Computation at the Frontiers of Science, preface for ICCS 2013

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Welcome to the 13th Annual International conference on Computational Science, to be held 5th-7th June 2013 in Barcelona, Spain. This year’s conference will take place in the beautiful city of Barcelona at CCIB Congress center on the beach. ICCS 2013 is organized by the Barcelona Supercomputing Centre, Universiteit van Amsterdam, the University of Tennessee and Nanyang Technological University.

The International Conference on Computational Science is an annual conference that brings together researchers and scientists from mathematics and computer science as basic computing disciplines, researchers from various application areas who are pioneering computational methods in sciences such as physics, chemistry, life sciences, and engineering, as well as in arts and humanitarian fields, to discuss problems and solutions in the area, to identify new issues, and to shape future directions for research. Since its inception in 2001, ICCS has attracted increasingly higher quality and numbers of attendees and papers and this year is not an exception. This year we expect over 350 participants. The proceedings series have become a major intellectual resource for computational science researchers and serve to both define and advance the state of the art of the field.

ICCS 2013 in Barcelona will be the thirteenth in this series of highly successful conferences. For the previous twelve meetings see: http://www.iccs-meeting.org/iccs2013/previous-iccs.html

The theme for ICCS 2013 is "Computation at the Frontiers of Science", to mark the ever-increasing importance of and progress in computational science theory and practice at the frontiers of science. The conference will be a unique event focusing on recent developments in computational methods for modelling complex systems in diverse areas of science, scalable scientific algorithms, advanced software tools, computational grids, advanced numerical methods. ICCS2013 will also feature the important advances in computational science towards exascale computing. ICCS includes work focusing on the application of these methods in diverse areas including, Computational Biology, Computational Finance, Earth Sciences, Social Sciences and more.
For this great event, World leading keynote speakers were invited, to give their current and future vision of Computational Science.

- Hesham Ali, University of Nebraska, Omaha, USA
- Steve Furber, University of Manchester, UK
- Thierry van der Pyl, DG CONNECT, European Commission
- David De Roure, Oxford e-Research Centre, UK
- Vladimir Voevodin, Moscow State University, Russia
- Raimond Winslow, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD, USA

Besides our excellent keynote speakers, out of the submitted papers to main track and workshops, we selected over 300 high-quality papers for presentation at the conference and publication in the proceedings, published by Elsevier in their Procedia Computer Science series.

ICCS relies strongly on the vital contributions of our workshop organizers to attract high quality papers in many subject areas. We would like to thank all committee members for the main track and the workshops for their contribution to ensure a high standard for the accepted papers. We would also like to say a special thanks to the people who ensured all papers adhered to the correct formatting for publication. Finally the committee would like to thank Prof. Dick van Albada, whose continuing support for the conference has been essential to its success.

We are proud to note that ICCS is an ERA 2010 A-ranked conference series.

We wish you a successful and enjoyable conference in Barcelona.

June 2013, The ICCS 2013 Organizers, Vassil Alexandrov Michael Lees Valeria Krzhizhanovskaya Jack Dongarra Peter M.A. Sloot

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