FSCD 2021
Minneapolis, Minnesota

About Minneapolis

- A major metropolis on the Mississippi river

- All the amenities of a modern city in the midst of lakes, parks, nature reserves

- Well-connected to Europe, Asia, Australia, North America

- A light-rail system connecting all the major points of interest

- A starting point for pre- or post-conference outdoor adventures; hiking, canoeing, camping, etc

Organizational Overview

- To be held at the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota

- Managed by the University of Minnesota Software Engineering Center (UMSEC)

- Local Arrangements and Conference Chairs: Kuen-Bang Hou (Favonia) and Gopalan Nadathur

- Organizational and physical help from members of the SE & PL groups in the Computer Science Department

- Sponsorship and financial support expected from local institutions (IMA, Rockwell Aerospace, Honeywell, AWS) and funding agencies (NSF, AFOSR)
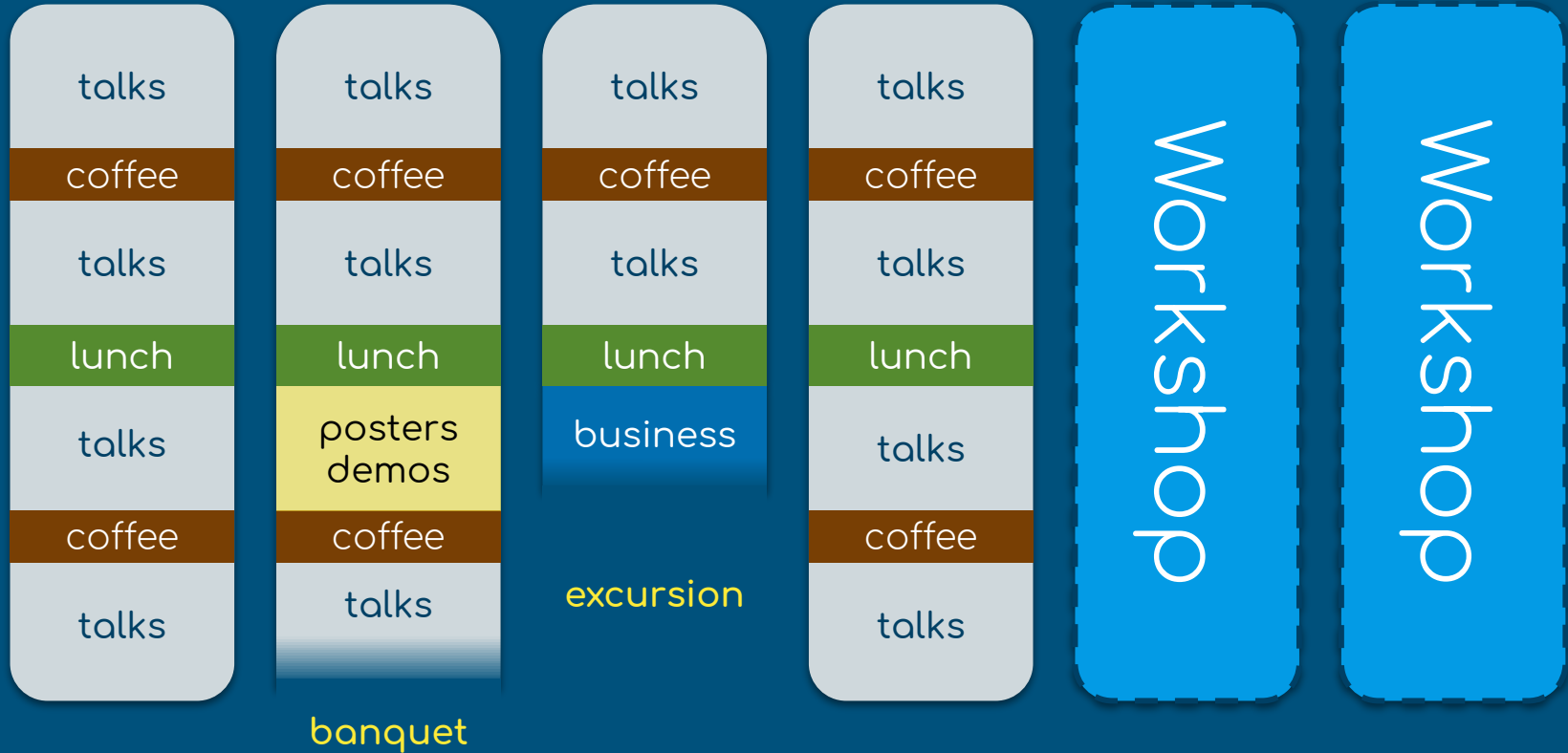
Conference Venue and Timing

- Between mid-June and mid-July, avoiding clashes with LICS and CADE

- Main events in Keller Hall, home of the Computer Science Dept, using classroom space

- Lunches, demo and poster sessions, and social events in rentable space in the university campus

- Campus housing within walking distance of Keller Hall

- Ample supply of hotel accommodation on campus and nearby locations

Social and Cultural Activities

- One social event (e.g. a banquet) with the conference

- An excursion with the conference such as

    - A biking or boating/canoeing trip,

    - A trip to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, or

    - A tour of a micro brewery, with a "tasting" component

- Workshops to plan their own dinners

- Planning help for an extended outdoor adventure such as hiking the Lake Superior Trail or canoeing in the Boundary Waters

Financial Aspects

- Conference registration fees: $500 (€450) regular, $360 (€320) students

- Workshop registration fees: $65 (€58) for each workshop day

- Estimates include lunches each day and one social event (banquet)

- External funding will provide better student rates, travel grants, improved conference events, reduced general registration rates

- Campus housing available for $50-70 (€45-65) per night

- Detailed discussion, especially of alternatives, in the proposal

Summary of the Key Points

- Minneapolis is a beautiful and pleasant city, especially in June/July

- Conference will be in an expansive and lush campus with several amenities

- Managed by UMSEC, which has significant organizational experience

- External support, especially from funding agencies, likely to enhance participation and conference quality