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Welcome to ISESS 2005

Thank you for supporting the International Symposium for Environmental Software Systems. This year's conference is being held at the Hotel do Mar in Sesimbra, Portugal.

Who Is ISESS?

The software support of environmental protection and research tasks is continuously growing in importance and scope. ISESS 2005 is the 10th event in the conference series organised by IFIP (International Federation for Information Processing) Working Group 5.11, "Computers and Environment". The purpose of the symposium is to present and discuss the progress and actual trends in Enviromatics in terms of methods, tools and state-of-the-art applications.

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Environmental informatics, sometimes known as enviromatics, is a scientific discipline embracing the suite of computer techniques and technologies that can be used to address society's environmental issues. Whether monitoring or modelling production, transport and fate of contaminants, disturbances in human environments, or accurately assessing the impact of new technologies, society has had to cope with increased frequency and intensity of environmental problems. Many responses have been institutionalized, but the willingness to deploy the necessary resources has been severely tested. The scale of events appears to be increasing, requiring new thinking about the deployment of information resources. Environmental threats resulting from human conflict will require new technologies. A new generation of risk assessment and management techniques is needed to ensure that public and private resources are being directed towards environmental problems in an effective and timely manner. ISESS 2005 is the latest in a series of conferences and workshops that, since 1995, have provided a forum for presenting and discussing effective information processing techniques for environmental prediction and monitoring.

This welcome package is intended to provide delegates with relevant information regarding travelling to ISESS 2005 as well as what to expect from the conference. Please note that the program information is tentative, for up-to-date information, please visit the web site at: isess.crle.uoguelph.ca or contact the Conference Manager, Linda Robson, at linda@cis.uoguelph.ca

Conference Details

The conference will begin on Tuesday, May 24 at 9:00 am at Hotel do Mar. Registration will be available beginning at 8:00 am.

The meeting room will be equipped with the following:

- overhead projector
- computer/video projection
- flip-charts

There will be a reception on Tuesday, May 24 in the evening. The location of the reception will be announced at a later date. The reception will be a cash bar with some snacks available.

Wednesday, May 25 will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at approximately 12:30 pm. The attendees will have the rest of the afternoon off to explore the area. There are no social activities are planned, however Linda would be happy to provide area information and assist in the organizing outings.

Thursday, May 26 will begin at 9:00 am and will conclude at approximately 5:30 pm. The conference banquet will be held that evening, beginning at 7:00 pm and is included in attendee registration. Please note that guests and students will need to purchase a ticket for the banquet.

Friday, May 27 will begin at 9:00 am and the conference will conclude at approximately 2:00 pm.

Breaks will be served every morning and with lunch and an afternoon break provided on Tuesday and Thursday.

Please consult the ISESS 2005 web site (<http://www.isess.org>) for detailed and current information regarding the conference.