Proposal to the BoG of the IT Society: ITW2008 in Porto, Portugal
Why Porto, Portugal?

- Famous for its architectural beauty and 2000-year history – World Heritage Site (Unesco, 1996)
- Second largest city in Portugal, thriving cultural and industrial center, urban region with 1,7M inhabitants
- Largest University in the country with 27000 students
- Local community shows growing interest in IT coming from different fields (comms, computer science, neurosciences, pharmaceutics) – we would like to welcome more people from Portugal and Spain to the IT community.
Organization

• Workshop Co-Chairs
  – João Barros
    Department of Computer Science, Laboratory of Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science (LIACC)
    University of Porto, Porto, Portugal

  – Steve McLaughlin
    School of Electrical and Computer Engineering
    Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
    Georgia Tech Lorraine, Metz, France

• Volunteers for Organization Committee:
  Miguel Rodrigues (CS/Cambridge/Porto), Nuno Martins (ECE/Maryland),
  Luísa Lima (CS/Porto), Rui Costa (CS/Porto), JP Vilela (CS/Porto), Pedro Pinto (EECS/MIT)
Technical Program

• Technical Program Committee Co-Chairs
  – **Emina Soljanin**
    Lucent Bell Labs
  – **Andreas Winter**
    University of Bristol

• Broad scope of topics with special emphasis on
  *Reliable and Secure Communication in Networks*
  *From Classical to Quantum and Back*

• About 2/3 contributed talks and 1/3 invited sessions,
  mostly morning/afternoon sessions of 25 min. talks

• 2 or 3 one-hour invited lectures
Dates

- Proposed dates: May 5-8, 2008
- Beautiful Weather
- Coincides with Student Week “Queima das Fitas”, a colorful spring break with many festivities, concerts, parades.
- Other dates are also possible.
Weather in Porto

Temperature

Precipitation
How to get there

- New International Airport with direct subway connection to the old part of the city;
- Direct flights to all major European hubs
  - London (2h05)
  - Frankfurt (2h35)
  - Amsterdam (2h25)
  - Paris (2h10)
  - Madrid (1h05)

- Alternatively daily flights to Lisbon from all major European and North American hubs
  (fast, inexpensive train to Porto from the airport, 2h45)
Venue – Palácio da Bolsa

World Heritage Site by the Douro River

Palácio da Bolsa (Stock Exchange Palace)
More Views of the Palace

- Architectural jewel of the 19th century - one of the most beautiful buildings in Portugal
- Hosted many visiting statesman, monarchs, governments officials and high international dignitaries.
- Founding member of the Historic Conference Centres of Europe
Hotels

- Many Hotels for every price category within walking distance of the Palace
- Recommended:
  - Heritage Hotel Infante Sagres (10 min. walk from Palace, 73 rooms, ***** ~100 EUR)
  - Pestana Porto, by the Douro river (2 min. walk from Palace, 48 rooms, **** ~130 EUR)
  - Hotel D. Henrique (15 min. walk from Palace, approx, 112 rooms, ****, ~58 EUR)
### Preliminary Budget

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Costs are rough estimates – subject to further negotiation and change (hopefully, reductions)

We would like local students to be allowed to attend the ITW sessions for a symbolic registration fee.
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