

Conference Proposal

IEEE SAM 2014

A Coruña, SPAIN

June 22-25, 2014



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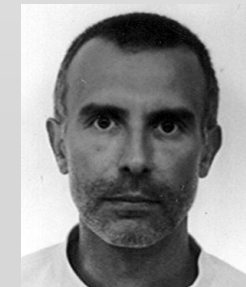
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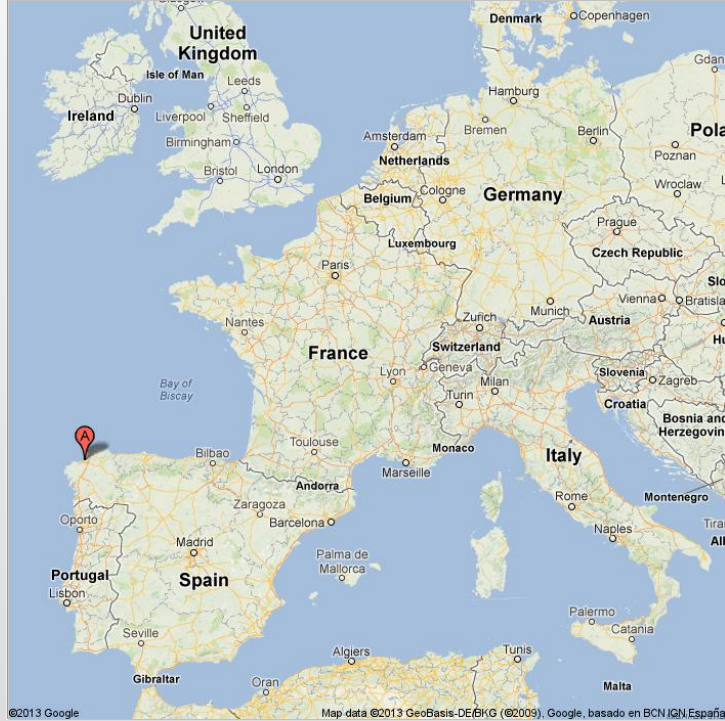
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LOCATION – A CORUÑA, SPAIN



With more than 2,000 years of history, A Coruña and its metropolitan area is a modern, dynamic and innovative city looking out onto the Atlantic.

Motto: *A Coruña, a cidade onde ninguén é forasteiro*
A Coruña, the city where nobody is a stranger

Profile/

Location/ Northwest Spain
Population/ 409,085 inhabitants

Climate/

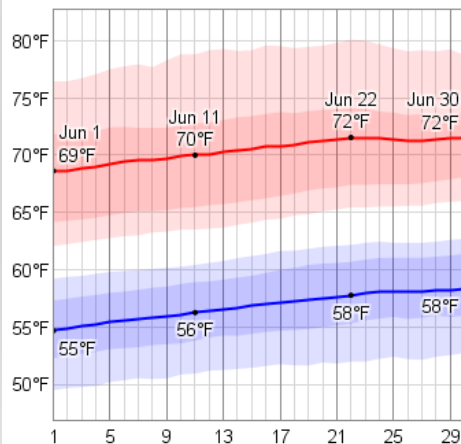
Average Summer Maximum 22° C 71.6° F

Average Winter Maximum 14° C 57.2° F

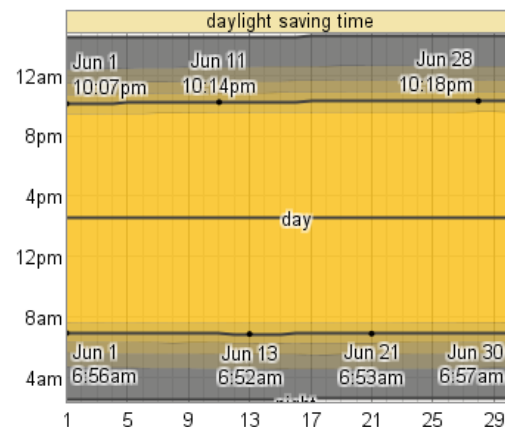
Accommodation/

Beds in the city 168 *****
2,701 *****
997 ***

Daily High and Low Temperature in June



Daily Sunrise & Sunset with Twilight and Daylight Saving Time in June



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The Old City

It allows to relive different stages of the history and shows rhythms of the heartbeat of a medieval and baroque city.



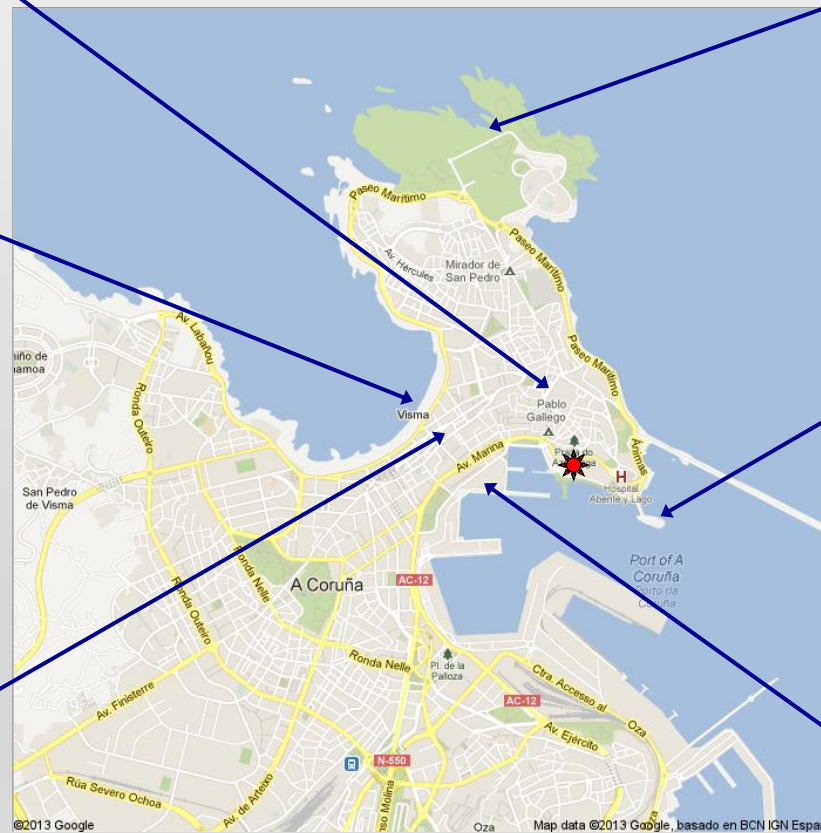
Beach Promenade

It is the longest in Europe, with more than 10 kilometers in length.



Beaches

More than two kilometers of beaches all around the city, within walking distances.



★ The Venue

Hotel Hesperia Finisterre



Tower of Hércules



It is the oldest Roman lighthouse in the world and the only one that remains in service.



San Antón Castle

16th century fortress that houses the Archaeological and Historical Museum.



Glass City

The city has constructed galerias, balconies in glass, where the original fishermen's houses were.

VENUE – HOTEL HESPERIA FINISTERRE

It is located in the heart of the city, just a short walk from the port and less than a five-minute stroll from the town's shopping streets, historic center, beaches, restaurants and café terraces.

It has five fully equipped meeting rooms that overlook the ocean and seat up to a total of 1,400 people.

Hotel Hesperia Finisterre



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Habitaciones/ Rooms/ 92
Plazas/ Beds/ 168

Salón/ Conference Halls/	m ²								
Victoria	454	5,70	500	200	756	70	1.000	70	192
Miramar	352	4,10/3,70	250	120	160	60	400	70	108
Finisterre (A)	79	2,71/2,46	75	32	40	24	60	20	24
Isla (B)	76	2,71/2,46	75	32	40	24	60	20	24
Mindanao (C)	92	2,97/2,46	125	52	60	35	100	40	42
Finisterre+Isla	155	2,71/2,46	150	56	70	-	120	-	48
Isla+Mindanao	168	2,97/2,46	170	72	90	-	160	-	60
La Toja (A+B+C)	247	2,71/2,46	230	104	140	-	200	-	72



TRANSPORTATION

Alvedro Airport **(15 minutes from city center)**

Shuttle, bus, and taxi

Direct flights from: Barcelona, Bilbao, Madrid, Seville, Amsterdam, Lisbon, London and Paris.

Lavacolla Airport **(Santiago, 45 minutes from A Coruña city center)**

Bus, train, car rentals and taxi

Direct flights from: Alicante, Barcelona, Basel, Bilbao, Dublin, Frankfurt, Geneva, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote, London, Madrid, Milan, Palma de Mallorca, Paris, Seville, Tenerife, and Valencia.



Peinador Airport **(Vigo, 90 minutes from A Coruña city center)**

Bus, train, car rentals and taxi

Direct flights from: Barcelona, Bilbao, Madrid, Paris, and Tenerife.

By rail

RENFE Railway Station/In the center of the city

By road

A-9 Motorway/ Links A Coruña with Portugal.

Northwestern Highway/ Connects A Coruña with Madrid



And once you are here, then everything is just a step away; no traffic jams, no rush

– A Coruña is the perfect place for a gentle stroll.

TRANSPORTATION

From/to U.S. and Canada

Atlanta	\$1,300
Chicago	\$1,000
Houston	\$1,200
Los Angeles	\$1,200
Miami	\$1,300
New York	\$900
Toronto	\$1,100
Vancouver	\$1,200

From/to Europe

Amsterdam	\$200
Barcelona	\$150
Frankfurt	\$350
Helsinki	\$450
Istanbul	\$450
London	\$120
Madrid	\$120
Paris	\$200
Rome	\$300

From/to Asia

Beijing	\$1,500
Hong Kong	\$1,300
Mumbai	\$1,100
Seoul	\$1,250
Singapore	\$1,200

From/to South America

Buenos Aires	\$1,200
Sao Paulo	\$1,000

From/to Africa

Cairo	\$850
Johannesburg	\$900

From/to Australia

Melbourne	\$2,200
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Mid-June 2013 approximated non-stop or one-stop price based on the KAYAK, Easyjet and Ryanair websites

ACCOMMODATION

Riazor



14 min / 6 min
\$50

Hesperia A Coruña



15 min / 6 min
\$60

Tryp Coruña



19 min / 8 min
\$55

Meliá María Pita



12 min / 6 min
\$70

* The Venue Hesperia Finisterre

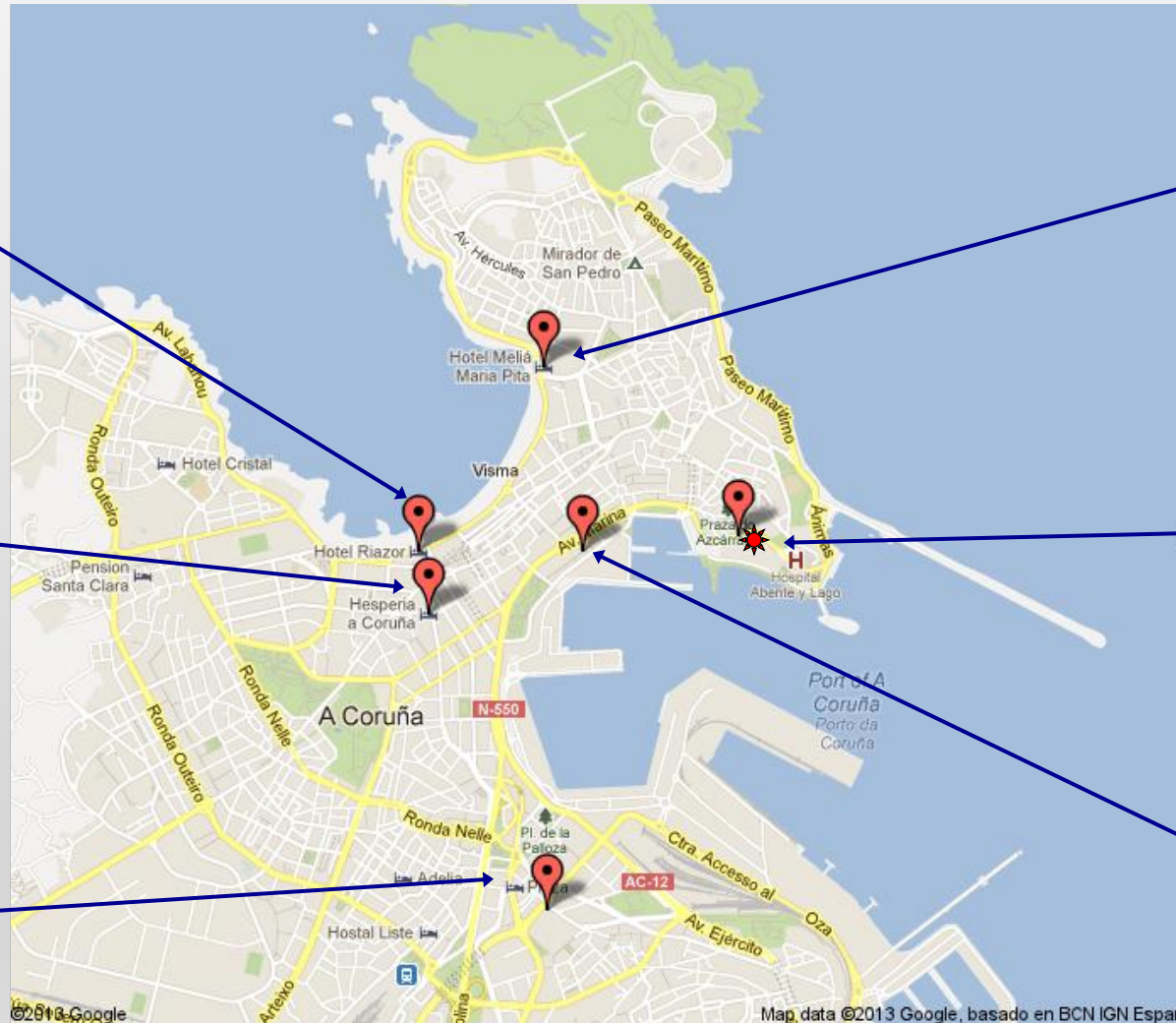


\$100

NH Atlántico



7 min / 2 min
\$80



Times to venue are in walking distances / by public transportation
Prices are approximate summer season prices per night from Internet

ACCOMMODATION



**The Venue
Hesperia Finisterre**



Meliá María Pita



Hesperia A Coruña



Riazor



Tryp Coruña



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SIGHTSEEING



Praia das Catedrais (1 hour 30 min)

A natural monument (cathedral) with a supernatural dimension.

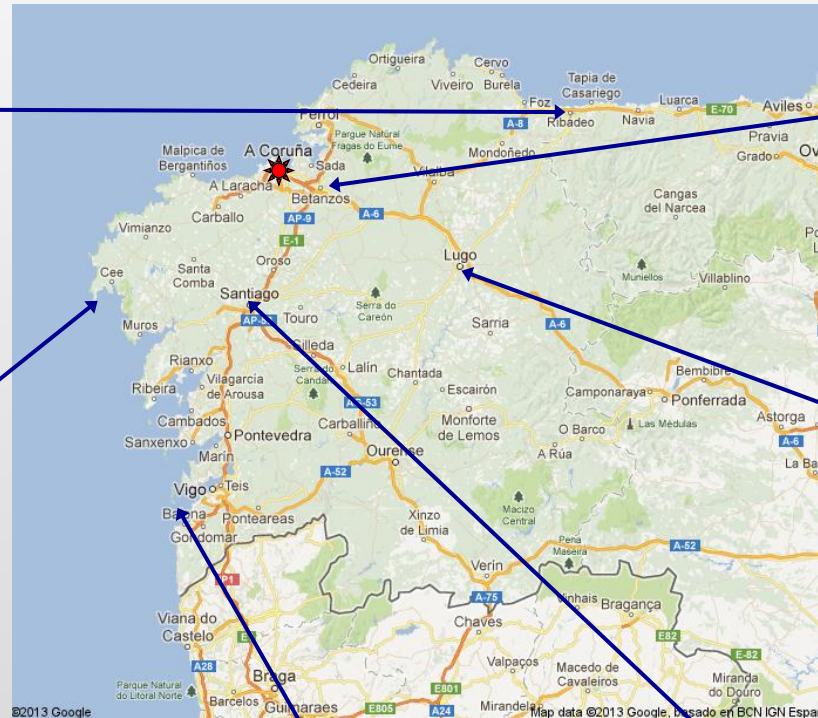


Cabo Fisterra (1 hour 45 min)

Westernmost point of Iberian Peninsula with meaning "end of the earth."

Las "Rías" (Estuaries)

They say that the Galician Rías, those long inlets, are the finger marks that God left when, after creating the world, he placed his hand there to rest (1,300 Kms of coastline from North to South).



Illas Cíes

Natural reserve with the best beach in the World.



Betanzos (20 min)

One of the best preserved old quarters in Galicia.



Walls of Lugo (1 hour)

Only city in the World enclosed by intact Roman walls.



Santiago de Compostela (50 min)

Visit and banquet

City of Culture of Galicia and destination of the Way of St. James pilgrimage route.



MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL (JUNE 23-24)

Unique opportunity for SAM 2014!

- It takes place the evening of June 23 (shortest night of the year)
- The people of Galicia are descendants of Celtic people, whose myths, legends and belief in the mystic are strong even today.
- The St John Bonfires constitute a ceremony to scare bad spirits.
- Water and medicinal plants (nice food, music and drinks) are also part of an **unforgettable night full of magic and fun!**



... AND MORE

Galician cuisine and wine

- The best shellfish and seafood you have ever tried;
- The tastiest meat and vegetables;
- The finest white wine (Albariño) that you have ever drunk
- Traditional pies (empanadas) and sweets



Culture and traditions

Bagpipe music, muiñeira (traditional dance), Sargadelos ceramics, ...



Outdoor activities

Sailing, hiking, surfing, white water rafting, and many more.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

July 2013	First announcement and call for papers
October 2013	Special sessions proposals
December 2013	Full paper submission
February 2014	Notification of acceptance
March 2014	Camera-ready submission and tentative program
May 2014	Early registration due date

TENTATIVE FORMAT

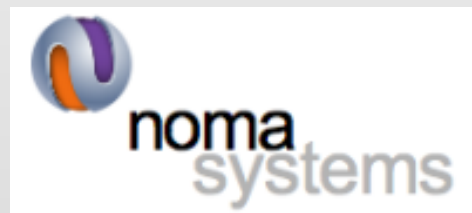
Sunday (6/22/13)	Monday (6/23/13)	Tuesday (6/24/13)	Wednesday (6/25/13)
	Opening remarks		
	Plenary talk	Plenary talk	Plenary talk
	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
	Poster sessions	Poster sessions	Poster sessions
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Possible tutorials	Plenary talk	Plenary talk	Plenary talk
	Poster sessions	Visit and banquet Santiago de Compostela	Poster sessions
Welcome reception	Midsummer festival event		

TENTATIVE BUDGET (150-200 PARTICIPANTS)

Advance IEEE Member	\$575
Advance SPS Member	\$525
Advance Student	\$275
Advance Non-Member	\$725
At Conference IEEE Member	\$675
At Conference SPS Member	\$625
At Conference Student	\$375
At Conference Non-Member	\$825

Included with registration	Coffee breaks
	Lunches
	Welcome reception
	Midsummer event
	Visit and banquet in Santiago de Compostela

SUPPORT



22th May 2013

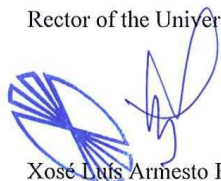
As rector of the University of A Coruña (UDC) I am pleased to express the support and commitment of our university with the nomination of UDC to be the venue of the Eighth IEEE Sensor Array and Multichannel Signal Processing Workshop (SAM 2014) in June 23-25, 2014.

This nomination, presented by the research group of Electronic Technology and Communications (GTEC), led by Professor Luis Castedo, is a good opportunity for our university to show its commitment with the area of information technology and communications.

The support of the University of A Coruña to the organization of IEEE SAM 2014 at the city of A Coruña is backed by our teaching and research activities in the field of electrical and computer engineering. Two of the most active centers of our university are the Faculty of Computer Science (FIC) and the Research Center for Information Technology and Communications (CITIC). UDC offers at FIC undergraduate and master programmes in computer engineering directly related with the scope of IEEE SAM 2014. UDC also hosts at CITIC several research groups working in diverse fields of signal processing that will actively participate in the organization of IEEE SAM 2014.

Finally, the city of A Coruña provides a unique environment for all the participants in SAM 2014. Apart from strong scientific sessions, the workshop may include social activities where participants may enjoy our landscape, the culinary delights of the Galician cuisine and the welcoming nature of our people which makes our city to be known as "the city where nobody is foreigner".

Rector of the University of A Coruña


Xosé Luís Armesto Barbeito

El Alcalde de A Coruña

A Coruña, May 22nd, 2013

Prof. Dr. D. Luis Castedo Ribas
Professor at the Computer Engineering Department
University of A Coruña

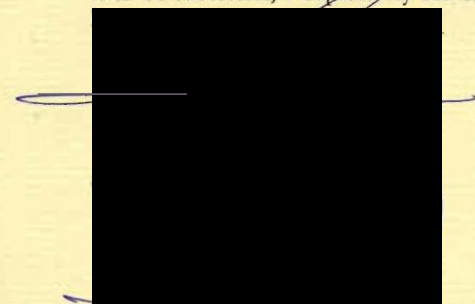



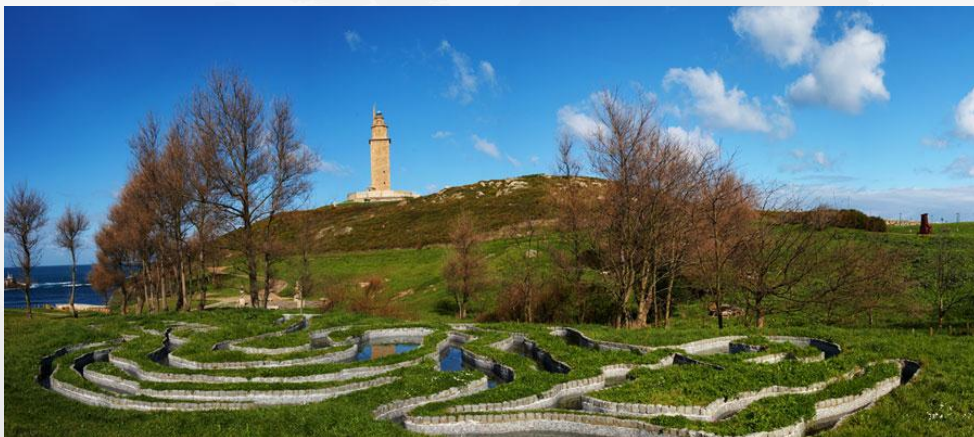
In my capacity as the city mayor, and being aware of the initiative to host the IEEE SAM 2014 Conference in A Coruña, I hereby express my full support and availability to back the project, insofar as it is a major event within the technology field, which ranks high among the key core subjects of our community's development strategy.

I wish to express my support of this proposal. I trust that A Coruña's historical and cultural heritage, along with its tourist and gastronomic choice and particularly its citizens' hospitality, shall contribute to the success of the meeting. I am certain that, among us, the conference participants will feel at home.

As for technical requirements, this city is more than ready to face the outlined specifications. Besides exhibition and conference infrastructures, which allow hosting high-demand events, the city is home to expert suppliers who will respond to any need arising from the conference.

In the confidence that A Coruña will provide anything that the conference needs for it to be successful, I express my full support to have A Coruña appointed as the



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