

# ECAL 2011 : a proposal from the University of York, UK

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## Programme

ECAL 2011 in York will be a 4 day event, encompassing: plenary presentations from international speakers; two parallel sessions of research paper presentations including themed special sessions; poster sessions; tutorials; demonstration/exhibition sessions; and associated workshops. We are pleased to announce **Professor Przemyslaw Prusinkiewicz** from the University of Calgary as one of our plenary speakers. We will solicit both full papers and abstracts from authors: both will be accepted as either presentations or posters, and both will be published in the Proceedings. All papers and abstracts will undergo rigorous peer review by at least three reviewers.

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## Location

The University of York is one of the best universities in the UK, and one of the top 100 in the world. It is currently undergoing a £500M campus expansion, which includes a new lakeside Hub Building, with conference and exhibition facilities, opening in 2010. ECAL 2011 will be one of the first international conferences held in this excellent new location, hosted by the York Centre for Complex Systems Analysis (YCCSA).



The historic City of York includes the Minster, built on the foundations of the Roman city and a Norman cathedral, among the finest of Gothic cathedrals. Romans, Vikings, and more recent history are commemorated in a number of top-class museums, as well as being apparent in the architecture of the city.

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## Accommodation and Travel

Adjacent to the Hub is newly built student and conference accommodation (~£45/night), and York also has many fine B&Bs and hotels (~£35-£150/night). York is very accessible, being just over two hours by train from London, Edinburgh, and Manchester, all served by international airports.

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## Price

Our current budget indicates a price of **£450-£550**, covering 4 days of registration, lunches and refreshments, Springer LNAI hard copy proceedings and CD, tutorials, workshops, and conference banquet in the famous York Railway Museum. (The final price will depend on the sponsorship obtainable, but will not exceed the maximum quoted.) A reduced registration fee will be available for students, and a limited number of student travel bursaries will be offered.

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## Date

TBD: one of: 26-29 July; 2-5 August; 6-9 Sept; 13-16 Sept 2011 (please notify us of any conflicts).

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## Team

General Chair **Prof Susan Stepney**; Technical Chair **Prof Jon Timmis**; Special Session Chair **Dr Leo Caves**; Local Chair **Dr Paul Andrews**; Workshop Chair **Dr Simon Hickinbotham**; Local support **Mr Bob French, Mrs Caryn Swartz**. We are a team of academics and research support officers with extensive experience of organising and running successful international computer science and interdisciplinary conferences, including: **ICARIS 2003** (LNCS 3239), **ICARIS 2004** (LNCS 3672), **ECAL 2005** (LNAI 3630), **Unconventional Computation 2006** (LNCS 4135), **CPA 2008** (IOS Press), **ETAPS 2009** (LNCS 5501-5505), and **ICARIS 2009** (LNCS 5666). We will engage further team members as the conference preparation progresses, and appoint a tutorial chair. We will engage a large Programme Committee, to provide an experienced pool of reviewers, and will manage the entire process of submission, blind reviewing, discussion, rebuttal period, notification, and CRC submission through the Springer online conference system for LNCS.

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