

Bid to host **ICDAR 2015**
in Florence, Italy
August 23-26 2015



We are pleased to propose Florence (Italy) as venue for ICDAR 2015. This bid has been assembled by a group of Italian researchers that have been active in the ICDAR community for many years. As customary we invited some experienced colleagues to join the organizing committee. In particular, we are happy that Andreas Dengel, Venu Govindaraju, and Cheng-Lin Liu will support the bid by chairing the Program Committee in case the proposal will be accepted.

Organizing Committee

The proposed ICDAR 2015 organizing committee includes researchers that have worked together in various activities in the document image analysis community. All the proposed organizers agreed to be part of the team.

General Chair	Simone Marinai	(Italy)
Executive Co-Chairs	Monica Bianchini	(Italy)
	Marco Maggini	(Italy)
Program Committee Chairs	Andreas Dengel	(Germany)
	Venu Govindaraju	(United States)
	Cheng-Lin Liu	(China)
Workshop Chairs	Michael Blumstein	(Australia)
	Thierry Paquet	(France)
Tutorial Chair	Elisa H. Barney Smith	(United States)
Competitions Chair	Apostolos Antonacopoulos (United Kingdom)	
Publicity Chair	Angelo Marcelli	(Italy)
Publications Chair	Stefano Ferilli	(Italy)
Sponsorship Chair	Koichi Kise	(Japan)
Finance Chair	University of Florence	
Secretariat	University of Florence	
Local Advisory Board	See bid text	

The *general chair* (Simone Marinai, University of Florence) and the *executive co-chairs* (Monica Bianchini and Marco Maggini, both from the University of Siena) while now at different institutions graduated and got the PhD from the University of Florence and have a deep knowledge of the local logistics.

Simone Marinai organized in the past other events in Florence. In 2004 he chaired, together with Andreas Dengel (Program chair for Europe in this bid) the DAS 2004 workshop. He also chaired other workshops: ANNPR03 organized in Florence as well, NNLDAR05 (a satellite workshop of ICDAR 2005), ANNPR06 (Ulm, Germany) and ANNPR08 (Paris, France). Simone Marinai is chair of IAPR C&M and co-editor in chief of ICDAR. He has been Publicity chair for ICDAR 2009, will be Tutorial chair for ICDAR 2013 and has been a Program Committee member

of ICDAR since ICDAR 2007. He has been area chair for ICPR2010 and PC member of many events in the area (www.dsi.unifi.it/~simone).

Monica Bianchini coordinated the organizing committee of the 8th meeting of the Italian Association for Artificial Intelligence in 2002 and has been member of the organizing committee of the NATO Advanced Research Workshop, *Limitations and Future Trends in Neural Computation*, Siena (2001). She organized Special Sessions at KES 2007 and KES 2008. Monica is Associate editor for Neurocomputing and has been Associate Editor for IEEE TNN (2004-2009) and PC member of several conferences (e.g. ANNPR, EANN, ESANN, ICANN, IJCNN, KES).

Marco Maggini has been publication chair for IJCNN 2000, and organizer of the poster session at the NATO Advanced Research Workshop, *Limitations and Future Trends in Neural Computation*, Siena (2001). He has been PC member of several conferences and workshops: IJCNN97; ANNPR03; Workshop on Statistical Approaches to Web Mining SAWM04 (at ECML/PKDD 2004); Workshop on Relational Machine Learning – sub-symbolic paradigm for learning in structured domains (at ECML/PKDD 2005); ANNPR06; CIKM06; SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM07); ECIR07; PAKDD 2007; ACM CIKM 2007; ECIR08; PAKDD 2008; ANNPR08; CIKM 2008; ECIR09; PAKDD 2009; CIKM 2009; ANNPR 2010; ECIR10; ECIR11; CIKM 2011; PAKDD 2011.

Angelo Marcelli, from the University of Salerno, will lead the publicity of the conference and manage the website. Angelo is member of the program committee of ICDAR since 2009; of ICFHR since 2006; of IGS since 2001; of PRIP since 2007. He has been General Chair for IGS2005 held in Salerno (Italy) he is President of the International Graphonomics Society, 2007-2011. Angelo is Co-Editor of the Journal of Forensic Document Examination (JFDE) and Associate Editor of IJDAR and PRL. He has been member of the membership committee of IAPR in 2000 and 2002.

Stefano Ferilli, from the University of Bari, will serve as Publication Chair and will handle the proceedings and related issues. Stefano has been member of the Organizing Committee for: the 15th European Conference on Machine Learning (ECML 2004); the 8th European Conference on Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (PKDD 2004); the 18th International Conference on Industrial and Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems (IEA/AIE), 2005; and the 16th International Conference on Methodologies for Intelligent Systems (ISMIS 2006). He has been also Program Committee member for the international conferences ICDM 2011; ECML/PKDD 2011; IEA/AIE 2011 (Chair of the Special Session on Intelligent Techniques for Document Processing); ADMA 2011; INCoS 2011; DEXA 2009-2010-2011; DB 2009; ICAART 2009-2010-2011; SBIA 2008-2010; ECML Data Mining for Business workshop 2005-2006; RCRA International Workshop on Experimental evaluation of

algorithms for solving problems with combinatorial explosion 2010; and of the Italian Research Conference on Digital Libraries (IRCDL) 2010-2011.

The **secretariat** and **finance** will be handled by staff in the conference office of the University of Florence. Franco Crescioli and Arianna Sciarillo of this office already provided advice for the bid analyzing the various alternatives with personal inspections of the buildings. They also compared the ICDAR logistics with previous events organized in the same places and provided the information for the preliminary financial budget contained in this document.

The budget includes salaries for professional staff that will support attendees during oral sessions (e.g. helping with technical problems during presentations, supporting session chairs, and handling microphones for questions) and poster presentations. We planned one person per room and additional people at the registration desk. People from the conference office of the University of Florence will be present at the registration desk for handling financial matters (on-site registration, receipts, certificates of attendance, accompanying persons support). We will look also for additional support from students of the organizing universities.

The **Local Advisory Board** will include Italian researchers already involved in past ICDARs (either as PC members or authors) and colleagues working in related fields such as Pattern Recognition and Digital Libraries. This will allow us to increase the awareness of the conference in the Country. Members already contacted, because they helped in the preparation of this bid, are Floriana Esposito (University of Bari, past member of ICDAR PC), Marco Gori (University of Siena, past member of ICDAR PC), Carlo Colombo (University of Florence, general co-chair ECCV 2012 that will be held in Florence). Other colleagues will be contacted if the bid will be accepted.

Program

The venues proposed in this bid have been identified taking into account the traditional three-track format of ICDAR with plenary sessions and poster sessions. In addition to the main program we looked for venues that are suitable also for the other co-located events, such as Tutorials, Workshops, and the new ICDAR doctoral consortium. The budget reported in this document does not consider these independent activities. However, the costs can be inferred from the ones reported in the budget, with the exception of a relatively small additional cost required to open the buildings on Saturday and Sunday.

The dates proposed for ICDAR 2015 (August 23-26, 2015) have been identified after a detailed analysis of various alternatives. In the second half of August, Florence begins to be more populated after the most intensive vacation weeks. However, there is still low traffic and visiting the city can be more comfortable than in June and July when the temperature and humidity can be significantly higher. On the other hand in September there are more students in the University buildings and it will not be possible to substantially book a whole building for the conference. Last but not least, September is considered high season for many hotels.

Workshops, tutorials and competitions

The number of satellite workshops has grown significantly in the past ICDARs. To give advice and guidance on these activities, two Workshop chairs will be appointed. In the two proposed venues it is possible to run several Workshops and Tutorials on the days preceding the main conference. However, we expect that some selection of the proposals should be made in order to improve the overall quality without diluting participation among various workshops. The same criteria could be considered for Tutorials as well. With the proliferation of competitions in past ICDARs it is also expected that some guidance on their organization will be required. Workshops can be held either the days before or the days after the main conference with little interference one to the other. It is possible to have the workshops at the same venue. However, we are exploring the option to have them in Siena a city reachable in about one hour from Florence that hosts the home University of the two Executive Chairs.

Submission and Review

The program committee is expected to run the submission and review process through an existing free conference system. In particular, we expect to use again the easychair system, that has been adopted in the last ICDARs. In accordance with the Program Chairs we will explore also the possibility to partially modify the review process (e.g. taking into account a double blind review and/or two step reviews). A wide discussion on this topic shall be organized before and during ICDAR 2013 so as to gather a large consensus on any change to the review process.

Proceedings

The proceedings of ICDAR 2015 are planned to be published by IEEE Conference Publishing Service (CPS). Since 1993 the ICDAR proceedings have been published by IEEE Computer Society Press. If the publication agreement proposed by the publisher will not change we will make publicly available at the Conference website the papers, in addition to the standard dissemination through IEEEExplore. The proceedings of some past ICDARs (namely ICDAR 2003 and ICDAR 2009) are already available on the Web in a similar fashion. The IEEE electronic system for submitting camera-ready papers and copyright forms is now in use since many years and therefore it will be easy for authors to upload their papers. The overall process will be overseen by the Publications Chairs Stefano Ferilli. The hosting of the proceedings in the conference website will be overseen by the Publicity Chair.

Publicity and Promotion

In recent years the publicity for main conferences is mostly based on electronic instruments such as e-mails and web-pages. Most of these activities will be coordinated by the Publicity Chair Angelo Marcelli who will set-up, in close cooperation with the other organizers, the ICDAR webpage and related services.

We will also design and print formatted versions of the Call for Papers to distribute at related conferences. The IAPR sponsorship, if granted, will also provide additional publicity.

Social Events

The welcome reception can be held on some suitable place in the city center or in the near surroundings of the town. However, it is too early now to provide any proposal. As examples, we can consider to have the reception in the *Salone dei 500* in *Palazzo Vecchio* or in the garden of the *Villa La Quiete alle Montalve* that hosted DAS 2004.

The identification of a suitable place for the conference dinner will depend also on the actual number of attendees. In late August the road traffic is limited and we can look for places outside the city. There are several places that can be reached in less than one hour and could be suitable for the banquet. One attractive place is the medieval town of Monteriggioni near Siena (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monteriggioni>) that can be reached by reserved coaches in less than one hour.

As a complement to the conference main program, we will explore possible visits to cultural institutions related to the ICDAR topics such as libraries and archives. In Florence is located one of the two main National Libraries in Italy that has been visited in the past by DAS 2004 attendees.

Touristic activities for accompanying persons will be arranged through local tour organizers. However, in the Florence center everything can be reached by foot in a few minutes. Therefore, attendees and accompanying person will most likely enjoy the city by themselves.

Florence

Thanks to its invaluable artistic treasures of painting, architecture and sculpture, Florence attracts every year millions of visitors from all over the world. In this document we will not address touristic features of the city that should be collateral to the main conference organization. In the next sections we will outline some practical information. If looking for additional details on Florence it is possible to begin from on-line references. E.g.: Wikipedia: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florence>; *Encyclopædia Britannica*: <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/210642/Florence>

Accommodations

Florence has a well developed infrastructure that can accommodate thousands of visitors every day. In the second half of August, the rates are not at the top and it is usually easier to find accommodations with respect to June or September. Essential accommodation information can be accessed from the touristic office website: (<http://www.firenzeturismo.it>)

The center of Florence (as well as its surroundings) proposes a large choice of accommodations at various costs. If the proposal to host ICDAR 2015 in Florence will be accepted a list of recommended hotels with preferential rates will be proposed to attendees.

We are also investigating the use of student facilities to accommodate students.

Although we can expect that prices could change in the next four years, we made a survey of hotels through a well known on-line booking system. In mid July 2011 we checked booking prices for a single room for four night (Aug 21-25 2011) that are the most similar to the proposed ICDAR 2015 dates. Of the 507 hotels in the Florence area, 406 had rooms available with the following distribution according to night price. 0-49 Euro: 49 hotels; 50-99 Euro: 303 hotels; 100-149 Euro: 250 hotels; 150-199 Euro: 107 hotels.

Travel

Florence's *Amerigo Vespucci* international airport, 5 Km from the city center, has connecting flights to the most important European hubs: Amsterdam, Barcelona, Brussels, London Gatwick, Munich, Frankfurt, Paris CDG, and Rome. The airport has good connections to the city center, which can be reached in about fifteen minutes by taxi, and about twenty minutes by the service "Fly by Bus" running between the airport and the *Santa Maria Novella* railway station. The conference venues are even closer to the airport.

For international flights it is possible to use also the Pisa and Rome International airports.

Pisa (*Galileo Galilei*) airport is some 80 km West of Florence. In addition to major airlines, a few low-cost airlines (e.g. Ryanair, EasyJet, Vueling) land in Pisa. Delta Airlines also operates a direct flight to New York JFK. Connections to Florence central railway station are possible with a direct train from the Pisa airport every two hours (journey time of about 1 hour) or by using local bus to Pisa central railway station, where there are more frequent trains to Florence Santa Maria Novella. Private owned coaches are available as well with scheduled timetables.

Rome inter-continental *Fiumicino* airport is served by all major airlines with flights from all over the world. The airport is connected with a non-stop train every hour to the main Rome railway station (*Termini*), which is reached in half an hour. More often than every hour a high speed train leaves Rome Termini to Florence Santa Maria Novella, which is reached in about 100 minutes.

Another nearby international airport is Bologna *Guglielmo Marconi* (1 hour train).

When coming by car the *Autostrada Del Sole* Highway (A1) connects Florence both with southern and northern Italy. In the proposed dates for ICDAR there should be no problems to find places for cars. Moreover, one of the two venues has a parking that can be used by some delegates.

Florence Santa Maria Novella (S.M.N.) railway station is on the major Italian North-South train route. Most high speed trains running between Milan and Rome stop in Florence. Night trains connect Florence to several European cities (e.g. Paris, Geneve, Zurich, Wien, Munich).

VISA for Italy

VISA information may change quickly and therefore we can provide here only general advice on this topic. The need for a VISA usually depends on the Citizenship and on the Country of long-term residence. Conditions for attendees of conferences are similar to other main European countries. The following rules hold in 2011:

*Nationals of the following countries **do not require a visa** to enter Italy:*

Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Lichtenstein, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Estonia, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

*Nationals of the following countries **do not require a visa** for visits up to a maximum of 90 days, for tourism, on missions, business, invitations ought to take part in sports events, study:*

Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Macedonia (the Former Yugoslav Republic of), Malaysia, Macao, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, South Korea, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.

*Nationals bearing ordinary passports of many other Countries **are subject to visa obligations.***

In this group of Countries we list only those of interest for attendees of ICDAR 2009, the others can be found in the website listed at the end of the page:

Bangladesh, China, India, Iran, Kuwait, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia.

For further information regarding entrance and stay in Italy it is possible to visit:

<http://www.esteri.it/MAE/EN/Ministero/Servizi/Stranieri/IngressoeSoggiornoInItalia.htm>

or:

http://www.esteri.it/visti/index_eng.asp

to find out whether, depending on citizenship, country of long-term residence, and the duration and reasons for stay in Italy a visa is required; and to find out which documents are required in order to apply for the visa.

The venue(s)

As in many other large towns, in Florence there are several locations, such as hotels and the congress palace, that can be considered for holding ICDAR. However, in these cases the prices are relatively high and the constraints (such as early booking) can be difficult to handle. For ICDAR 2015 we prefer to take into account facilities owned by the University of Florence.

We have two good alternatives that are described in the next pages. Each of these options has pros and cons and the final selection will be made in 2013. Both venues are in the immediate suburbs of the city and host several classrooms with various sizes. Wireless Internet connections are available in both cases. It is important to remark that Florence, with less than 400,000 inhabitants, is a relatively compact town. The city center, with one of the largest pedestrian areas in Europe, can be crossed by walk in 10-15 minutes and about 15 minutes are needed to reach both venues by bus.

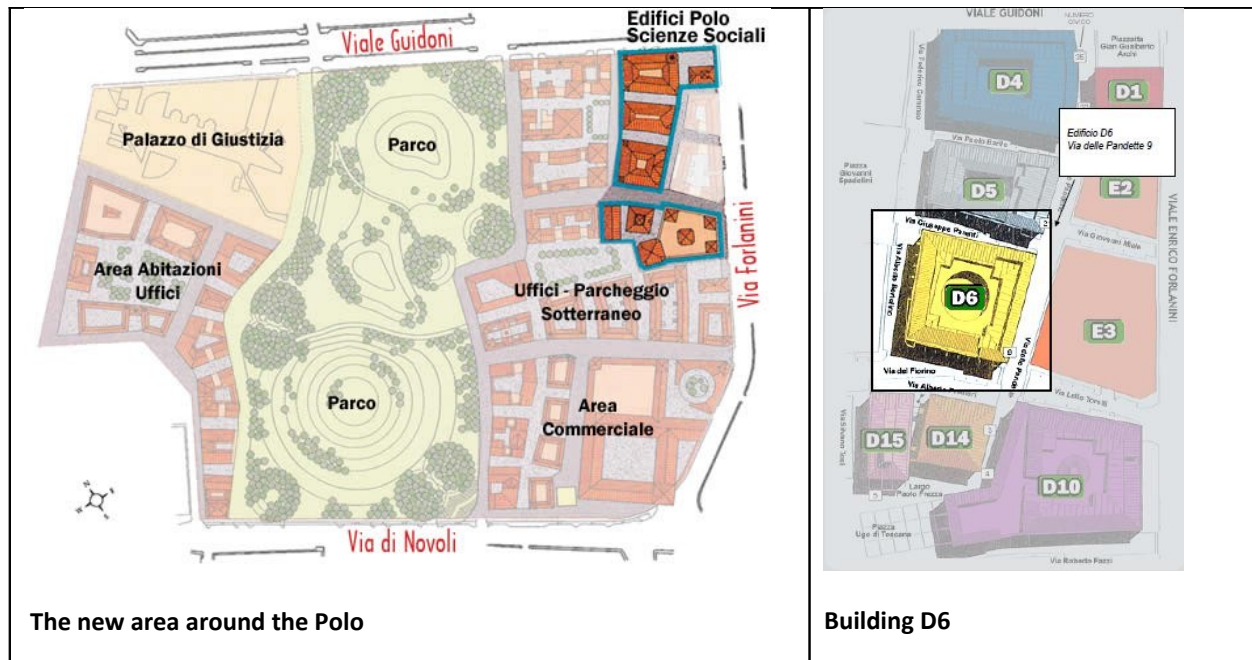
Option A: Polo scienze sociali

The “*Polo Universitario delle Scienze Sociali*” is the new campus for social sciences of the University of Florence. The new buildings (opened in 2004) contain large classrooms, a refectory and small apartments for students. As can be noticed from the map on the right, the Polo is located between the city center and the airport (*Autostrada* is the highway; *Aeroporto Amerigo Vespucci* is the Florence airport, *Stazione F.S.* is the main Railways Station).



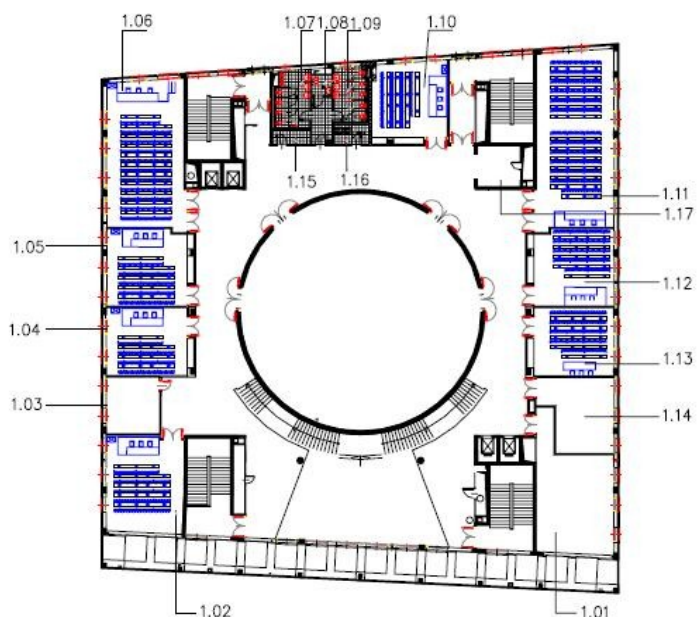
Building D6 from outside

In the map in the next page the campus is located in the up-right part, with a detail on the right where the building that could host ICDAR2015 is marked as D6. There are several buses running from the main streets around the campus to the center. For instance, it is possible to take bus number 22 in *Via di Novoli* (bottom of the map) that brings in 15 minutes to the main station (city center). The bus runs every 5-7 minutes. In 2015 there are chances that a new tram line, basically following bus 22 path, will be completed. In this case the service will be faster and more frequent. Moreover, the tram line will connect the airport with the center. Therefore, it should be possible to reach the venue in 10-12 minutes from the airport. Today, there is a bus shuttle running from the center to the airport every half hour. Otherwise, a taxi can bring people to/from the venue and the airport in 10-15 minutes.



The conference can be held in the D6 building that has two floors with classrooms and conference halls. We illustrate in the following the facilities that can be used for ICDAR.

The floorplan on the right describes the first floor of the building. The access is from the circular stairs. The central circular area corresponds to the “Aula Magna” that has 414 seats with tables. This room can be used for plenary sessions. Other rooms in the floor can be used for parallel sessions: 1.06 and 1.11 have 99 and 126 places, respectively. Smaller meetings can be organized in the other rooms that have around 50 places each.





Aula Magna



Large rooms in D6 building



Small rooms in D6 building (for meetings)

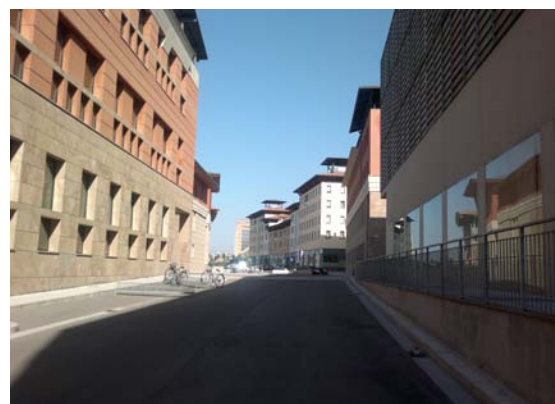


Areas for coffee breaks / posters

Instead of the Aula Magna it is possible to use a conference room (with 358 seats) and other rooms (four with 100 places and four with around 48 places each) still in the ground floor. Coffee breaks can be served in the public areas around the main room or below some arcades outside; the posters can be affixed outside the main room.

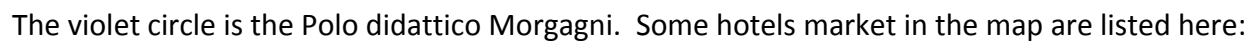


Conference room



Areas outside the building (for breaks and lunches).
Pictures taken in August

Around the *Polo delle Scienze sociali* there are some hotels, but many others are in the city center. Some hotels are relatively close also to the alternative location (described in the next pages) that is on the top-right part of the map, near the Hospital (H).



(B): *Starhotels Tuscany*

(D): *B&B Hotel Firenze Nuovo Palazzo di Giustizia*

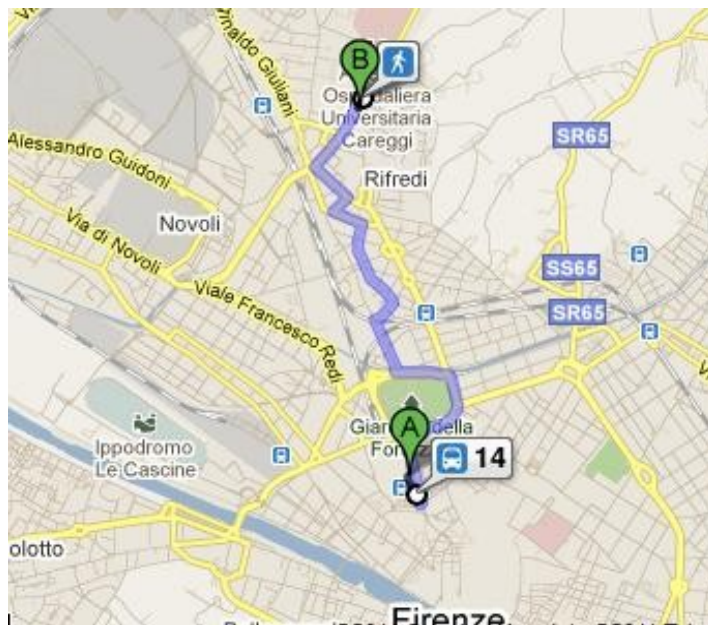
(E), (F), (G), (I) and other circles are smaller hotels

(H): *Quadra Key Residence* (apartments with kitchens)

(J): *Hotel Raffaello* (closest to option 2). Like other hotels in Florence it has preferential rates for guests of the University (and it will possible to extend the rates for ICDAR attendees).

Option B: Polo didattico Morgagni

The *Polo didattico Morgagni* contains classrooms for Engineering and other faculties. It is a large building with very large public areas. With respect to the first option, it is ideal for social activities such as posters, coffee/breaks and lunches. The two largest rooms can fit 250-270 people each, but a very large conference room is available just across the street. There are four other rooms for 200 people and several other smaller rooms. Many buses can be used to reach the building from the center (e.g. bus number 2, 14, 28) in 15-20 minutes. The airport can be reached by taxi in 15-20 minutes too. Also in this case it is possible that a new tram line will connect the location with the city center in 2015.



Reaching Morgagni by bus from the city center (Novoli is the location for Option 1)



The Morgagni building





Conference Room



Large rooms (250 people)



Other rooms





Spaces for coffee breaks / posters / lunches in the Morgagni building



Area for posters / coffee at CTO (outside the Conference room)

The conference room can fit around 500 people and is located in one building (CTO) very close (200 m) to the Morgagni one. The building with the conference room can be used also for posters. In this case poster sessions can be organized together with the plenary sessions therefore requiring to move between the two building only during lunch breaks.



Morgagni (red circle) and CTO (blue circle)



Via Alderotti (separating the two buildings) in late August



Morgagni internal parking in August (it will be possible to park inside)

Timetable

The timetable for ICDAR 2015 organization follows the ICDAR guidelines for bidding and hosting the conference.

June 2011	Identification of Organizing Committee
June 2011	Preparation of formal Proposal and Presentation to Advisory Board
September 2011	Presentation of the bid at ICDAR 2011
Spring 2012	Initial Organization of WWW site
Spring 2013	Final choice of the Venue and of the sites for social events
June 2013	Report to ICDAR advisory board – Budget update
July 2013	Definition of PC members
August 2013	First Call of Papers
March 2014	Second Call for Papers
August 2014	Final Call for Papers, Call for Workshops, Tutorials, Competitions Budget Update
January 2015	Submission Deadline
June 2015	Early registration deadline and camera ready submission Budget update
August 2015	ICDAR Conference
September 2015	Report for IAPR Newsletters

Finances

Defining a budget four years in advance with respect to any conference is not an easy task. We attempted to estimate the budget taking into account current costs and considering the most expensive venue between the alternative ones previously described. The budget has been obtained integrating local information about the expenses (in June 2011) and the final budget of ICDAR 2009. This budget was the last available when we prepared this document, but it is also probably the most similar to the one required for ICDAR 2015 since both conferences are held in Europe. We designed the budget to have a break-even at 250 registered people. This value was used also in the proposal for ICDAR 2009 that at the end had 378 attendees.

The budget for the expenses is based on prices in 2011. Conference rooms costs are those that would be claimed today, but the prices have been fixed recently and we hope they will not change too much. Catering (coffee breaks, lunches on-site, welcome party, and gala dinner) are costs in 2011 with a 7% increase. The costs for proceeding have been estimated on the basis of the final ICDAR 2009 budget, where IEEE invoiced 19,960 US\$. To be safe from the exchange ratio point of view we considered 20,000 Euro for this item (22,000 when considering 350 registered people). The conference service is paid to the office at the University of Florence that will handle all the registrations, payments, receipts, and will in general manage financial transactions. This cost includes the credit card fees. The IAPR levy is considered at the current exchange ratio. If accepted by the IAPR treasurer we will apply for using part of this amount to cover the IAPR/ICDAR award and other activities in the name of IAPR. The total expenses (see table below) are 130,395 with a surplus of 15 Euro considering 250 attendees (registration fees are reported in the next pages). In the last column of the table we report the expenses related to 350 attendees. The total expenses are in this case 167,111 Euro, but considering the larger number of registered people it would be possible to reduce the registration fees as reported in the next pages. The total incomes with 350 registered people will be 167,295 with a surplus of 183 Euro.

Expenses

EXPENSES		250		350	
Plenary sessions room	1100	3	3300	3	3300
Parallel sessions rooms	250	6	1500	6	1500
Meetings room	250	3	750	3	750
Poster area	250	3	750	3	750
Poster boards	50	25	1250	30	1500
Catering area	0	0	0	0	0
Coffee breaks (6)	36	250	9000	350	12600
Lunches (3)	66	250	16500	350	23100
Welcome party	26	250	6500	350	9100
Gala dinner rental + show	2500	1	2500	1	4000
Gala dinner	83	250	20750	350	29050
Transportation	10	250	2500	350	3500
Secretary, hostesses, staff	850	3	2550	5	4250
Proceedings	20000	1	20000	1	22000
Authors' kit	16	250	4000	350	5600
Advertising	6000	1	6000	1	6000
AV Equipment	1000	3	3000	3	3000
Technical assistance	1500	1	1500	1	2000
Invited speakers	1500	3	4500	3	4500
of which for IAPR outstanding	1500				
Plaques for awards	100	5	500	5	500
IAPR levy (20 US\$)	14	250	3500	350	4900
Conference service (incl. CC fees)	10% income		13045		16711
Other (insurance, website, ...)	4500	1	4500	1	5500
Contingency	2000	1	2000	1	3000

Total expenses

130395

167111

Registration fees

The basic registration fees are split into nine categories that combine the paying date (Early, Late, On-site) and the type of registration (IAPR member, non-member, student). As a rough estimate, we considered the actual fees of ICDAR 2009 and increased the student fees by 15 Euro and the others by 20 Euro. It is important to stress again that this is only a simulation and that actual fee will most likely be different (we hope lower than this). We considered in the nine categories a distribution of the number of registered people that reflects (with a total of 250 people) the actual registrations at ICDAR 2009.

	IAPR member		Non member		Student	
Early	490	47	515	72	360	67
Late	515	18	540	30	380	10
On-site	540	0	570	3	400	3
Total	32,300	65	54,990	105	29,120	80

The income from registration fees for this simulation is 116,410 Euro. The other source of income should be the public and industrial sponsorship. At ICDAR 2009 this voice summed up 31,355 Euro. While we will attempt to raise as most sponsorships as possible, we consider in this budget a conservative estimate of 14,000 Euro. The total incomes are therefore 130,410 Euro.

When planning 350 attendees with the same distribution considered before, we can reduce all the registration fees according to the following table

	IAPR member		Non member		Student	
Early	460	68	490	100	330	93
Late	485	26	515	41	350	14
On-site	510	0	545	4	380	4
Total	43,890	94	72,295	145	37,110	111

The total incomes are 167,295 Euro with 350 attendees.

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