Agenda

VAST2004

Registration for VAST2004 is now open, using the form downloadable at
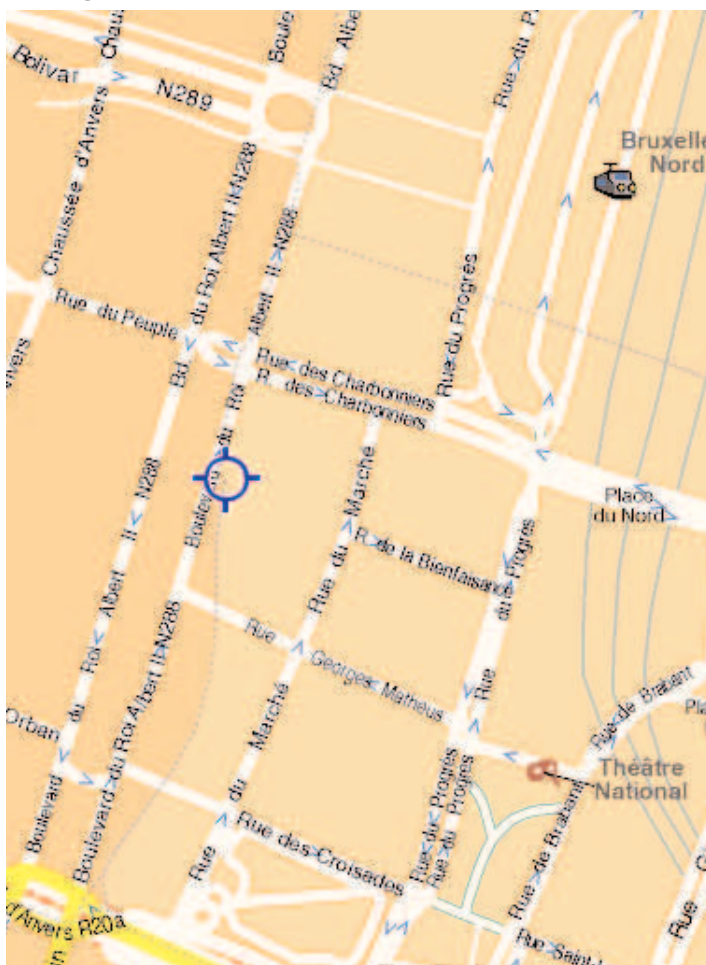
http://www.enamecenter.org/pages/VAST2004_registration.htm

All the information about fees is available on the above web page. Payment can be done by credit card or bank transfer. EPOCH partners have a discounted fee to VAST2004, with students ahving additional reductions.

Attendance to tutorials and other EPOCH meetings is free for partners. Attendance to the EPOCH Assembly on Friday in Oudenaarde does NOT require registering at VAST2004.

Access to showcases display is free to everybody.

The Conference venue is located in central Brussels very close to the Brussels North railway Station. The address is
Conscience Building
Ministerie van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap
Koning Albert II-laan 15

Accommodation in Brussels may be difficult or expensive to find. The organizers have placed information and organized booking on the web site, check the hotel page:

http://www.enamecenter.org/pages/VAST2004_hotels.htm

WINTER BURSARY CALL

The bursary call for Winter 2004/2005 is going to be issued in short. It will be distributed to all partners by email and published on the web site as usual.

In summary, as the previous one it includes provisions for bursaries for attending EPOCH-approved courses, organized by EPOCH partners. Eligible beneficiaires are young researchers within 4 years since graduation and PhD students regardless of their graduation date. The latter criterion is a change from the first call, because it was noted that researchers may delay their involvment in PhD studies and so become uneligible for EPOCH support. Short secondments of young researchers, defined as above, are supported as well.

To have a course approved by EPOCH and gain eligibility for support, partners must provide some essential information about it using a form which will be also downloadable from the web site. It includes the title and program, the faculty and the planned period. Courses must be interdisciplinary and foster cross-fertilization, aiming at providing culture professionals valuable information about technology or addressing technologists to provide them the foundations of heritage-related issues. If partners have already planned such a course, it will be easy and quick for them to collect the information and fill the forms. The deadline for submission will follow VAST2004 in order to allow giving advice there to those requesting further information. As proven by the previous semester, managing an EPOCH course may be highly rewarding in terms of visibility and financial support.

Candidates to bursaries will have time to submit their bid after courses have been approved. The necessary documents are a simple form with personal data and a CV, plus acceptance by course organizers. All forms and submissions will be available online. The forecast deadline is in December

As usual, the bursary plan includes a mobility program for partners' employees. This has a contnuous submission scheme. Further details may be obtained from the web site which is recommended to consult for updated information.

EPOCH PUBLICATIONS

Selected papers from VAST2004 will form the content of the first volume of the forthcoming EPOCH book series. These will include a Lecture Note series, a series of Reference Manuals and one of User Manuals. Publication and printing will be managed by the partner *Archaeolingua Foundation* (Hungary), a well reputed publisher in the archaeological field.

The plans for publishing a journal are in progress, while the well known international journal *Archeologia e Calcolatori*, managed by the Italian partner *CNR*, which declared their willingness to host sets of papers concerning EPOCH-related issues. *Archeologia e Calcolatori* accepts papers written in several European languages, but most of its articles are in English.

More information about EPOCH publications and how to submit proposals will be available at VAST2004.