

FSCD 2028 in Nantes, France

possibly colocated with LICS, ICALP, IJCAR

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This document is a proposal for holding FSCD 2028 in Nantes. Several conferences also expressed interest in being colocated in Nantes in 2028: LICS, ICALP and IJCAR. The event would take place at the science faculty of Nantes University, located in the northern part of Nantes, 12 minutes away from the city center via a direct tram ride.

Organizing committee

The organizing committee will consist of the following researchers:

- Valentin Blot, INRIA researcher - chair
- Assia Mahboubi, INRIA researcher
- Nicolas Tabareau, INRIA researcher

The gallinette team in Nantes has 10 permanent members, and currently 6 PhD students and 1 post-doc. This is a very active team in the field of proof assistants, and several members (students and non-students) are willing to assist the organizing committee in running FSCD 2028 and the other conferences that would confirm their intent to come to Nantes in 2028.

We will ask each of the participating conference to nominate a conference chair, as well as a workshop chair (they can be the same person) to bring support to the local organizing committee for all the matters that do not require to be permanently based in Nantes.

Support

Financial support

The main source of funding will be via a joint call for support to scientific events by the university and the local government.

The conference chairs of each conference will be asked for the usual sources of funding, and a financing committee consisting of the local organizing committee and the conference chairs will be constituted to coordinate the requests for funding from these sources.

Organizational support

The university has a scheme for hiring students to help in the logistics of events. We will use in priority this scheme, and may also use services from private agencies if we need more staff, or some experienced head of the logistics team. Moreover, some students of the Gallinette team will volunteer to be part of the logistics team.

Accessibility of Nantes

Intercity transport

From France

Nantes is connected via direct trains to several major cities in France:

- Paris: 2h20, 20 trains/day
- Lyon: 4h30, 3 trains/day
- Bordeaux: 4h10, 4 trains/day
- Rennes: 1h15, 10 trains/day
- Lille: 5h, 1 train/day
- Strasbourg: 5h30, 2 trains/day
- Montpellier: 6h30, 1 train/day

From Europe

By train

- direct train
 - Bruxelles: 5h
- train with 1 change (usually in Paris)
 - London: 6h
 - Geneva: 6h30
 - Amsterdam: 7h
 - Luxembourg: 7h
 - Barcelona: 8h
 - Frankfurt: 8h
 - Cologne: 7h30
 - Zurich: 8h
- train with 2 changes
 - Munich: 9h30
 - Turin: 9h30

- Milan: 10h
- Hamburg: 10h30
- Berlin: 11h
- Madrid: 11h
- Vienna: 14h
- Prague: 14h
- Copenhagen: 14h

By bus Nantes has many direct buses to major european cities: Bruxelles, Amsterdam, London, Luxembourg, Barcelona, Madrid, Milan, Geneva, Frankfurt...

By plane Nantes aeroport has direct flights to many european cities: London, Amsterdam, Berlin, Munich, Frankfurt, Vienna, Bruxelles, Copenhagen, Dublin, Lisbon, Porto, Madrid, Barcelona, Rome, Milan, Florence, Prague, Budapest, Athens, Geneva

From the rest of the world

Nantes aeroport has direct flights to some cities in northern Africa (Casablanca, Algier, Tunis), as well as Istanbul. There is a direct train between Nantes and France's biggest airport Roissy Charles de Gaulle (3h, 4 trains/day), from which many major international cities are directly reachable.

Local transport

Nantes has a well-developped tram network (5 lines), as well as many buses. The train station is 25 minutes away from the University by tram (every 5-10 minutes), and the airport is 20 minutes away from the train station via a direct bus (every 20 minutes). The city center is 12 minutes away from the city center via a direct tram ride (every 5-10 minutes).

Dates

The proposed dates are to be determined within the period from the 26th of June to the 21st of July 2028, to be discussed with the other participating conferences. These dates are not the ones preferred by FSCD committee, which has a preference for late August / early September, however the proposed dates have the following advantages:

- The University is open, but the student year is over, so we can use the lecture rooms, free of charge.
- For the same reason we may use the University services for lunches and coffee breaks.
- LICS, ICALP and IJCAR usually take place in late June or early July.

The main conferences will be preceded and/or followed by 1-3 days of workshops, depending on the needs of the participating conferences. The workshops may be joint, if wished by the conferences.

Estimated registration costs

The registration costs are expected to be low, given that we can use many of the University facilities either free of charge (the rooms), or at a reduced cost (catering). We expect registration costs to be around 350€ for the main conferences, with expenses per participant decomposed roughly as follows:

- catering (4 lunches + 1 cocktail + 1 dinner): 200 €
- invited speakers: 45 € (in the case of 4 conferences we are planning for 3 invited speakers per conference + 2 joint invited speakers, and 625 participants)
- proceedings: 40 € (320 papers in total for the 4 conferences, 80 € per paper with LIPIcs)
- other costs: 65 € (40 000 € for logistics, administrative costs...)

These costs will probably be reduced, depending on the amount of sponsoring we can obtain.

Costs will be adjusted, with lower costs for students and early registrations, and higher costs for non-students and late registrations.

The registration costs for workshops are expected to be around 90€ per day (25% of the costs of 4-day conferences).

Facilities

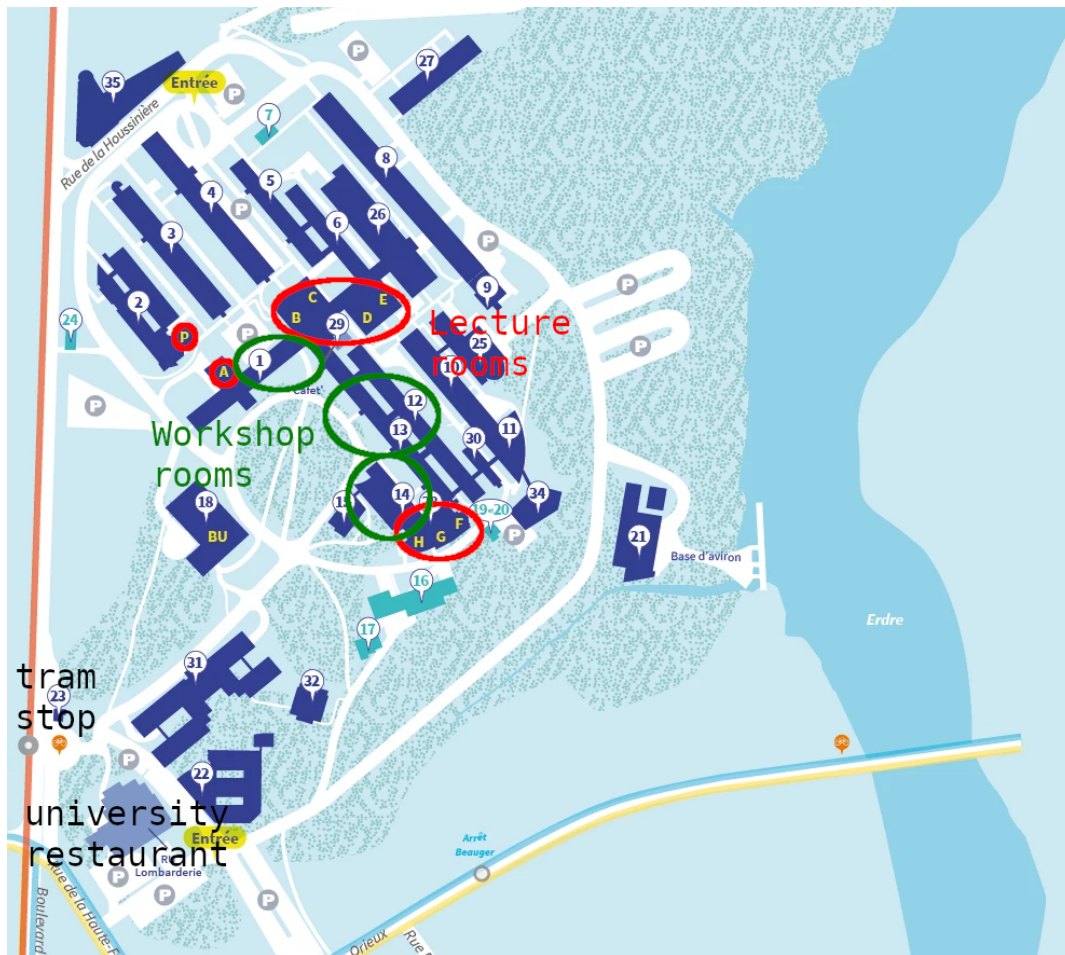
Rooms

The science faculty has many lecture rooms of various size:

- 5 rooms with at least 250 seats
- 2 rooms with 200 seats
- 2 rooms with 150 seats
- 3 rooms with 100 seats
- many smaller rooms for workshops

All these rooms are at most 250m away from each other, and they are permanently equipped with projectors and speakers. The big rooms are also permanently equipped with cameras and microphones. We may provide missing audiovisual equipment (camera + microphone) for the small rooms, to allow for hybrid workshops.

In case we need a bigger room for plenary talks common to all conferences, there are lecture rooms with 500 and 800 seats at the law faculty, 1km away from the science faculty. Another option is to use 2 or 3 big lecture rooms, and use the audiovisual equipment to live stream the talk in all the rooms.



Free wifi is available on the campus.

Catering

We will provide a welcome coffee/tea before the first morning session, a coffee break in the morning, a lunch, and a coffee break in the afternoon.

For lunches we are investigating the option of using the university's restaurant, which is 500m away from the lecture rooms. We are planning to use the university services also for coffee breaks, and the cocktail.

There are multiple options for the conference dinner and the workshop dinners, one of them being to hold it on a boat sailing on the Loire.

Accommodations and food services

There are many hotels in Nantes, both in the city center and close to the university, with prices ranging from about 50€ to 120€ per night. We are investigating the option of using the university housing services to provide inexpensive housing (around 20€ per night) 2.5km away from the venue to participating students.

Nantes has many restaurants, both in the city center and close to the university, with prices starting at about 15€ for a dinner. There are also many fancier but still affordable restaurants. Being part of the historical Bretagne region there are in particular a lot of famous "crêperies". There are also many bars, with live concerts and other activities.

Tourism

Nantes is a city with many parks, in particular the former Misery careers, now "jardin extraordinaire" (<https://metropole.nantes.fr/lieu/le-jardin-extraordinaire>), the Japanese garden "île de Versailles" (<https://nature.metropole.nantes.fr/parcs-jardins/ile-de-versailles>) which is very close to the venue, and two big rivers (Loire and Erdre) that meet in the city center. The venue is on the border of the Erdre river so participants can walk along the river during the breaks.

The city is also famous for its "machines de l'île" (<https://www.lesmachines-nantes.fr>), as well as multiple cultural venues, such as the "château des ducs de Bretagne" (<https://www.chateaunantes.fr>) which is now the history museum of the city and the former Nantes biscuits "LU factory" (<https://www.lelieuunique.com>) which is now a lively cultural venue.

