First TUC meeting Nov 2012

The LDBC consortium are pleased to announce the first Technical User Community (TUC) meeting. This will be a two day event in Barcelona on the **19/20th November 2012**.

So far more than six commercial consumers of graph/RDF database technology have expressed an interest in attending the event and more are welcome. The proposed format of the event wil include:

- Introduction by the coordinator and technical director explaining the objectives of the LDBC project
- Invitation to users to explain their use-cases and describe the limitations they have found in current technology
- Brain-storming session for identifying trends and mapping out strategies to tackle existing choke-points

The exact agenda will be published here as things get finalised before the event.

All users of RDF and graph databases are welcome to attend. If you are interested, please contact: ldbc AT ac DOT upc DOT edu

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Agenda

We will start at 9:00 on Monday for a full day, followed by a half a day on Tuesday to allow attendees to travel home on the evening of the 20th.

Day 1

09:00 Welcome (Location: Aula Master)
09:30 Project overview (Enphasis on task forces?) + Questionnaire results?
10:30 Coffee break
11:00 User talks (To gather information for use cases?)

13:00 Lunch

14:00 User talks (cont.)
15:00 Use case discussions (based on questionnaire results + consortium proposal + user talks).
16:00 Task force proposals (consortium)
17:00 Finish first day

20:00 Social dinner

Day 2

10:00 Task force discussion (consortium + TUC)
11:00 Coffe break
11:30 Task force discussion (consortium + TUC)
12:30 Summaries (Task forces, use cases, ...) and actions

13:00 Lunch and farewell

15:00 LDBC Internal meeting

Slides

Opening session:

- CWI - Peter Boncz - Objectives
- UPC - Larri - Questionnaire

User stories:

- BBC - Jem Rayfield

- CA Technologies - Victor Muntés
- Connected Discovery (Open Phacts) - Bryn Williams-Jones
- Elsevier - Alan Yagoda
- ERA7 Bioinformatics - Eduardo Pareja
- Press Association - Jarred McGinnis
- RJLee - David Neuer
- Yale - Lec Maj

Benchmark proposals:

- Publishing benchmark proposal - Ontotext - Barry Bishop
- Social Network Benchmark Proposal - UPC - Larri

Logistics

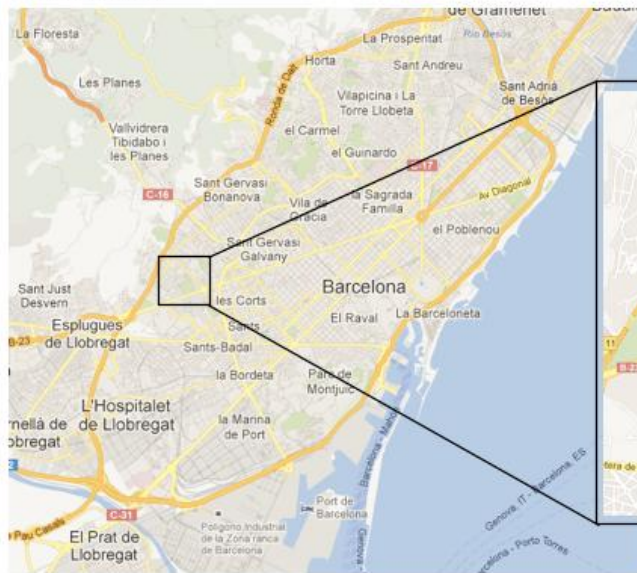## Date

19th and 20th November 2012

Location

The TUC meeting will be held at "Aula Master" at A3 building located inside the "Campus Nord de la UPC" in Barcelona. The address is:

Aula Master
Edifici A3, Campus Nord UPC
C. Jordi Girona, 1-3
08034 Barcelona, Spain

Venue

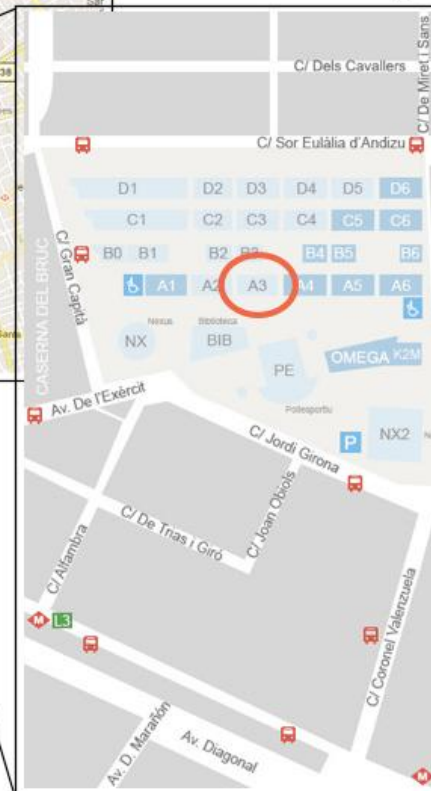To reach the campus, there are several options, including Taxi, Metro and Bus.

Barcelona

Campus Nord UPC

A3 building

Finding UPC

Finding the meeting room

Getting there

Flying: Barcelona airport is situated 12 km from the city. There are several ways of getting from the airport to the centre of Barcelona, the cheapest of which is to take the train located outside just a few minutes walking distance past the parking lots at terminal 2 (there is a free bus between terminal 1 and terminal 2, see this map of the airport). It is possible to buy 10 packs of train tickets which makes it cheaper. Taking the bus to the centre of town is more convenient as they leave directly from terminal 1 and 2, however it is more expensive than the train.

Rail: The Renfe commuter train leaves the airport every 30 minutes from 6.13 a.m. to 11.40 p.m. Tickets cost around 3€ and the journey to the centre of Barcelona (Sants or Plaça Catalunya stations) takes 20 minutes.

Bus: The Aerobus leaves the airport every 12 minutes, from 6.00 a.m. to 24.00, Monday to Friday, and from 6.30 a.m. to 24.00 on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Tickets cost 6€ and the journey ends in Plaça Catalunya in the centre of Barcelona.

Taxi: From the airport, you can take one of Barcelona's typical black and yellow taxis. Taxis may not take more than four passengers. Unoccupied taxis display a green light and have a clearly visible sign showing LIBRE or LLIURE. The trip to Sants train station costs approximately €16 and trips to other destinations in the city cost approximately €18.

Train and bus: Barcelona has two international train stations: Sants and França. Bus companies have different points of arrival in different parts of the city. You can find detailed information in the following link: http://www.barcelona-airport.com/eng/transport_eng.htm

Accomodation

The following hotels are recommended. The two first are located near the UPC campus and they take 10-15 min by foot to reach the TUC meeting location. The two last are located at the city center. They require about 30 min (taking metro L3 at plaça Catalunya) to reach the TUC meeting location. You can see the hotel locations in this google map.

Hotel Husa Pedralbes
Fontcoberta, 4
8034 Barcelona
932 037 112
www.hotelhusapedralbes.com

Hotel Bonanova Park
Capita Arenas, 51
08034 Barcelona
932 04 09 00
www.hotelbonanovapark.com

Hotel Inglaterra Barcelona
Carrer de Pelai, 14
08001 Barcelona
935 05 11 00
www.hotel-inglaterra.com

Hotel Jazz
Carrer de Pelai, 3
08001 Barcelona
935 52 96 96
www.hoteljazz.com

In addition to the hotels above, there is the possibility to stay at the "Torre Girona" residence. It is the closest and cheapest option available. You can find detailed information here. Basically, it costs 53 euros for a single room and 60 to 88 euros for a double room depending if it is occupied by one or two people. Currently, there are 20 individual and 20 double rooms free for these days. If anyone is interested in this option, you should send an email to torregirona@resa.es asking for a reservation.

Torre Girona Residence Hall
Passeig dels Til·lers, 19
08034 Barcelona
Telephone: 0034 93 390 43 00
Fax: 0034 93 205 69 10
E-mail: torregirona@resa.es

Travel costs

There is some small budget available that can be used to assist some attendees that are otherwise unable to fund their trip. Please contact us using the following email address if you would like more information: ldbcgrants AT ac DOT upc DOT edu