

Inforum 2005



The 11th Conference on Professional Information Resources
24-26 May 2005, Prague, Czech Republic

GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the Conference About

Conference INFORUM is the most important event in the field of electronic information resources in the Czech Republic and an unique event in the Central and Eastern Europe at all. The conference is focused on variety of aspects concerning use of electronic information resources in research, development, education and business,

Conference is attended by library directors & managers, librarians from public, academic and corporate libraries, knowledge managers, information researchers and end users, governmental information offices and private companies in the information industry.

Conference Venue

Inforum 2005 is held in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic.

Convenient air travel and rail links make Prague easily accessible for travelers from within the Czech Republic, Europe, and around the world.

The conference will take place at the University of Economics (Winston Churchill Square 4, Prague 3). Conference sessions will be held in the New Auditorium and Auditorium D. Map is available at the conference website <http://www.inforum.cz/inforum2005/english/misto.php>

How to Get There?

Travel to the centre from the airport could be via taxi, or public transportation. Travel by taxi is approximately 20-30 minutes (but could be significantly longer during rush hour). Taxi fare is approximately 400-500 CZK each way. One of the recommended taxi services is AAA Radiotaxi, phone number 14014 and website http://www.aaa.radiotaxi.cz/index_en.htm There is also a bus service to/from airport to/from metro station Dejvicka (bus lines no.119, 254, fare:12 CZK one way) or to/from metro station Zlicin

(bus line no. 100) or to/from metro station Nove Butovice (bus line no. 179).

The nearest tram station to the University of Economics is Husinecka (tram lines no. 5,9,26). Fast and easy search for links of Prague integrated transport (PIT) system could be made at http://www.dp-praha.cz/en/dopr_info.htm

Updated Programme Information

A copy of the program, descriptions of each of the workshops and changes that occur after publication are available on the conference page <http://www.inforum.cz/inforum2005/english>

The main conference programme is divided into topic-oriented sessions. Conference sessions include invited papers combined with company/product presentations.

Simultaneous interpretation in English is provided.

As in the last conference, there will be a Poster Session in the New Auditorium. The presenters of the posters will be with their posters during coffee and lunch breaks to give an explanation on their poster.

Workshops

Half-day workshops are scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2005. If you wish to attend a workshop only, workshop-only registration is required. Workshops are charged a separate fee.

The workshops for this year's conference are described in a conference programme at <http://www.inforum.cz/inforum2005/english/program.php>. Check this site also for description where the workshops take place.

Exhibition

Visitors to Inforum conference will meet up to many exhibitors. The list of all exhibitors is presented at conference website <http://www.inforum.cz/inforum2005/english/vystava.php>

Evening Party / INFOPARTY

All speakers are invited to the official conference concert and all conference participants are invited to the party on Wednesday 25 May evening. This is an opportunity to network with your colleagues in an informal atmosphere. For limited capacity reasons only registered delegates are welcome. It is necessary to take an invitation card with you.

The Infoconcert takes part in Chapel of Mirrors, Klementinum, Marianske square, Prague 1.

Beginning at 7:30 pm. The INFORUM Awards for the best local projects, products and services will be announced at the Infoconcert.

The Infoparty is held in Klementinum Courtyard. Beginning at 9 pm.

The nearest tram and metro station is Staromestska (metro green line A, tram lines no.17,18).

Invitation Letters

On request is possible to send an invitation letter. Please contact jana.machonska@aip.cz to get more details.

Registration options and prices

Standard fee	EUR 120
Early-birds	EUR 100
Reduced fee	EUR 90
Early-birds	EUR 75
Workshop (for conference participants)	EUR 22
Workshop only delegate	EUR 33

We recommend that you use the Internet online registration facility at the following address: <http://www.inforum.cz/inforum2005/english/prihlasny.php> It is necessary to fill in your contact details, your company details and to select sessions, workshops and social events you would like to attend. Also check off lunches if you are interested.

The registration fee for participants covers name badge, admission to all registered conference sessions, admission to the exhibition, participant's bag, lunch tickets (on the basis of online registration) and invitation card for evening party (on the basis of online registration). The number of participants is limited. It is very important that you always wear your delegate badge during the conference.

Register and realize payment until March 30th 2005 for the Early Bird discount. If your

registration form and/or payment are received after March 30th 2005, the late fee will be charged automatically.

Attendees are responsible for all of their conference and travel expenses. We are unable to provide any funding to subsidize registration costs or any other attendee expenses.

Methods of Payment

All conference registrations must be accompanied by payment. Every participant receives a proforma invoice via e-mail immediately after the online registration, and an invoice by post after the payment is done. The required method of payment is bank transfer. Bank details:

HVB Bank a.s., Jugoslavska 29, 120 00 Praha 2, Czech Republic

Account No.: 5127725001 Sort code: 2700

Payment ref. No.: = invoice number

IBAN: CZ7327000000005127725001

SWIFT: BACXCZPP

We do not accept neither cheques nor payment in cash on arrival.

Refunds

In case the participation is cancelled in writing before April 30 the paid amount will be refunded less 25% cancellation fee. After the deadline has passed, no refunds will be issued.

Refunds will be made after the conference. We are happy to accept replacement participants without any additional charges.

Registration Hours

There will be a registration desk set up at the University of Economics, which will work every day from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.

Meal Functions

There are two different menus. Be sure to indicate on the registration form if you require vegetarian meals. Lunch tickets will not be available for purchase onsite. Lunch is available usually from 12:00 to 13:00 in University Dining Hall. All important places and rooms will be marked by direction signs with the official Inforum 2005 logo.

Internet, Cloakroom

You can check your e-mail or surf the Internet at the computers in the exhibit hall during the conference.

The cloakroom will be available for participants during the whole conference, every day from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm.

Accommodation

Due to the high demand for accommodation in Prague, delegates are advised to book early. Please note that the credit card information is required to guarantee the hotel reservation.

The accommodation offer is available at http://www.inforum.cz/inforum2005/english/ubyto_vani.php Please contact these addresses directly and not via Albertina icome Praha, as there are no rooms pre-reserved.

Sightseeing Tours and Culture in Prague

Prague is one of the nicest cities in the world. The city offers to it's visitors a lot of culture events and many historical places to see. You can explore Prague by foot with a map or use services of a Tourist Agency. We recommend Prague Information Service <http://www.pis.cz>

Most popular sightseeings are Prague Castle, the Old Town and the Jewish Quarter, The Old-Town Hall with the Astronomical Clock (horologe), Lesser Town, Bethelam Chapel, Charles Bridge, Petrin Lookout and Labyrinth, Vysehrad. You can find basic info and pictures at <http://www.pis.cz/a/prague/pama/pama.html>

You can attend also theatres, cinemas, concerts and museums and galleries. For a programme look at http://www.pis.cz/a/culture/cult_menu.html

Other Useful Information about Prague and Czech Republic

At <http://www.pis.cz/a/prague/aplan.html> is available all necessary information you may need: important telephone numbers and addresses, international dialing codes, customs requirements and offices, postal services, currency, transport, medical care, embassies, tourist information services, etc.

Useful Contacts

Further information on the conference, workshop, social events, registration, accommodation, etc. may be obtained from:

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