

Report to the Board of Governors of the IEEE Information Theory Society

IEEE Information Theory Workshop 2008 in Porto

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Following the approval of our proposal to the BoG in July, we have made the following progress:

- A meeting between João Barros and the co-chairs of the Technical Program Committee, Emina Soljanin and Andreas Winter, took place during ISIT in Seattle, WA. The main goal of this meeting was to kick off the definition of the technical program, by discussing its schedule and the target number of papers, as well as which relevant research topics should be covered in the invited sessions.
- A preliminary reservation was made for the venue, the Palácio da Bolsa in the world heritage site of downtown Porto. Tentative dates are in May, 2008.
- Several members of the Society were contacted and asked whether they would be available to serve on the Organization Committee. These preliminary contacts were successful in all cases.

In early October, Steve W. McLaughlin will visit Porto to help negotiate the terms of the contract with the Palacio and plan the next steps.