

Report VP Meetings, Policy Council Meeting Winter 2009

-- will be updated regularly --

2009 Albuquerque, NM

Call for papers is available since summer 2008 (Athens conference); the submission system is open by now. Smooth organization of the event, as far as I know (thanks to Roberta, Len and Aldo).

2010 Seoul, Korea

Roberta will visit Korea this year (February 28 - March 6/7). The most important task of her visit is to select a hotel/location from a short-list that has been prepared by the local organisers (Namsung Ahn is the primary contact person right now).

2011 Boston, MA???

An interesting pre-proposal from Portland has been withdrawn, unfortunately. Another place interested in hosting the conference (in Mexico), finally did opt to not send in a pre-proposal. Thus, we do not have any valid proposal or expression of interest for 2011 in North America right now. According to the society's policies, I suggest we therefore use our fall-back alternative, which is Boston, MA. Roberta had some preliminary talks with the Seaport Hotel but is also checking other possibilities.

2012

Although too early for a final commitment, four sites have indicated their interest to host the conference in 2012 (three in Europe, one in Australia). All interested parties will be asked to submit a pre-proposal before the Summer 2009 meeting of the PC. Hopefully, then we can decide on which location should be asked to elaborate its proposal, so that we can vote on the actual conference site at the 2010 Winter PC meeting.

Conference location policy / conference fee structure

A committee has been formed to analyse the possibility of (1) defining a formal conference location policy, and (2) to update the conference fee structure. Volunteers are welcome to join in. Unfortunately, the VP Meetings has just recently taken the initiative again, so that no results can be expected right now. I apologize for this.

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