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Welcome to ETAPS 2002 !

This year, ETAPS consists of five main conferences, 13 satellite workshops, 11 tutorials and 23 invited lectures in the field of interest of industrial and academic researchers working on topics related to software science. After ETAPS'98 in Lisbon, ETAPS'99 in Amsterdam, ETAPS 2000 in Berlin and ETAPS 2001 in Genoa, ETAPS 2002 is the fifth edition of ETAPS.

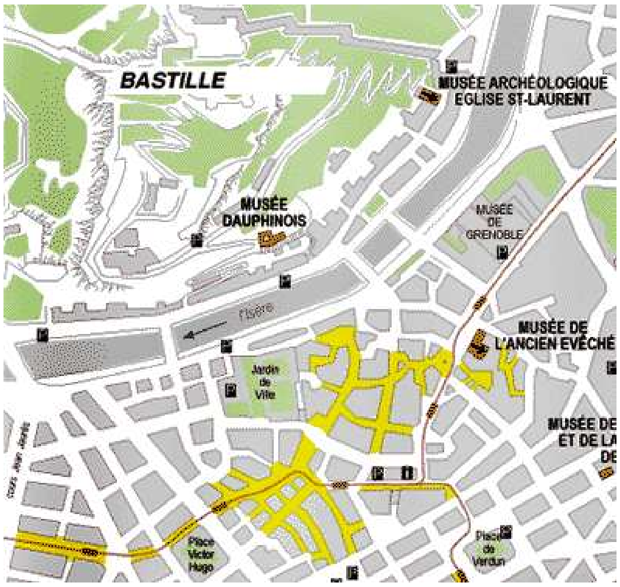
All conferences, workshops, tutorials, coffee and lunch breaks take place on the university campus around the Computer Science buildings. The invited talks of the main ETAPS conferences take place in the "Louis Weil" amphitheatre, across the central square and the science library of the campus at 5 minutes walking distance. The central square is used by students for skate-boarding, climbing or just enjoying the sun and the nice views on the surrounding mountains.

During the entire duration of ETAPS, this daily newsletter will provide you with up-to-date information on the programme of the day, including last minute changes with respect to the printed programme in your bag. Moreover, you will find useful information concerning the social events as well as some ideas on how to enjoy life in Grenoble.

The ETAPS team welcomes you to Grenoble, the "French Silicon Valley" and wishes you a nice stay for ETAPS 2002.

What to do in Grenoble ?

Grenoble is surrounded by three different mountain ranges with summits up to 3000 meters high, where snow is still plentyful. If you want to take a day off and go skiing, there are busses leaving in the morning to most of the nearby skiing resorts, where you can rent all the necessary equipment.



If you just want to go for a nice late afternoon walk, you can hike into the mountains starting right from your hotel. There are walking routes starting either at the entry of "Jardin Guy Pape" (across the "Pont de la Bastille") or at the beginning of the "rue Saint Laurent", next to the fountain with the lion and the snake (just across the river from the Museum), where stairways and footpaths lead you 200 meters higher up to the "Bastille". There you can have a drink and enjoy a beautiful view of the surrounding mountains and the Mont Blanc a bit further away. If you want to do more, you can continue on the GR9, one of the backtracking trails which allow you to visit almost all of France by foot. Alternatively, you can take the cable car close to the "Jardin de Ville", called "Les Bulles" to reach the Bastille with less effort.

On your way back, you can visit the "Musée Dauphinois", located in the former convent of Sainte Marie d'en Haut, which is now a historical building and is beautifully situated on the lower slopes of the Bastille with magnificent views on the old town centre. The Musée Dauphinois is a regional heritage museum devoted to the peoples and cultural influences that have helped to shape the area, from the dawn of history to the present day. There are three temporary exhibitions on the themes "the people of the mountains", "history of skiing" and on the history of the geography of the Alps. It is open every day from 10am to 6pm. On Sunday April 6, at 10 am, there is a guided visit of the well preserved baroque chapel.

Transportation within Grenoble

If you stay in one of the hotels in the city centre, the tramway B is the best means to reach the conference location. Tickets can be bought at the ticket machine of every tram station (which seems to split people into two categories, those who do and those who don't succeed to get a ticket out of it). Tickets must be stamped before entering the tram.

Weekend ETAPS Programme

During this first weekend of ETAPS, take place 6 workshops and 3 tutorials. They are held in the main ETAPS building (F on the map in the Programme) and at the "MJK" (Maison Jean-Kuntzmann" close by. On Saturday, four workshops start: CMCS on coalgebraic methods in computer science, DCC on designing correct circuits, INT on integration of specification techniques for applications in engineering and finally TPTS, a workshop on theory and practice of timed systems. Today's time schedule is available below.

On Sunday, all these meetings continue, and two more meetings take place: SC, meeting on software composition and VISS, on validation and implementation of scenario-based specifications. Moreover, three tutorials: T1 on "Theory and Practice of Coordination Technologies" and T3 on the theorem prover "ACL2" are full day tutorials, whereas T4 on "Component Models and Component Based Architectures" is in the afternoon only.

Social Events during the weekend

The dinner for the participants of the workshop CMCS takes place on Saturday, April 6th, at 8pm, at the restaurant "la Madelon", situated 55, avenue Alsace Lorraine, conveniently reachable by tram. get off at stop "Alsace-Lorraine".

The dinner for the participants of all other satellite events, will take place at the restaurant Garin, at "Col de Porte" at 1400m altitude, a few km outside Grenoble.

Weather

Today more and more cloudy with some showers, temperature up to 18° Celsius; tomorrow little sun and some showers.

Programme of Saturday, April 6th, 2002

	Coffee	Lunch	CMCS	DCC	INT	TPTS
Room:	F & MJK	Hall F	F018	F022	F316	MJK
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