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Introduction

Welcome to the 17th Annual International Conference on Computational Science (ICCS - <http://www.iccs-meeting.org>), to be held on June 12-14, 2017 in Zürich, Switzerland. Located in central Europe close to the Alps, Zürich is Switzerland's largest city and one of the world's main financial hubs. In addition to the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (or "Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich" (ETH) in German), one of the world's most distinguished research institutions and the proud host of ICCS 2017, Zürich is home to many parks, museums and churches. The city stretches out on both sides of the Limmat river, which flows out of the beautiful Lake Zürich. ICCS 2017 is organized by ETH Zürich, University of Amsterdam, NTU Singapore and the University of Tennessee.

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, with over 300 expected participants. The proceedings series have become a major intellectual resource for computational science researchers, defining and advancing the state of the art in this field.

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ICCS 2017 in Zürich, Switzerland, will be the seventeenth in this series of highly successful conferences. For the previous sixteen meetings see: <http://www.iccs-meeting.org/iccs2017/previous-iccs/>

The theme for ICCS 2017 is "**The Art of Computational Science. Bridging Gaps – Forming Alloys**", to highlight the role of computation as a fundamental method of scientific inquiry and technological discovery tackling problems across scientific domains and creating synergies between disciplines. This conference will be a unique event focusing on recent developments in: scalable scientific algorithms; advanced software tools; computational grids; advanced numerical methods; and novel application areas. These innovative novel models, algorithms and tools drive new science through efficient application in areas such as physical systems, computational and systems biology, environmental systems, finance, and others.

ICCS is well known for its excellent line up of keynote speakers. The keynotes for 2017 are:

- **Anastasia Ailamaki**, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland
- **Efthimios Kaxiras**, Harvard University, USA
- **Michael Norman**, San Diego Supercomputer Center, UC San Diego, USA
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- **Olga Sorkine-Hornung**, ETH Zürich, Switzerland
- **Rick L. Stevens**, Argonne National Laboratory, USA
- **Stefan Thurner**, Medical University of Vienna, Austria

This year we had 625 submissions (267 submissions to the main track and 358 to the workshops). In the main track, 74 full papers were accepted (28%). In the workshops, 151 full papers (42%). A high acceptance rate in the workshops is explained by the nature of these thematic sessions, where many experts in a particular field are personally invited by workshop organisers to participate in their sessions.

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 workshops for their contribution to ensure a high standard for the accepted papers. We would also like to thank *Elsevier* and *Intelligibilis* for their support.

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

We wish you a successful and enjoyable conference in Zürich.

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