

# SIGPLAN Conferences

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# Role of the Vice-Chair

- Oversees organisation of SIGPLAN events:
  - Coordinates approval of events;
  - Approves choice of general and program chairs;
  - Approves program committees and budgets;
  - Serves as a resource for chairs.
- 15 conferences and 19 workshops in last year.

## Conferences and Symposia

OOPSLA

ICFP

POPL

PLDI

LCTES

ISMM

PPoPP

Haskell

ASPLOS

VEE

GPCE

DLS

AOSD

CGO

Onward

## Workshops

WikiSym

ML

WGP

DEFUN

CUFP

WMM

AAIP

Erlang

HIW

PADL

WFLP

PEPM

DAMP

PLPV

TLDI

PLAS

TRANSACT

## In-cooperation

TAPP

LDTA

# Health of Major Conferences

- Generally, conferences are doing well:
  - Attendance remains strong, despite recession;
  - Most events are still returning a surplus.
- OOPSLA update:
  - Last two years: large drop in attendance, large losses, but technical program remains strong;
  - Transforming into SPLASH from this year;
  - Working closely with SIGPLAN and ACM to ensure that SPLASH is financially sound.

# PLDI Statistics

PLDI	Attendance	Submitted	Accepted	Location
2009	221	196	41	Dublin
2008	244	178	45	Tuscon
2007	344	179	45	San Diego (FCRC)
2006	312	174	36	Ottawa
2005	293	137	28	Chicago
2004	246	127	25	Washington
2003	347	131	28	San Diego (FCRC)

# POPL Statistics

POPL	Attendance	Submitted	Accepted	Location
2010	289	207	39	Madrid
2009	259	160	36	Savannah
2008	318	212	35	San Francisco
2007	258	200	36	Nice France
2006	264	167	33	Charlestown
2005	212	172	31	Long Beach
2004	197	176	29	Venice

# ICFP Statistics

ICFP	Attendance	Submitted	Accepted	Location
2009	242	101	32	Edinburgh
2008	220	99	35	Victoria
2007	242	119	32	Freiburg
2006	178	76	24	Portland
2005	187	88	26	Estonia
2004	167	80	21	Salt Lake City
2003	152	99	23	Uppsala

# OOPSLA Statistics

OOPSLA	Attendance	Submitted	Accepted	Location
2009	734	144	25	Orlando
2008	760	117	33	Nashville
2007	1247	156	33	Montreal
2006	1165	157	27	Portland
2005	1178	142	29	San Diego
2004	1172	173	27	Vancouver
2003	948	147	26	Anaheim



# Proposing a New Workshop

- Simple form (two pages), particularly if co-locating with a sponsored conference, including:
  - Goals, location, dates;
  - Organisers and proposed program committee;
  - Plans for publicity and proceedings;
  - Description of past workshops.
- Google: “SIGPLAN workshop proposal”.

# Help for Conference Organisers

- General chair guidelines
  - Advice on approval processes, budget forms, registration and hotel management, responsibilities, etc;
  - Google: “SIGPLAN general chair”.
- Program chair guidelines
  - Advice on program committee formation, call for papers, submission software, proceedings, etc;
  - Google: “SIGPLAN program chair”.

# Current Issues and Developments

- Corporate and industrial sponsorship is down for some conferences, but most are still doing fine;
- Wide community support for increasing the number of POPL papers accepted to around 50;
- Conferences are starting to locate in Asia: PPOPP 2010 in India and ICFP 2011 in Japan.