



1st Peach Summer School 2007

"Presence: towards human machine confluence"

ANNOUNCEMENT



04-06 July 2007,

Santorini, Greece

The 1st Peach Summer School 2007

The 1st Peach Summer School is going to be held on the Greek island of Santorini, from Wednesday, July 04 to Friday July 06, providing in-depth teaching on aspects of presence research field with the aim of advancing the training and working experience of European graduates, postgraduate students, young scientists and engineers.

The 1st Peach Summer School will focus on the presence measurements problems and foundations.

The purpose of the Summer School is to foster the practical application of knowledge derived from lectures, to develop organisational and team-work skills and to encourage creativity.

Organisers & Sponsors

The Summer School is organized by the Informatics and Telematics Institute (ITI), with the support of the Peach team.



Short	Full	Links
Starlab	Starlab Barcelona S.L	www.starlab.es
NU	Napier University	www.napier.ac.uk
ITI/CERTH	Informatics and Telematics Institute, Centre for Research and Technology	www.iti.gr
ITIA	Instituto di Tecnologie Industriali Automazione, National Research Council of Italy	www.itia.cnr.it
FIT	Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Information Technology FIT	www.fit.fraunhofer.de
TI	Telecom Italia	www.telecomitalia.com
OII	University of Oxford, Oxford Internet Institute	www.oii.ox.ac.uk
FER	University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing	www.fer.hr
TUM	Institute of Automatic Control Engineering (LSR) Technische Universitaet Muenchen	www.lsr.ei.tum.de

The Summer School

The Peach summer schools (summer 2007 & summer 2008) are meant to be 3 day summer workshops where attendees will share Presence knowledge and visions of future research areas on Presence. The 2007 summer school will focus on problems and foundations regarding Presence measurement. The 2008 summer school will be oriented towards Presence applications.



The 1st Peach Summer School 2007, entitled: "Presence: towards human machine confluence", will be held in Santorini, Greece, 4 - 6 July 2007 and will be mainly organized by the AVRLab (Augmented & Virtual Reality Laboratory) of the Informatics & Telematics Institute with the support of the Peach Team.

Participants will be given the opportunity to expand and strengthen their knowledge on Presence measurements and foundations. Real Presence measurement problems and foundations will be presented to the attendees through lectures, and practical lessons. These problems will be further discussed in parallel sessions, which will encourage team-work and creativity. The different working groups will present their conclusions to the audience and common sessions, to discuss future research lines, will be organized as well.

The 1st Peach summer school aims to bring together students and junior/senior researchers from many academic and industry disciplines to stimulate cross-disciplinary research. Participants from Presence I & II projects are expected to provide the conceptual backbone for discussion between researchers scattered across groups worldwide.

Many key researchers have already expressed their willingness to participate. Therefore, the event is an excellent opportunity to foster Peach objectives, since it is expected that many members of the Presence Community will be present, as well as others not fully aware of the relation of their work with this scientific field.

Participation

The 1st Peach Summer School consists of lectures, discussions and interactions with guest lecturers recognized as experts in their fields. Participants will be provided with a copy of all course lectures and access to a PC with all necessary tools and environments pre-installed.

The 1st Peach Summer School, bringing together leading researchers and practitioners, provides **postgraduate** (Msc.,PhD.) students and **junior researchers** the opportunity to gain deeper insight into the challenges related to presence research field and the increasingly emerging applications relying on presence understanding, and to familiarize themselves with the diverse disciplines involved. For **senior researchers** this opportunity will be unique to share with other research disciplines their measurement problems and Presence visions.

The working language of the Summer School will be English.

The attached application form should be submitted to the *Informatics and Telematics Institute* before **March 15th, 2007**. The number of participants will be limited to 200 and confirmation of acceptance will be given by the end of **March 2007**.

Financial Support

There is no registration fee. Partial financial support is available to a limited number of individuals to help defray the expense of travel and lodging only. To qualify for financial support you must

- Be selected to participate in the summer school,
- Request financial support in your application.

Those participants who receive the financial support must initially incur their flight expenses and will be reimbursed after completion of the school¹. Hotel expenses will be directly reimbursed by Peach. A travel report form must be completed after the participant returns to their point of origin, and must include the original transportation receipts.

Copies of receipts are not acceptable.

Local Arrangements

Beautiful Santorini is the most southern island of the Cyclades group in the Aegean Sea, and is located 63 nautical miles north of Crete.

Its surface area is 73 sq. km. and its population, distributed among thirteen villages, just exceeds 13,600 people.

Getting to Santorini (JTR) from Athens (ATH) by air

Santorini can be reached by air via Athens and Thessaloniki. The flying time from Athens to Santorini is approximately 40 minutes and cost 190 to 250 euros. The airport is about 10 km from the central town of Fira where the Nomikos Conference Center is located, and transportation to Fira is normally by taxi or hotel shuttle service. Airlines servicing Santorini (JTR) from Athens include the Greek flagship carrier Olympic Airways and the newer independent carrier Aegean Airlines, which has a more complete schedule.



Nearly all international scheduled flights arriving in Athens allow adequate time for making the connecting flight to Santorini. Numerous charter flights from different European Cities fly directly to the island during the summer period. During the same period Santorini is also connected with flights to and from Thessaloniki.

Getting to Santorini from Athens by sea

Another way to reach the island is by a regular ferry boat service from the port of Piraeus, Thessaloniki or Crete and almost all the Cycladic islands. The boat trip takes approximately 7-9 hours, depending on the ferry and the ports of call.

A daily high speed boat is available only during the summer period leaving from the port of Piraeus and from numerous other Cycladic islands and Crete.

Boats to Santorini leave from the Athenian port of Piraeus (TZE) located about an hour's drive away from the airport. There is public transportation from the airport and other parts of Athens to Piraeus.

¹ There is a limited amount for travel expenses per attendee. Flights and travel tickets exceeding this amount will be only partially covered. Further information will be provided as soon as possible at the summer school website.

The train station in Piraeus is directly across the street from the port itself. Boat tickets can be arranged beforehand, or purchased as late as the day of travel, but often the less expensive classes of travel fill up early. If you are flying in to Athens and want to take a ferry the same day, we strongly recommend arranging the sea tickets beforehand.

There are two broad classes of boats which service the Aegean islands: traditional ferries, and high-speed ferries. The traditional boats are slower, have open decks, often make more stops, and are relatively inexpensive. The high-speed ferries are faster, enclosed, and are more costly. Be sure to check the transit time in addition to the departure time for any boat you are considering, as some boats make many stops on the way to Santorini. There is only one seaport in Santorini (ATI). Slower boats can take 10 hours, and high-speed boats as little as 4 hours, depending on schedule and number of stops. Be sure to check the route and schedule when booking. As of summer 2006, passage on a high-speed boat from Piraeus to Santorini was approximately EUR 50. Some useful links if you are planning to travel by boat are: www.gtp.gr, www.bluestarferries.com, and www.hellenicseaways.gr where boat schedules are available.

The conference will take place on the Greek island of Santorini from Wednesday through Friday, July 04-06, 2007. The formal portion of the conference will take place at the [Nomikos Conference Center](#) in the town of Fira.

Many hotels are available in and around Fira and Firostefani, from inexpensive C class to luxury caldera-view cave suites. The conference center is located 15 minutes by foot from the center of Fira, and a similar distance from much of Firostefani. We hope that conference attendees, like the organizing committee, will stay in hotels that are at a walking distance from the Center. A list of recommended hotels is available. We suggest booking your hotel room as early as possible.

In addition to the information below, there are many travel guides and web sites on Santorini, such as www.santorini-island.biz.

Application Form

To be returned before March 15th, 2007 to

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Scientific Background:

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Special Field of Interest:

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Age:

I wish to attend the 1st Peach Summer School and apply for financial support to

- the Peach Consortium
 my University / Organisation

Application endorsed by:

Name:

Institute:

Signature of endorser: