# Bid for ICDAR 2015 TUNIS TUNISIA

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## Bid for ICDAR 2015

**Institution:** REsearch Group on Intelligent Machines (REGIM)

City: Tunis -TUNISIA

Date: September, 27-30, 2015

#### 1. Venue

The venue for the ICDAR'2015 Conference will be in Tunis, Tunisia during 27-30 September 2015. In turn suburbs of powerful Carthage Romain counter, capital of the Hafside Empire, then of regency Ottoman, Tunis, capital of modern Tunisia, are the incarnation of its thousand-year-old history three times. Old city Médina with the ruins of the antique Carthage, Tunis extends at the edges from the Mediterranean and offers to the tourists filled with wonder the charm alluring at its balneal suburbs Sidi Bou Saïd and Gammarth. The Bardo Museum contains priceless treasures of which the most significant collection of mosaics in the world. The Tunisian Jasmin revolution, is internationally recognized to be a unique peaceful revolution. Tunisia is now a democratic modern country in which liberty, peace and safety are assured.

Most significant of the cities of Tunisia offers to its visitors the quiet charm of its balneal suburbs of Goulette with Gammarth while passing by Sidi Bousaid and Marsa, the antique coast which had been majestic Carthage is a succession of beaches, sometimes of fine sand, sometimes rock. The restaurants, the coffees, the night clubs and the beautiful districts of the Northern suburbs, make that this coast is appreciated so much









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#### Travel:

• Tunisia's main international airport for scheduled flights is **Tunis-Carthage**International Airport (TUN) near Tunis. From the airport, you can catch a taxi to the center of Tunis (beware, meters may be rigged). They are best hailed from the 2nd floor departure hall to avoid getting swindled, should cost no more than 5 TND to downtown Tunis (Avenue Habib Bourguiba area) during the daytime, and no more than 10 TND between 9pm-5am (during which meter rates are double daytime rates).

• Alternatively, take bus # 635 or # 35 to Ave Habib Bourguiba for 0,5 TND. The bus comes roughly every half-hour and stops in front of the terminal.

#### Visa:

- Nationals of Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bermuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Denmark, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Gibraltar, Gilbert Islands, Greece, Guinea, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kiribati, South Korea, Kuwait, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Monaco, Montenegro, Montserrat, Morocco, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saint Helena, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States and Vatican City do not require a visa to enter and stay for up to 3 months.
- A landing visa (on arrival) is available for Australians.
- For New Zealand, other African and Asian countries' nationals, a visa must be applied for at the embassy of coverage.

## 2. Hotels and Accommodations

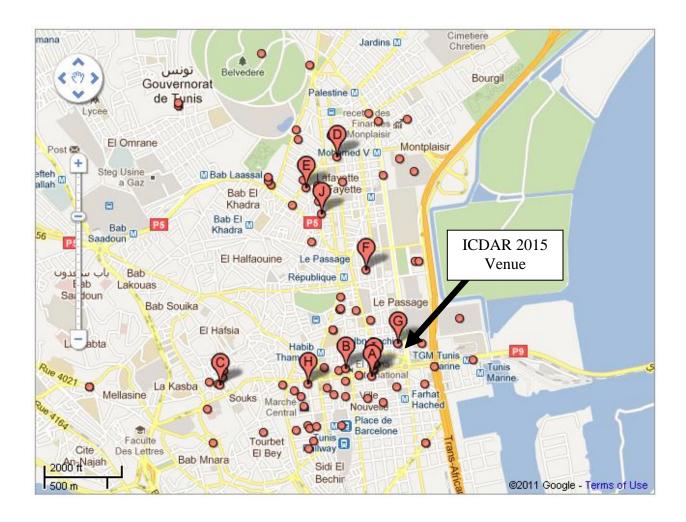
The information concerning the hotels existing in Tunis can be consulted in the following sites web: http://www.tourismtunisia.com/hotels/index.html

Category	No. Rooms	Cost ~ (\$)	Hot	el Name
****	> 500	\$130-\$210	Africa	Regency
			Laico	Concorde (Lac)
			Kartago Palace	Sheraton
****	> 1000	\$100-\$300	Acropole	Golden Yasmin
			Dar Said	Golden Tulip El Mechtel
			Tunisia Palace	Dar El Medina
***	> 5000	\$50-\$100	El Bahy	Les Ambassadeurs
			Du Parc	Le Pacha
			Golf Royal	Yadis Ibn Khaldoun
**	> 5000	\$30-\$50	Solymar	Tej
			St Georges	OLYMPIQUE
			Majestic	MAISON DOREE

#### Hotels (10 minutes walking distance)



Hotels (20 minutes walking distance)



## 3. Local and Date

#### **ICDAR 2015 Conference Venue:**

Conference Venue: Laico Hotel Tunis (will be re-opened end 2011)

- With more than 300 rooms
- 1 auditorium for more than 450 people (for plenary sessions)
- The hotel includes many conference rooms with a capacities between 50 and 150 persons. They can be used for the oral and/or poster sessions. Different small meetings rooms are also available.

#### Date:

September, 27-30 2015 26 and 27 September for Satellites Workshops 27 September for tutorials 1 and 2 October for tours

#### Alternative hotels in the same area:

• Hotel Africa 5\*, 50 avenue Habib Bourguiba, B.P.73, 1001, Tunis, Tunisia: with about the same facilities as the Laico Hotel.

• El Hana International, Bab Bhar, Avenue de Paris, Tunis, Tunisia: with about the same facilities as the Laico Hotel.



## 4. Geographic information

In north-eastern Tunisia, by Lake Tunis. 71 km south of Bizerte, 175 km east of Tabarka, 63 km north of Hammamet (by motorway), 142 km north of Sousse, 154 km north of Kairouan, 269 km north of Sfax, 394 km north of Gabes, 353 km north of Gafsa, 446 km north of Tozeur, via an excellent network of tarred roads.

Population: 10.3 million Time zone: GMT +1

1TND = 0.50 € = 0.73 USD

#### **Average Temperature:**

Month	Average Sunlight (hours)	Temperature			!
		Average		Red	cord
		Min	Max	Min	Max
Jan	5	6	14	-1	25
Feb	6	7	16	0	29
March	7	8	18	1	33
April	8	11	21	3	40
May	10	13	24	6	40
June	11	17	29	9	43
July	12	20	32	10	48
Aug	11	21	33	11	47
Sept	9	19	31	11	44
Oct	7	15	25	7	40
Nov	6	11	20	1	32
Dec	5	7	16	-1	27



## 5. Travel Costs

A ticket to Tunis in September costs around (we expect prices could be found much cheaper than those and a 50% discount for Tunis Air Flights):

From	US \$ (round trip)	Company
Paris	\$ 450	Air France
Frankfurt	\$ 500	Lufthansa
London	\$ 400	Tunis Air
New York	\$ 950	DELTA
Delhi	\$ 700	Emirates
Tokyo	\$ 1350	Japan Airlines
Beijing	\$ 1250	KLM

Airports to Hotels:

- 5 TND to 10 TND by Taxi (or 0.5 TND by Bus): From Tunis Carthage International Airport (TUN) to the conference venue
- 50 TND to 75 TND by Taxi: From Enfidha –International Airport (NBE) to the conference venue

## 6. Experience in organizing major meetings

#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The "REGIM" organized many international conferences:

- ACIDCA-ICMI'2005, "International Conference on Machine Intelligence" Tozeur Tunisia, Novembre 5-7, 2005. Number of participants: 220.
- SCS'2004, "International Conference Signals, Circuits & systems", Monastir Tunisia, March, 18-21, 2004. Number of participants: 200.
- ACIDCA'2000, "Artificial and Computational Intelligence for Decision, Control and Automation in Engineering and Industrial Applications", Monastir -Tunisia, March 22-24, 2000. Number of participants: 180.

The "REGIM" participated in the program committee of various national and international conferences:

- ICDAR'2007, 2003: "International Conference on Documents Analysis and Recognition".
- IJCNN'2005, 2004, 2003 : "International Joint Conference on Neural Networks".

• CIFED'2004, 2002, 2000: "Conférence Internationale Francophone sur l'Écrit et le Document".

- SSD'2005, 2003, 2001: "International Conference on Smart Systems and Devices".
- MCSEAl'2004, 2002: "Maghrebian Conference on Software Engineering and Artificial Intelligence".
- FUZZ-IEEE'2005, 2003: "IEEE International Conference on Fuzzy Systems".
- GFS'2005: "International Workshop on Genetic Fuzzy Systems".
- IGS'2005: "Biennial Conference of the International Graphonomics Society".
- PReMI'2005: "International Conference on Pattern Recognition and Machine Intelligence".
- ASC'2004: "International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Soft Computing".
- ICANNGA'2003: "International Conference on Artificial Neural Networks & Genetic Algorithms".
- ICPR'2002: "International Conference on Pattern Recognition".
- IWFHR'2002: "International Workshop on Frontiers on Handwriting Recognition".

#### **WORKSHOPS**

The "REGIM" organized several intern (in Tunisia) workshops:

- WIMTA-I-2009: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Sousse, 23 - 26 March 2009. Number of participants: 150.
- WIMTA-II-2008: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Monastir, 28 30 December 2008. Number of participants: 150.
- WIMTA-I-2008: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Gammarth, 21 25 March 2008. Number of participants: 150.
- WIMTA-III-2007: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Monastir, 23 26 December 2007. Number of participants: 130.
- **WIMTA-II-2007**: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Tabarka, 05 08 August 2007. Number of participants: 130.
- WIMTA-I-2007: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Mahdia, 22 25 March 2007. Number of participants: 130.
- WIMTA-III-2006: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Sousse, 20 23 December 2006. Number of participants: 120.
- WIMTA-II-2006: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Gammarth, 1 4 September 2006. Number of participants: 120.
- WIMTA-I-2006: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Sousse, 29 April 1 May 2006. Number of participants: 120.
- **WIMTA-III-2005**: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Hammamet, 19 21 December 2005. Number of participants: 100.
- WIMTA-II-2005: Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application" Mahdia, 08 10 July 2005. Number of participants: 100.

• WIMTA-I-2005: "Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Monastir, 31 March, 1 -2 April, 2005. Number of participants: 100.

- WIMTA-III-2004: "Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Sfax, 28 29 December, 2004. Number of participants: 100.
- **WIMTA-II-2004**: "Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Hammamet, 4 5 September, 2004. Number of participants: 100.
- WIMTA-I-2004: "Workshop on Intelligent Machines: Theory and Application", Sfax, 06 June, 2004. Number of participants: 100.

#### TRAINING SCHOOLS

The "REGIM" organized:

- **EFAQE'2009**: Training School on the quality assurance of waters, 26 29 March, 2009, Hammamet, Tunisia. Number of participants: 100.
- **DAAD'2009**: Training School on the way to the information society, 22 24 March 2009, Hammamet, Tunisia. Number of participants: 120.
- **IEP'2009**: Spring village: idea Entrepreneur Project, 23 26 March 2009, Sousse, Tunisia. Number of participants: 110.
- **EFCERT'2008**: Training School on the certification of the university establishments, 26 28 December 2008, Monastir, Tunisia. Number of participants: 150.
- **PJEDST'2008**: First days of the doctoral school Sciences and Technologies, 26 28 December on 2008, Monastir, Tunisia. Number of participants: 140.
- RMEl'2008: General Assembly of engineering schools of Mediterranean Basin, 27 30 March 2008, Hammamet, Tunisia. Number of participants: 160.
- **DAAD'2008**: On the way to the information society, 25 27 March 2008, Hammamet, Tunisia. Number of participants: 100.
- **IEP'2008**: Spring village: idea Entrepreneur Project, 25 27 March 2009, Hammamet, Tunisia. Number of participants: 100.
- **E(PL)2'2008**: Spring School on the Practice of Freeware, 21 25 March 2008, Gammarth, Tunisia. Number of participants: 130.
- **ECO-LATEX'2007**: Winter school on the Documentary Edition: latex, 23 26 December, 2007, Monastir, Tunisia. Number of participants: 180.
- **SYMAQ'2007:** Spring school on the management systems of the Quality for the education, the industry and the services, 25-28 March 2007, Mahdia, Tunisia. Number of participants: 160.
- EHVIB'2006: Winter school on the Valuation of the Innovation by Patents, 17-20 December, 2006, Sousse, Tunisia. Number of participants: 150.
- ECHO-2005: winter school on Wavelets bases and Applications, 19-21 December, 2005, Sousse, Tunisia. Number of participants: 100.
- ETI'2005: Summer School on Intelligent Techniques: Neural Networks, Fuzzy logic, 21-23 July, 2005, Sfax, Tunisia. Number of participants: 100.
- EHMA'2004: Winter school on Matlab and its applications, 26-28 December, 2004, Tozeur, Tunisia. Number of participants: 120.

## 7. Tourism information

**Tourist Information:** In Tunis, 1 Avenue Mohammed V. 216-1-341-077 (Office National du Tourisme Tunisien - ONTT).

#### Places to go:

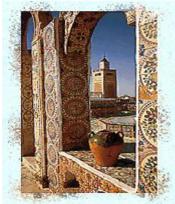
One hour from <u>Hammamet</u>, Tunis takes you by surprise with its modern conference halls, <u>hotels</u> and banks, bright yellow taxis rushing passengers to a business lunch, all the hustle and bustle of a modern Mediterranean city. Steel and glass blend with the

baroque, palm trees look down on chic boutiques, gardens and coffees.

Begin at the monument of November 7, which marks Tunisia's turn towards the future, stroll down shady tree lined Avenue Habib Bourguiba, with its flower stands, passing bookstores and galleries. Beyond the Cathedral and the statue of Ibn Khaldoun, looms the gateway to the ancient Medina.

As you enter the narrow streets, centuries slip away and, like Alice, step into the looking glass to another world. Small shops, their treasures of brass, olive wood, leather and brightly colored garments spill out into the street. Souvenirs, <u>antiques</u>, <u>berber</u>

<u>jewelry</u>, <u>carpets and pottery</u> vie for your attention. Continue, if you can resist their lures, upwards towards the Mosque of the Olive Tree, EzZitouna, as old as the town itself and the heart of the Medina.



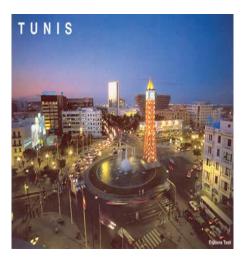
Rebuilt in the 9th century, the EzZitouna was for centuries the focal point of life in the Arab city as urban planning decreed the order in which the different trades were placed, and the most noble, booksellers, perfumeries, dried fruits sellers and cloth merchants held the privilege of proximity to the Mosque. Today one can still see traces of this tradition -the Souk of the Perfumes, traditional clothing shops, almond and spice sellers are still located alongside its walls.

The <u>medina</u>, or <u>city</u>, is a wealth of ancient palaces, mosques and centers of trade and learning, a living museum. <u>Dar Ben</u>

<u>Abdullah</u>, Dar Hussein, Dar El Bey, Dar El Jeld, Dar El Haddad, Dar Othman, once residences of wealthy traders or ministers now house cultural centers, restaurants or government agencies.

#### The Night in Tunis:

Tunis offers the night to you the charm of its Northern suburbs (Sidi Bou Saïd Goulette etc), the environment of its innumerable discotheques and night clubs that of its festivals as well as the spectacles of its theatres and cultural spaces.



The Northern suburbs of Tunis, of Goulette with Sidi Bou Saïd are the best place of the capital to pass the quiet and extremely pleasant evenings, at the edge of the sea, with the terrace of a typical coffee, or with that of an exotic restaurant. The discrete charm of these districts is famous in Tunisia and in all the Mediterranean basin.



A little further, towards Gammarth (and also, with the downtown area of Tunis, the discotheques and the night clubs will accomodate you until the early morning, to make you dance at the rate/rhythm the last hits, of all kinds. You also have the possibility of attending the spectacles presented at the time of the many festivals which take place in Tunis and its surroundings. Thus, for example, the international festival of Carthage is held each year of June to August, in the Roman amphitheatre of Carthage. Follow one another it of the artists and the groups of all the countries, of international fame. Other demonstrations and representations take place, in particular in the municipal theatre of

the town of Tunis (with the avenue Habib Bourguiba), in the houses of culture and the antiques Diars (houses) of Médina.

#### **Shopping in Tunis:**

The shopping centres, the commercial avenues and the Souks of Médina are the best places of Tunis to make shopping. In the Souks of Médina and with Sidi Bou Saïd, you will be able to admire, and acquire the very beautiful products of the Tunisian craft industry: traditional carpets and clothing, silver jewels finely worked, elegant bags with hand or of leather voyage, plates and objects of decoration out of copper engraved, pottery, wood...



With the Avenue Habib Bourguiba, and in all the neighboring streets, of many shops propose a varied range of articles of quality going from clothing and shoes to the jewels. The shopping centers and the shopping malls of El Menzah 6, of Manar 3, Bardo as those of the Banks of the Lake gather a great number of stores which offer the same variety of products.

#### **Historic cites of Tunis:**

Its culture and records were destroyed by the Romans at the end of the Third Punic War, very few Carthaginian primary historical sources survive. While there are a few ancient translations of Punictexts into Greek and Latin, as well as inscriptions on monuments and buildings discovered in North Africa,[8] the main sources are Greek and Romanhistorians,including Livy, Polybius, Appian,Cornelius Nepos, Silius Italicus, Plutarch, Dio Cassius, and Herodotus. These writers belonged to peoples in competition, and often in conflict, with Carthage. Greek cities contested with Carthage for Sicily, and the Romans fought three wars against Carthage. Not surprisingly, their accounts of Carthage are extremely hostile; while there are a few Greek authors who took a favorable view, these works have been lost.

Recent excavation has brought much more primary material to light. Some of these finds contradict aspects of the traditional picture of Carthage, and much of the material is still ambiguous.

## 8. Sponsors

- Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education
- Tunisian Ministry of Tourism, Leisure and Handicrafts
- Tunisian Ministry of Communications
- Tunisian State Secretary of Scientific Research and Technology
- Tunisian Association of Innovation and Technology
- Tunisian Scientific Society
- National Engineering School of Sfax University of Sfax
- ASARIT: Scientific Association of Support for the Research and Technological Innovation

## 9. Organizers and Committees

Honorary Chairs	
•	S. Impedovo (Italy) tbc
<b>Conference Chairs</b>	
	Adel M. Alimi (Tunisia) OK
	Volker Märgner (Germany) OK
	Jean-Marc Ogier (France) OK
Program Chairs	
	A. Belaid (France) OK
	B. B. Chaudhuri (India) OK
	M. Cheriet (Canada) OK
<b>Executive Chair</b>	
	Haikal El Abed (Germany) OK
<b>Tutorial Chairs</b>	
	M. Liwicki (Germany) OK
	V. Govindaraju (USA) tbc
Workshop Chairs	
	S. Uchida (JP) tbc
	L. Likforman-Sulem (FR) tbc
<b>Competition Chairs</b>	
	A. Antonacopoulos (UK) tbc
	L. Wenyin (China) OK
<b>Publicity Chairs</b>	
	Josep Llados (Spain)
	Michael Blumenstein (Australia) OK
Sponsors Chairs	
	R. Ingold (Switzerland) OK
	R. Sabourin (Canada) OK
<b>Local Organizing Committee</b>	
	Mohamed Tarek Hamdani (Tunisia) OK
	Mohamed Ammar (Tunisia) OK

	Mahdi Hamdani (Tunisia)	OK
	Ali Wali (Tunisia)	OK
Finance Chair		
	Habib Kammoun (Tunisia)	OK
	Mohamed Turki (Tunisia)	OK

## 10. Conference Program

26. Sep	27.	Sep	28. Sep	29 Sep	30 Sep	01 Oct	02. Oct
Pre- Conference Workshops	Workshops	Tutorials	Reception	Banquet		Post-Conference	S I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I

# 11. Expected Budget

Expected Participants: 350 Registration Fees:

Proposed Registration Fees	IAPR member	Non-IAPR- member	Student*	Student *(TN)				
Early bird	\$ 450,00	\$550,00	\$300,00	250,00 TND				
Normal	\$500,00	\$600,00	\$325,00	300,00 TND				
On-site	\$550,00	\$650,00	\$350,00	350,00 TND				
* (including banquet, but not proceedings)								

#### **Tutorial Fees:**

	Early bird	On-site
IAPR member	\$ 100	\$ 125
Non-member	\$ 125	\$150
Student	\$ 50	\$ 75

## 12. General Time Schedule

Task	Date (Months prior to conference)
Approaching industry, government and other parties for donations	September 2012 (36)
Initial progress report to ICDAR Advisory Board	June 2013 (26 or 2 months before preceding ICDAR, which will be held Aug 23-29, 2013)
First call for papers (email, IAPR website, IAPR Newsletter, IEEE calendar, etc.), poster of conference	September 2013 (24)
Second call for papers	March 2014 (18)
Final call for papers	September 2014 (12)
Deadline for paper submission	January 2015 (8)
PC Chairs' meeting	April 2015 (5)
Notification to authors concerning acceptance	April 2015 (5)
Publication of authors and titles of accepted papers on website	April 2015 (5)
Detailed program on website	May 2015 (4)
Deadline for camera-ready paper	June 2015 (3)
Report for inclusion in Newsletter due	October 2015 (1 month after conference)
Financial report due	March 2016 (6 months after conference)
Return of IAPR loan (if any) and payment of IAPR levy	March 2016 (6 months after conference)

# **Budget Details**

Room Hire/Rental						Duratio	on (Days)	Per Person	Flat Fee
Day Rate - minimum numbers 300					\$26.00		4	\$104.00	
Set-up					\$1,500.00		1		\$1,500.00
AV equipment (OHP and PC projector)	x 3 to 5 rooms				\$450.00		4		\$1,800.00
Room hire includes Coffee (morning/aft	ernoon) and Lunc	:h			\$450.00		3		\$1,350.00
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Conference Meal/Visit									
Hall Hire									\$2,500.00
Meal (including Tax) - minimum number								\$135.00	
Additional costs (Musicians, PA system									\$1,000.00
Transportation (for the 4 days, including	hotels to confere	ence site and b	anquet)						\$3,500.00
Welcome reception		1							\$3,000.00
Staff Expenses									
10 x Secretariat Staff and services during	na the conference								\$1,500.00
Finance processing/administration (20%)			Г. 10% CM	1)				\$50.00	· ,
10 x Student Free Registrations		Ì		<i>'</i>				·	\$2,500.00
1 x Major Speaker -(Airfare, Accommod	lation, Registratio	n)							\$2,000.00
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Other Expenditure									
Proceedings (USB)								\$25.00	
Proceedings IEEE CSP (tbc)								\$55.00	\$1,000.00
Postage									\$500.00
Design for Logo and Posters									\$500.00
Web									\$500.00
Flyers/Posters/Final Programme									\$4,000.00
Additional Items (Delegates Equipment	<ul> <li>Bags, Badges,</li> </ul>	T-shirt)							\$6,000.00
Email/web access facilities									\$1,000.00
IAPR Contribution								\$25.00	
Less (Expected Sponsorships, base	d on local compa	anies, experie	nces from	other conference	es)				
Total									\$14,000.00
Totals								\$394.00	\$20,150.00
Estimate to Attend	350								\$57.57
Total Per Person, i.e. Basic Cost per	Attendee	1							\$451.57
							Participants	Attendance	Fee (\$)
							250	\$80.60	\$474.60
							275	\$73.27	\$467.27
							300	\$67.17	\$461.17
							325	\$62.00	\$456.00
							350	\$57.57	\$451.57
							375	\$53.73	\$447.73
							400	\$50.38	\$444.38
							425	\$47.41	\$441.41
							450	\$44.78	\$438.78
							475	\$42.42	\$436.42
							500	\$40.30	\$434.30

IAPR member	non-member	student*	student (TN)*
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