

Report VP Meetings, Policy Council Meeting Spring 2008

2008 Athens

There have been quite some negotiation with the hotel concerning room rates and meeting space, Roberta knows more about this. I fear, the bottom line is that room rates stay rather high (165 EUR for a double room including breakfast), in particular if the unfortunate exchange rate between USD and EUR is considered.

The local team is trying to attract sponsorship for the conference. There were quite confident to raise a substantial amount of money, but I don't know about any actual numbers.

Roberta is negotiating with the hotel directly about rooms and meeting space. She also tries to establish regular contact with the local organizers, which seems to be a bit difficult sometimes. See her report on the website.

2009 Albuquerque

Smooth organization of the event, so far. It seems that Len Malczynski and Aldo Zagonel from Los Alamos National Labs are in control of the process. At a meeting at the 2007 Boston conference, a rather big and motivated group of people gathered to contribute to organizing the event. See Aldo Zagonel's report on the website.

2010 Korea or Japan

The plan for 2010 is to have the conference in Asia. We now have (thanks to Bob Eberlein) proposals from the Korean and the Japanese chapters, which I attach as supplementary material, together with a proposal summary. The Chinese chapter is willing to contribute to the Korean conference, in order to increase the impact of the conference in Asia.

2011 ???

There will be a call for pre-proposals to run the 2011 conference, preferably in North America.

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