ECML PKDD 2008 Newsletter

WEATHER

TODAY

High: 17˚C/62˚F
Low: 8˚C/46˚F

TOMORROW

High: 18˚C/64˚F
Low: 8˚C/47˚F

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CERTIFICATE

For those who need it, a Certificate of Participation is available at the registration desk.

FLICKR

Everybody who makes nice pictures of the conference can share them with all of us! You can upload your pictures to Flickr with the tag 'ecmlpkdd2008'.

CONTACT

For questions, remarks, or if you made a picture that you would like to see in tomorrows edition, please mail to newsletter@ecmlpkdd2008.org

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Today's Events

Keynote talk by Yoav Freund

Today's invited speaker is prof. **Yoav Freund** from the University of California, San Diego. In today's talk, *From Microscopy Images to Models of Cellular Processes,* he will discuss methods for automatic analysis of images using machine learning techniques.

Yoav Freund is a professor of Computer Science and Engineering at UC San Diego. His work is in the area of machine learning, computational statistics and their applications. Dr. Freund is an internationally known researcher in the field of machine learning, a field which bridges computer science and statistics. He is, together with Robert Shapire, the creator of the famous Adaboost algorithm, an implementaton of boosting. For this work they were awarded the 2003 Gödel prize in Theoretical Computer Science, as well as the Kanellakis Prize in 2004.

Tonight's Events

Tot ziens, Goodbye

Today is the last day of ECML PKDD 2008. Tonight's Farewell party in the R building will be a perfect opportunity to look back and recall the intellectual highlights of the conference. While doing so, we hope that you notice you're wiser than you were before September 15th. Ah well. You certainly enjoyed this week (yes, we saw you). The only thing left to do is to say goodbye and see you next year in **Bled, Slovenia**!

Have a nice trip back home!

The ECML PKDD 2008 team

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Community Meeting Summary

New scheme in this year's ECML KPDD

All changes in this year's program got a positive response from the community: there were only regular papers of 16 pages, each paper got a poster, and a subset was immediately published in two journal issues. This year the Demo sessions were put in a separate room. The feedback shows that placing them at the poster reception would be preferred as it gives more interaction.

As the schedule was tight, there was no author response and no conditional accepts. We held a hand raise: the majority of participants are in favor of author response. Although a less clear vote, most people reject the conditional accept. Another remark is that a simplification of the reviewing form would be useful.

Information and Publication

The program booklet was excellent, thanks to Koen! Springer has been really helpful in publishing the results of this conference (usb, proceedings, online portal), thanks Springer!

Council proposal

Start a steering committee consisting of the PC chairs of the last three years. The task of the council is to read the proposals and to assign the following roles: a 3-year publication chair, sponsor chair, treasurer, and a 1-year proposal chair and general chair. Accepted unanimously!!
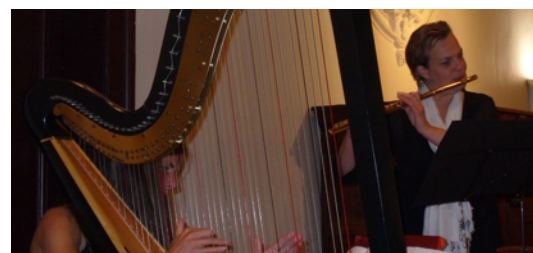
ECML KPDD 2010

Will it be in Athens or in Barcelona?! Both parties presented their proposal. We held an official vote with voting bills. We counted a total of 105 votes and Barcelona has won with 58 votes! Athens got 44 votes, and 3 people couldn't care less.

Yesterday's Events

Poster Reception at Elzenveld

The poster reception in Elzenveld had a calmer and more serene atmosphere than the swinging reception at Stuurboord. **Harp and flute** are just more appropriate in a former convent than a DJ.

The thursday poster reception at Elzenveld was enjoyed by attendees and crew alike

Shape Sudoku

The small number in the upper left corner of a shape is the sum of the numbers appearing in that shape.

ECML PKDD Statistics
Science and poetry

We gathered all the text data from the ECML PKDD 2008 papers and automatically generated a poem, written by you, dedicated to you. The generator uses trigram statistics to select and combine the most frequent phrases found in the papers. This poem proves that even the most hard-core scientists can be bleeding-heart poets inside

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Discovery and Data mining and only if and only a few label changes as possible.
Even for a given number of Vertices…*

TODO in the City
Fancy Food and Cozy Coffee

Kaldi (Vleminckxstraat) is a cozy coffee and tea tavern. The owners know exactly how to make you the cup you need. **Berlin** (kleine markt 2) is quite different, stylish with a bit of noir atmosphere. Visiting the Museum of Fine Arts? Pop into **Zeppos** (vleminckveld 78**)**, where you can indulge in the favorite Belgian pass time: sit on a terrace outside and relax with a cold drink. Alternatively try **Camu** (Plaatsnijderstraat 2), right in front of the museum.

Fancy good food in a slightly spacey setting? Go to the main shopping street De Meir and pop into the Stadsfeestzaal (home of the multimedia store Saturn). While you ponder over why the architects have chosen to destroy the beautiful old building using modern-day design, have a bit at **La Place**, at the top floor.

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The Secret Life of a Conference Organisation Team

Guru Goethals giving last-minute instructions to the registration team. Note the complete lack of interest behind the desk.

Registration team caught stealing chocolates from the conference bags.

Organising a conference is a dirty job, but somebody has got to do it

Our fearless leader and flag bearer acting as a shining beacon to the party people at the Stuurboord reception.