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## Big Data Meets Computational Science, preface for ICCS 2014



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Welcome to the 14th Annual International conference on Computational Science, to be held 10th-12th June 2014 in Cairns, Australia. Cairns is on the doorstep of Australian jewels including the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree rainforest. For more information about Cairns and nearby attractions, see our location description. ICCS 2014 is organized by the University of Queensland, Universiteit van Amsterdam, NTU Singapore and the University of Tennessee.

The International Conference on Computational Science is an annual conference that brings together researchers and scientists from mathematics and computer science as basic computing disciplines, researchers from various application areas who are pioneering computational methods in sciences such as physics, chemistry, life sciences, and engineering, as well as in arts and humanitarian fields, to discuss problems and solutions in the area, to identify new issues, and to shape future directions for research.

Since its inception in 2001, ICCS has attracted increasingly higher quality and numbers of attendees and papers and this year is not an exception. This year we expect over 250 participants. The proceedings series have become a major intellectual resource for computational science researchers and serve to both define and advance the state of the art of the field.

ICCS 2014 in Cairns will be the fourteenth in this series of highly successful conferences. For the previous twelve meetings see: <http://iccs2014.ivec.org/previous-iccs.html>

The theme for ICCS 2014 is Big Data meets Computational Science to mark the increasing importance of data intensive science. In order to extract meaning from the exponentially increasing amounts of data being gathered, it is imperative to both apply current computational science techniques to data sets, and to develop new processes and algorithms. This conference will be a unique

event focusing on recent developments in: data intensive science for diverse areas of science; scalable scientific algorithms; advanced software tools; computational grids; advanced numerical methods; and novel application areas. ICCS2014 will also feature the important advances in computational science towards exascale computing. ICCS includes work focusing on the application of computational methods in diverse areas including, Computational Biology, Computational Finance, Earth Sciences, Social Sciences and complex systems at large.

ICCS is well known for its excellent line up of keynote speakers and this year is no exception. The keynotes for 2014 are:

- Professor **Vassil Alexandrov**, ICREA Research Professor in Computational Science, Barcelona Supercomputing Centre, Spain
- Professor **Dr Luis Bettencourt**, Santa Fe Institute, New Mexico, USA
- Professor **Peter T. Cummings**, Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Vanderbilt University, USA
- **Dan Fey**, Director - Earth, Energy, and Environment Microsoft External Research, Microsoft
- Professor **John Mattick**, Garvan Institute of Medical Research, Sydney, Australia
- Professor **Bob Pressey**, Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, James Cook University, Australia
- Professor **Mark Ragan**, Institute for Molecular Bioscience, The University of Queensland, Australia

Besides our excellent keynote speakers, out of the submitted papers to main track and workshops, we selected about 230 high-quality papers for presentation at the conference and publication in the proceedings, published by Elsevier in their Procedia Computer Science series. Submission was very competitive this year and the main track accepted 64 papers from 184 submissions (34% acceptance rate)

ICCS relies strongly on the vital contributions of our workshop organizers to attract high quality papers in many subject areas. We would like to thank all committee members for the main track and the workshops for their contribution to ensure a high standard for the accepted papers. As per every year we would like to thank Elsevier, the conference is organized with their financial and administrative support.

We are proud to note that ICCS is an ERA 2010 A-ranked conference series.

We wish you a successful and enjoyable conference in Cairns.

June 2014

The ICCS 2014 Organizers:

David Abramson  
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Valeria Krzhizhanovskaya, Alfons Hoekstra, Derek Groen, Eric Lorenz

### **5th Workshop on Computational Optimization, Modelling and Simulation**

X.S. Yang, S. Koziel, L. Leiffson

### **Fourth International Workshop on Advances in High-Performance Computational Earth Sciences: Applications and Frameworks**

Kengo Nakajima, Huilin Xing

### **Agent-based simulations, adaptive algorithms and solvers**

R. Schaefer, K. Cetnarowicz, V. Calo, D. Pardo, M. Paszynski

### **Architecture, Languages, Compilation and Hardware support for Emerging ManYcore systems**

Loïc Cudennec, Stéphane Louise

### **Fifth Workshop on Data Mining in Earth System Science**

Forrest M. Hoffman, J. Kumar, J. W. Larson, M. D. Mahecha

### **Dynamic Data Driven Application Systems - DDDAS 2014**

C.C. Douglas, A. Patra, A. Cortes

### **8th Workshop on Computational Chemistry and Its Applications**

P. Ramasami

### **Workshop on Teaching Computational Science**

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### **Tools for Program Development and Analysis in Computational Science**

J. Tao, A. Bode, K. Furlinger, A. Knüpfer, D. Kranzlmüller, J. Volkert, R. Wismüller

### **Workshop on Cell Based and Individual Based Modelling**

J. M. Osborne

### **Solving Problems with Uncertainties**

Vassil Alexandrov

### **Modeling and Simulation of Large-scale Complex Urban Systems**

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H. Ayt, M. Berger, X. Li

**Urgent Computing: Computations for Decision Support in Critical Situations**

A. V. Boukhanovsky, M. Bubak

**Large Scale Computational Physics**

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**2nd Workshop on Advances in the Kepler Scientific Workflow System and Its Applications**

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**The Eleventh Workshop on Computational Finance and Business Intelligence**

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**Bridging the HPC Tallent Gap with Computational Science Research Methods**

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**Mathematical Methods and Algorithms for Extreme Scale**

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**Computational Optimisation in the Real World**

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