



Leipzig

Important Dates

08. Aug	Program Publication
15. Aug	Early Bird Deadline
22. Sep	Closing Registration
10. Oct	tutorials@TMRA
11-12. Oct	TMRA 2006

Conference Fees

tutorials@TMRA	variable
TMRA 2006 Early Bird	€ 150
TMRA 2006 Regular	€ 180

(limited number of student reduction is foreseen)

Conference Venue

Campus Villa Ida
Menckestraße 27
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International Conference on

Topic Maps Research and Applications

Campus Villa Ida

Leipzig, Germany ● Oct. 10-12, 2006

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Objectives and Background

TMRA - the annual conference series on Topic Maps Research and Applications - is a scientific and industrial forum whose main objective is to connect the key players in the Topic Maps community. Here you will find researchers, users in government and industry, as well as the vendors, the luminaries, and the standards creators gathered for an exchange of ideas in a stimulating setting. TMRA is where new challenges in Topic Maps are identified and open issues tackled.

Topic Maps is a semantic technology designed for the integration of information and knowledge, and as such it is closely connected with other information-centric technologies. TMRA is the melting pot where Topic Maps meet adjacent technologies. Researchers and application pioneers from related disciplines are explicitly invited to present their efforts towards the advancement of semantic technologies.

Besides the keynotes, presented by leading Topic Mapping heads, there are **science- and industry-oriented parallel tracks**, including poster sessions and demonstrations. The latest ideas from the community are presented in the open-space sessions.

tutorials@TMRA

TMRA 2006 features also a day of tutorials on October 10, 2006, prior to the regular conference program. Participants will be provided with lectures and instruction relevant to the Topic Mapping field.

Leveraging the Semantics

is the motto of TMRA 2006. Topic Maps have a rich semantic model that is well designed to support information retrieval in general, but can also be used for an almost unlimited range of other applications. How can the semantics of this model best be leveraged in practice? What are the main open issues for the use of Topic Maps? Finding answers to these questions will be the challenge of TMRA 2006. To stimulate the discussion, **Steve Newcomb** and **Steve Pepper** have been invited as keynote speakers.

The main topics of TMRA 2006 fit the following categories:

→ Leveraging the Semantics

TMRA is the place where the full power of the semantic model of Topic Maps is exposed and exploited.

→ Standard related Topic Maps research

TMRA is the place where the latest developments in the standardization efforts are discussed and new ideas are tackled.

→ Theoretic Topic Maps research

TMRA is the place where the theoretical background for the advances in Topic Mapping is build and advanced.

→ Applied Topic Maps research

TMRA is the place where the usage of Topic Maps in science and industry is described and discussed. A special focus is set to the library sciences.

Campus Villa Ida - Conference Venue in Leipzig

TMRA 2006 takes place in Leipzig, Germany, at the Campus Villa Ida. The conference venue is an inspiring building located in a beautiful area of old mansions, townhouses, and parks, right next to a small baroque castle.

The new building complex opens towards the Villa Ida, an historic structure with late-classicist elements offering a welcome contrast to the architecture of the adjacent premises.

Participants will experience perfect conditions of learning and lecturing in a stimulating setting at one of Germany's most vibrant and exciting cities. Leipzig offers an exceptional union of tradition and innovation in science and culture.

Leipzig is home of a renowned university, a world famous orchestra, location of captivating sporting events and widely recognized fairs. A variety of museums and monuments, historic restaurants, relaxing parks and lakes as well as a rich cultural tradition and a dynamic nightlife make Leipzig well worth a trip. The city offers accommodation for any taste, with many hotels located in walking distance to the city center. All points of interest are well linked by public transportation.

