travel time approximately 10 min)

Climate The weather in Hamburg in early June is usually mild – average maximum temperatures are around 18 degrees C, and, as usual, there is a chances of some light rain. However the weather is really quite unpredictable, and there have been days on record with 30 degree C as well as those with temperatures close to freezing – so come prepared for it.

Location The conference takes place on the DESY campus. The main sessions are taking place at a tent specially erected for the conference, and at the main auditorium. Both are located centrally on the Campus, very close to each other. The parallel sessions will spread out over the complete campus, and even use some on-campus University buildings as well. So come prepared for some nice walks on the campus as you go from one session to the next. Of course we will provide you with maps and informational material to find your way around. In addition there will be volunteers on duty at all times which you may recognize by their very blue T-shirts. They are there to help you find your way around, and will solve (nearly) all problems you might have.

- Food & others** Registration to the conference includes coffee breaks, lunches, the reception on the first day, and dinner on Friday night. We also invite all participants to a concert on Saturday evening. The concert will take place at one of the most beautiful churches in Hamburg, St Michaelis (known as “the Michel”), and features organ music from the baroque to the present. Since the Michel is located very centrally in the city, this is a nice occasion to explore the night-life of Hamburg after the end of the concert, which will be around 9:00 pm, or to visit one of the many restaurants in the center of Hamburg.
- Registration** Registration will be available from mid-day June 29 onwards, and remain open throughout the conference. The registration desk is also your main point where you can get help at any time. The main registration desk will be located in the foyer of the main auditorium at DESY. The secretariat is accessible through the central phone number +49 40 8998 2800 (you only dial 2800 from any DESY phone). Emergency calls (hopefully not needed) in case of major accidents, fires etc should be made to the DESY emergency number 2500 from any DESY phone.
- Emergencies**
- Computing** During the conference wireless access will be available throughout the Campus to conference participants. You will find instructions on how to connect in your registration pack. There will be a limited number of internet computers setup centrally for use by participants. Seminar rooms are all equipped with beamers, overhead projectors, and computers. Local help will be available for each session, to help the conveners to setup the talks, to collect the talks, and to sort out any technical problems which might occur. Talks will be made available on the conference WEB pages using the indico system.
- Social Events** We offer a small program for accompanying persons during the days of the conference. At the moment we have planned – pending enough participants – a city tour, a tour of the harbor, an excursion to the old city of Lübeck, and a visit to the Zoo of Hagenbeck. Please let us know at the time of registration whether you are interested to take part in one of these excursions. There might be a small fee – please watch the WEB page for more details.

We are looking forward to welcoming all of you in Hamburg. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us either per e-mail under lcws07@desy.de, or call us under +49 40 8998 2800.