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@username SIGUCCS'09 FTW! seeking tweeples & newweeters #siguccs¹

The time is upon us! Time to start packing and nailing down all the wonderful sessions you're planning to attend! Check out the abstracts online (<http://www.siguccs.org/Conference/Fall2009/acceptedabstracts.html>) to have an idea of what you want to attend, so you can spend more time networking with known and new friends and colleagues once you arrive!

Social Networking Tools

With this year's theme of *Communication and Collaboration* in mind, be sure to try the Conference's Social Networking Tools of Twitter, Facebook, and Flickr. Check out the mashup on the Conference website at: <http://www.siguccs.org/Conference/Fall2009/mashup.html>

Internet Access Reminder

Internet access will be available in all guest rooms, and wireless will be available in all meeting rooms and gathering spaces. So, there will not be a separate email room this year. The hotel provides a free business center for their guests, which includes a place to print boarding passes or other documents at no charge. Plan to bring your own computer or PDA to communicate and collaborate while attending the conference!

Your SIGUCCS, Yourself



News from the SIGUCCS Chair, Bob Haring-Smith:

"The conference provides several opportunities to meet SIGUCCS Board members and to talk about issues and opportunities facing the organization. First, as at all SIGUCCS

conferences, there will be an open Board meeting. It is scheduled for 9 A.M.-12 noon on Sunday [11 October] in the Manchester Room. Since many conference attendees may not arrive in time for the open Board meeting, the Board will also be present as a group at the Poster Presentations in the Arch View Ballroom on Tuesday [13 October] from 1-2:20 P.M., eager to talk about any concerns or ideas on your mind. In addition, there will be a BOF session on the specific issue of combining the SIGUCCS conferences. Check the bulletin board in the registration area for the specific time and location of the BOF. We hope to see you at one or more of these events."

BOFs

What is a BOF anyway? "BOF" is an acronym standing for Birds of a

HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday



Workshops, Orientations, Welcome Reception with Soulard Blues Band

Monday



Opening Keynote Speaker Jason Young, Program Sessions, BOFs, Hospitality Suite

Tuesday



Program Sessions, BOFs, Gala at St. Louis Arch, Hospitality Suite

Wednesday



Program Sessions, Closing Keynote Speaker Cynthia Golden

¹ **Twitterspeak:** If you're not familiar with Twitter, you may want to check online resources beforehand in order to understand Twitter messages at the conference. @username = sends message to user with that twitter handle; FTW=For The Win (celebratory remark at the end of a tweet, basically saying something rocks); tweeples = Twitter users; newweeters = new tweeters; # = hashtag, allows users to group tweets by topic (**needed to track Conference tweets: #siguccs**)

Feather. BOFs are designed so people with a common interest may get together to discuss topics in more depth than what might be accomplished during a regular session. They can be held to find out how others are handling common situations. BOFs are a great opportunity for attendees to gather more information on desired topics, and also for first-time attendees to expand their networking opportunities with others in the BOF. At the end of each day, BOFs will be organized in several rooms. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Registration Desk Bulletin Board.

Several BOF topics have been predetermined for the conference, including some for Lunch Table discussions and some for the regular end-of-day sessions. During Monday's lunch, several tables will have topics listed on placards for those wishing to discuss a particular topic. There will also be some blank placards to create other topic tables, as desired.

Predetermined topics include:

Lunch Tables: Help Desk Call Management, Semantec Web, Thin Clients, Small College Help Desk Issues, Fall & CSMS Merger & training Issues/Methods.

End-of-Day BOFs: Managing & Training Student Employees, Lab Imaging, Identifying Recurring Issues, Volunteering for SIGUCCS 2010/Norfolk; Windows 7 & Portals (Sharepoint et al).

Monday Night Dinner

Looking for plans for Monday night dinner? Look no further! Reservations for 6:30 P.M. have been pre-made at five local restaurants. There will be maps and sign-up sheets near the registration desk. More details will be in the next issue!

Join SIGUCCS?

Stop by the Membership Table at Tuesday's Poster Session (1-2:20 P.M. in the Arch View Ballroom) to pick your SIGUCCS: Ask Me Why? Button, ask questions about membership and learn how to join or renew your membership.



Weather and What to Pack

Don't be fooled by the forecasts as you look online to determine what the weather will be like. St. Louis weather can be quite unpredictable! For the second week in October, averages usually range from highs in the 70s to lows in the 50s. Please bring an umbrella; thunderstorms are common in the area. The best advice is to dress in layers. Be sure to bring a sweater and/or jacket for going out in the evening, as it can get quite chilly.

See You All in St. Louis!



What to see and do in St. Louis

There is so much to see and do in St. Louis! Check out the Conference website for some ideas: <http://www.siguccs.org/Conference/Fall2009/thingstodo.html>

You may want to check out:

Forrest Park: One of the largest urban parks in the U.S.. Contains the Art Museum, Science Center, Zoo, Jewel Box greenhouse, History Museum, the Muny theatre, 7.5-mile biking, jogging and skating path, skating rink and lakes; Bounded by I-64, Kingshighway, Lindell & Skinker; All are FREE

Missouri Botanical Gardens: A National Historic Landmark with 79 acres of scenic landscaping and elegant structures; includes the Climatron® tropical rain forest, the Japanese Garden, *Seiwa-en* and founder Henry Shaw's Victorian home; 4344 Shaw Blvd; \$8, adults; free to children 12 and under; seasonal narrated tram tours, restaurant, gift shop; free parking on-site.

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis: World's largest collection of mosaic art; Lindell Blvd at Newstead Ave.; open daily for masses and self-guided tours; Mosaic museum, fee \$1.

Anheuser-Busch Brewery: Tours include the historic Brew House, Budweiser Clydesdale stable, lager cellar, packaging plant, hospitality room and Anheuser-Busch gift shop; 12th & Lynch Streets; open daily; FREE.

HOSPITALITY SUITE:

You should definitely plan to visit the Hospitality Suite each night, open from at 9 P.M.-1 A.M. in the Grand Foyer of the hotel. There are always fun things to do and great people to meet in this informal setting.

Planned events include:

- * Sunday night: Soulard Blues Band (designated #1 Blues Band in St. Louis for 13 years straight!)
- * Monday night: sing-along with John Bucher (Oberlin College). John will have his iPod loaded with fun "oldies" to sing-along with; song sheets with lyrics will be provided.
- * Tuesday: fun board games and card-playing



Soulard Blues Band