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Conference events

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The Role of Interoperability Standards in Enabling Sustainable Enterprise
Dr Rachuri Sudarsan (NIST, Washington DC USA)

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Cyberinfrastructure and Cybersecurity: research issues, challenges and strategies

Aris M. Ouksel (The University of Illinois at Chicago, USA)

Banquet at Stillya Restaurant, in the Medina

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Event-Based Modeling of Semantics in Multimedia

Vincent Oria (The New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark USA)

Keynotes

Keynote 1 (*Room ATLAS III*)

The Role of Interoperability Standards in Enabling Sustainable Enterprise

Rachuri Sudarsan (National Institute of Standards and Technology, Washington DC USA)

Abstract This talk introduces a model of the information flows in an extended networked enterprise, serving as the basis for understanding the role of standards in manufacturing support systems. This requires a set of complementary and interoperable standards that cover the full range of aspects of the products' life cycle. Sustainable Manufacturing is a systems approach for the creation and distribution of innovative products and services that minimizes resources (inputs such as materials, energy, water and land), eliminates toxic substances, and produces zero waste that in effect reduces carbon (including carbon equivalent) intensity across the entire lifecycle of products and services. The talk will also introduce a typology of standards relevant to support sustainable manufacturing enterprise system that addresses the hierarchy of existing and evolving standards and their usage and identifies a suite of standards supporting the exchange of product, process, operations and supply chain information. Consensus-based open standards that will form the basis for the future global information exchange in a seamless manner will need work towards developing semantics-based approaches

Biography Dr. Rachuri Sudarsan is a computer scientist in the Design & Process Group in the Manufacturing Systems Integration



Division at NIST. His primary objectives at NIST are to develop and transfer knowledge to industry, about information models for sustainable manufacturing, green products, assembly representation, system level analysis, and tolerance representation. Specific focus is on identifying integration and technology issues that promote industry acceptance of

information models, product representation standards, system level tolerance analysis and open architecture that will enable designers to develop products that are sustainable and manufactured globally in a distributed and collaborative environment. Dr. Sudarsan's primary areas of interest are Sustainable Manufacturing, Green Engineering, Long Term Digital Archival, Scientific Computing, CAD/CAM/CAE, Design for Sustainability, Object Oriented Modeling, and Ontology.

Keynote 2 *(Room ATLAS III)*

Cyberinfrastructure and Cybersecurity: research issues, challenges and strategies

Aris M. Ouksel (The University of Illinois at Chicago, USA)

Abstract Cyberinfrastructure is a major National Science Foundation (NSF) initiative to support research and development in science and engineering (including healthcare) in general and computer science in particular. I will discuss the rationale behind this initiative and its goals to support the development of large software projects in science and engineering, to foster collaboration among scientists nationally and internationally, to train and educate a skilled science and engineering workforce for the jobs of tomorrow, and to exploit and rationalize investments in advanced telecommunications infrastructure. Cybersecurity will also be discussed. It is an essential orthogonal dimension of Cyberinfrastructure. Finally, we will discuss the growing trend toward the automated generation of massive data at multiple distributed locations. Examples include systems to monitor the physical world, such as wireless sensor networks, and systems to monitor complex infrastructures, such as distributed Internet monitors. This trend will likely continue, leading to a future of computing that is data-rich, heterogeneous, distributed, and rife with uncertainty.

Biography Dr Aris M. Ouksel is currently professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He received his M.Sc. in 1981 and the PhD degrees



in computer science from Northwestern University in 1985. After four years abroad, teaching and consulting in information technology and strategic planning and technology transfer, he joined the College of Business Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago, as a professor of information systems and

information economics, and was for several years the Director of the Management Information Systems PhD program and the Director and Founder of the Center for Management of Information Technology and Telecommunications in the same college. Dr. Ouksel also holds an appointment at the Computer Science department. Dr Ouksel's research interests and contributions are in two tracks: (i) information economics and organizational learning and performance; (ii) semantic issues on the web in their applications bioinformatics, in forensics, and in virtual inter-organizational information systems, mobile ad-hoc networks, wireless and mobile sensor networks, and peer-to-peer data management. He holds US patents on sensor and mobile computing. He was for several years an associate editor at the Journal of Parallel and Distributed Databases (1999-2008) and the

Knowledge Information Systems (2000-2005). He is currently associate editor of the Journal of E-Business Research (IJEBR) (2005-...), and the International Journal of Internet Social Networks (IJISN) (2007 -...). Aris has been the recipient of numerous grants from federal, state, and local agencies.

Keynote 3 (*Room ATLAS III*)

Event-Based Modeling of Semantics in Multimedia

Vincent Oria (The New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark USA)

Abstract Multimedia research has focused on finding the best descriptors for effective content-based retrieval based on low-level features. Although progress was made in specific areas such as fingerprint, the solutions proposed in general fail to retrieve media objects semantically related. There exist applications for content-based multimedia retrieval but most computer users are still waiting for solutions to capture and query multimedia data based on their semantic content. The most popular multimedia applications online allow searching based on keywords previously gathered. This work is based on the observation that most multimedia data collected by people are normally used to witness real life events (e.g. wedding, anniversary, graduation, and birthday) and related objects (e.g. buildings, people, and pets etc.). Modeling the multimedia data along with the event they are about and the objects involved in these events can help capture semantics in these data. In addition, the events provide a natural way for multimedia data integration as several media devices are simultaneously used to capture the same events.

Biography Dr Vincent Oria is an associate professor of computer science at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He got a Bachelor and a Master degree in Computer Science from the Institut National Polytechnique of Cote d'Ivoire (ex INSET) respectively in 1983 and 1989 and a PhD from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications (ENST), Paris, France in 1994. From 1996 to 1999 he was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Alberta Canada before joining NJIT in January 2000. His main research interest is



multimedia databases but he has also interests in spatial databases and recommender systems. He has held visiting professor positions at different institutions including the Chinese University of Hong-Kong (China), the National Institute of Informatics, (Tokyo, Japan), FhG-IPSI (Darmstadt, Germany), ENST (Paris, France), University of Paris-IX Dauphine (Paris, France), INRIA (Roquencourt, France), CNAM (Paris France), the University of Versailles St Quentin (Versailles, France) and University of Burgundy.

Monday, Nov 30 2009

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Keynote I (Room ATLAS III)

The Role of Interoperability Standards in Enabling Sustainable Enterprise

Dr Rachuri Sudarsan (NIST, Washington DC USA)

10:30 SIT-SI: 3D Image Processing and Vision

Chair: Muhammad Sarfraz (Kuwait University, Kuwait)

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Speeding Up Dense Disparity Estimation Of Stereo Couples Thanks To Horizontal Intensity Gradient

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Omnidirectional Egomotion Estimation From Adapted Motion Field

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An Algorithm To Construct 3D Triangles With Circular Edges

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An Evolutionary-Based 3D Reconstruction Using An Uncalibrated Stereovision System

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10:30 IMRT-S1: Mobile and GIS Applications and Software Conceptualization

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Chair Wolfgang Woerndl, Technische Universitaet Muenchen, Germany

Location-Awareness In A Mobile Semantic Desktop Application

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Conceptualization In State Machines, Statecharts, And Flow Model

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Characterizing Traffic Density And Its Evolution Through Moving Object Trajectories

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Using Uml for Real Time Geomatic Modelisation

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Remodelling Geographic Data To Facilitate The Interrogation By Sketch

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14:00 – 18:30

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

14:00 WITDS-S1: Web Services Communities

Chair: Abderrafiaa Koukam, University of Technology UTBM, France

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An Id-Based Multi Signature Scheme Using Interval Maps

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A Self-Stabilizing Web Services Communities Management Scheme

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Efficient Top-K Problem Solvings For More Users In Tree-Oriented Data Structures

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Formal Study Of Prioritized Service Compositions

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14:00 SIT-S2: Face Recognition

Chair: Albert Dipanda (University of Burgundy, France)

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Facial Expression Recognition By Automatic Facial Parts Position Detection With Boosted-Lbp

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Implementation Of Frontal-Centroid Moment Invariants In Thermal-Based Face Identification System

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A Novel Evolutionary Face Recognition Algorithm Using Particle Swarm Optimization

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Face Recognition Using Enhanced Fisher Linear Discriminant

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16:30 OSSDS-S1: Open Source Systems

Chair: Eric Leclercq, University of Bourgogne, France

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Supporting Situation Awareness In Floss Projects By Semantical Aggregation Of Tools Feeds

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Open Source Programming For Interpreted Language: Graphic Interface And Macro Bridging Interface In The Eeglab Software

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Floss As Enterprise Application Interoperability Enabler

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Supply Chain Risk Analysis: Open Source Simulator

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Neurotrip: A Framework For Bridging Between Open Source Software.

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16:30 SIT-S3: Medical Application

Chair: Pierre Gouton (University of Burgundy, France)

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Semi-Automatic Cervical Cancer Segmentation Using Active Contours Without Edges

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Challenges In Computational Histopathology: The Feasibility Of Ftir Spectroscopy In Clustering

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Segmentation Of Volumetric Medical Data Using Hidden Markov Random Field Model

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Modified Lifting Scheme Characterization For The Compression Of Emg Signals

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Tuesday, Dec 1 2009

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09:00 Keynote 2: (ROOM ATLAS III)

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10:30 SIT-S4: Color and Multispectral Imaging

Chair: Dzulkifli Mohamad

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A Comparative Study And An Evaluation Framework Of Multi/Hyperspectral Image Compression

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Hybrid Color Space Choice An Optimisation Review For Costefficiency Trade-Off

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Wine Color Characterization For Nuances Reproduction

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Parametric And Non-Parametric Models Of Linear Prediction Error For Color Texture Segmentation

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10:30 IMRT-S2: Information Querying and Representation

Chair: Masanori Sano, NHK Science and Technology Research

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Quexme: A Query Expansion Method Applied To Water Information System

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Visually Guided Summary Based On Roles Of Shots For Understanding News Topics

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Image Representation With Bag Of Bi-Sift

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10:30 SePTIS-S1: Security and Privacy

Chair: Jacques Fayolle, TELECOM Saint-Etienne - Universite de Lyon, France

An Extensible Xacml Authorization Web Service: Application To Dynamic Web Sites Access Control

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Privacy Preserving Risk Assessment Of Credit Securities

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14 : 00 – 19 :30

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break:

19:30 Banquet at Stillya Restaurant

14:00 SIT-S5: Pattern Recognition and Feature Extraction

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Chair: Muhammad Sarfraz (Kuwait University, Kuwait)

Automatic Numeric Characters Recognition Of Kilowatt-Hour Meter

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Performance Comparison Between Contour-Based And Enhanced Heuristic-Based For Character Segmentation

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Arabic Handwriting Recognition Using Projection Profile And Genetic Approach

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Capturing Image Outlines Using Spline Computing Approach

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14:00 WITDS-S2: Distributed Web Services

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On Key Distribution In Manets

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Preventing Computer Threats Using A Secure E-Learning Framework

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Modeling And Controlling Downgrading Operations In Information Systems

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16:30 SIT-S6: Image Coding

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Chair: Alamin Mansouri (University of Burgundy, France)

Restoration Of Out Of Focus Barcode Images Using Wiener Filter

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Enhancing The Intra-Prediction In Jpeg-Xr By Using Edge Information

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Automatic Estimation Of The Spatial Resolution For Cbers Ccd Camera

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A Stereo Image Coding Using Wavelet Based Quadtree And Binocular Rivalry

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16:30 KARE-S1: Knowledge Identification and Evaluation Approaches

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Chair: Davy Monticolo, University of Technology UTBM, France

"Don'T Call Us, We Call You" - A Community Driven Approach For (Domain Independent) Context Driven Information Retrieval (Codir)

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Learning From Profession Knowledge: Application On Knitting

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Evaluation Of Knowledge Based Applications : Benchmark And Guidelines

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09:00 Keynote 3 (Room ATLAS III)

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Vincent Oria (The New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark USA)

10:30 SIT-S7: Feature and Shape Extraction and Analysis ATLAS II

Chair: Albert Dipanda (University of Burgundy, France)

A Novel Shape Descriptor Based On Extreme Curvature Scale Space Map Approach For Efficient Shape Similarity Retrieval

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Image Dependent Spatial Shape Error Concealment For Multiple Shapes

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Analysis Of Gait Features Between Loaded And Normal Gait

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A Marked Point Process Model With Strong Prior Shape Information For The Extraction Of Multiple, Arbitrarily-Shaped Objects

Maria Kulikova, Ian Jermyn, Xavier Descombes, Elena Zhizhina, Josiane Zerubia

10:30 IMRT-S3: Web Retrieval and Document Matching ATLAS I

Chair: Dalila Mekhaldi, University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom

The Automatic Categorization Of Arabic Documents By Boosting Decision Trees

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Place-Aware Content Selection From Dynamic Web Sources For Public Displays

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Joining Meeting Documents To Strengthen Multimodal Thematic Alignment

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Design And Implementation Of Amharic Search Engine

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Planning-Based Multimedia Adaptation Services Composition For Pervasive Computing

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14 :00 – 18 : 30

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

14:00 SIT-S8: Image Coding and Watermaking ATLAS II

Chair: Ele Pierre (University of Yaoundé, Cameroon)

Reduced-Complexity Decoding Of Ldpc Codes Using Tap Approach

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A Robust 3D Mesh Watermarking Based On Stable Meshes Detection And Multi-Signatures Embedding

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Chase-Like Decoding Of Arithmetic Codes With Image Transmission Applications

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An Interactive Tool Suite For Embossing 2D Images

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14:00 WITDS-S3: Interoperability

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Proposal And Evaluation Of Adaptive Multimedia Utilization Method For Reliable Web Based Collaboration

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Extended Hypermodel For Interoperability Within The Virtual Enterprise

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Context- And Qos Aware Personalization For Web Services: Web Information Extraction Case Study

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Querying Semantically Web Proteomics Sources: A Logical Perspective

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Towards A User-Oriented Framework For Web Service Discovery, Reuse And Evolution

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16:30 SIT-S9: Applications

Chair: Muhammad Sarfraz (Kuwait University, Kuwait)

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Improving Bag Of Visual Words Image Retrieval: A Fuzzy Weighting Scheme For Efficient Indexation

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A Search Method That Can Dynamically Learn User's Subjective Feeling

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Taxonomy Of Musical Genres

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Annoyance Maximization For Digital Cinema Anti-Piracy Applications

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16:30 KARE-S2: Artificial Intelligence Approach for Knowledge Management

Chair: Abderrafiaa Koukam, University of Technology UTBM, France

A Comparison Of Knowledge Management Approaches Based On Multi-Agent Systems

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Reference Ontology

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Indexing Skills Developed By Learning Objects Based On Three Educational Taxonomies

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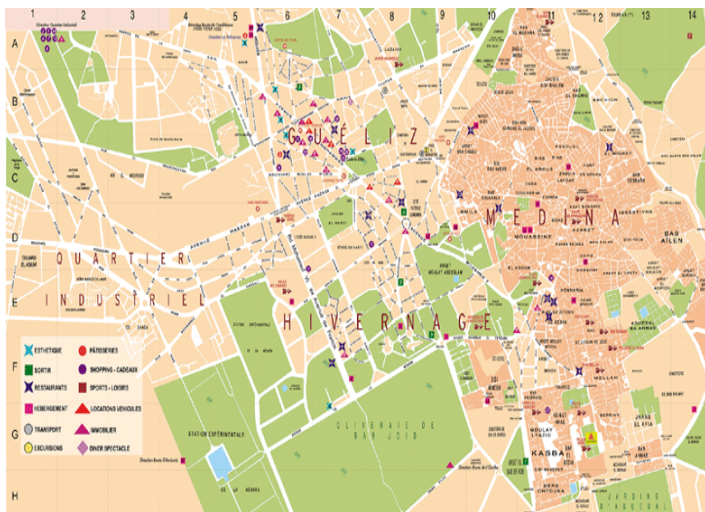
Around Marrakech

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The name Morocco derived from the name of the city of Marrakesh, as the country was known to early travellers as Marrakesh. Prior to the advent of the Almoravids in the 11th century, the area was ruled from the city of Aghmat. The Almoravid

leader, decided Aghmat was becoming overcrowded and chose to build a new capital. He decided to build it in the plains near the Tansift river. He chose the site of Marrakech, because it was in neutral territory between two tribes who were vying for the honor of hosting the new capital. known as the "Red City", is an important city/medina in Morocco. It has a population of 1,036,500 (as of 2006), and is the capital of the mid-southwestern economic region of Marrakech-Tensift-Al Haouz , near the foothills of the snow-capped Atlas Mountains. Marrakech is the most visited city of Morocco.





1 - HALF DAY DISCOVERY OF MARRAKESH

City Tour **Outdoor visit of Koutoubia**

From the “Jemaa El-Fna Square”, the city's landmark, the minaret of the venerable Koutoubia Mosque, contemporary of the Giralda in Sevilla,



dwarfs the city under its majestic height.

It was named after the souk el koutoubiyyin, the bazaar of the book-traders, which is nearby. The hall-type mosque has 17 aisles and 112 columns covering a total floor area of 5400 sq.m (58,000 sq. ft) and is thus among



the largest of its kind - 25,000 faithful can say their prayers within it. **Bahia Palace:** A jewel of a palace, with all the key elements of Moroccan architecture -- light, symmetry, decoration, and water -- El Bahia was built as a harem's residence by the notorious Si Ahmed Ben Musa, Grand Vizier to Sultan Moulay el Hassan I. There are

several cypress-filled courtyards, and the entire building is filled with smooth arches, carved-cedar ceilings, ceramic-tile lower walls and fountains, tdlak (shiny marbled) finishes, gibs (stucco plasterwork) cornices, and zouak painted ceilings.

Carriage ride:



Departure for a tour of the ramparts. Around the walls surrounding the old town since the 11th century, this walk can admire the ten gates of the city in the background with the High Atlas. Visit Majorelle garden.

Half-day in the southern city of Marrakech in the **Ourika**



valley. Halfway into the fertile plain of Haouz, stop in a village held by the Berber people of the region: exploring the authentic way to trade and the simplicity of everyday life. The

tour continues along that stretch of river at the foot of the mountains to see the villages of clay and gravel (Ourika is famous for its local pottery).



3- day excursion to Essaouira.

On Morocco's Atlantic coast, lies the historic town of Essaouira. A small town, surrounded by a succession of walls with numerous gateways, the old 'Mogador' is now a small fishing town.



was responsible for the construction of the 'scala' on the western ramparts facing the sea, and a British architect for the Marine Gateway. A dozen trading companies were established afterwards in Mogador,



accommodating nearly a thousand Europeans (British, Danish, Dutch, French, Germans, Italians, Portuguese and Spanish). Since its establishment in 1765, Mogador has been considered as an important cross-roads of cultures and civilizations. The city now lives on arts and crafts, tourism and fishing and remains a magical window on Moroccan cultural heritage and a centre for artistic creation, especially in sculpture and painting.

DINER FANTASIA



dinner which mainly includes Harira, Mechoui and couscous under caidal "tents". A traditional event including an opportunity to see the Berber folklore, the jugglers performance, the flying carpet, the belly dancing and finally the fantasia show.

In 1765, the Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah decided to build the largest port of his empire and entrusted the work to the French surveyor and architect Theodore Cornut, a pupil of Vauban, whose task was to build a trading town with an all-weather port... A Genoese architect

Originated from the Rif, the fantasia is a war ceremony which consist of opposing different groups of horsemen, each represents the best rides of its tribe. Each group quivers away in a glaring light, all its members point their rifles to the sky and shoot at the same time leaving behind them a tumult burst and shouts. Enjoy a typical Moroccan



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		Registration (08.30 - 18.30)	Registration (08.30 - 18.30)	Registration (08.30 - 18.30)	Registration (08.30 - 18.30)			
08.30 – 10.00		Opening Keynote 1 Atlas III	Keynote 2 Atlas III	Keynote 3 Atlas III	Social Event Around Marrakesh			
10.00 – 10.30		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break				
10.30 – 12.30		IMRT-S1 Atlas I	SIT-S1 Atlas 2	IMRT-S1 SePTIS-S1 (*) Atlas I		SIT-S4 Atlas 2	IMRT-S3 Atlas I	SIT-S7 Atlas 2
12.30 – 14.00		Lunch		Lunch		Lunch		
14.00 – 16.00	Registration Welcome	WITDS-S1 Atlas I	SIT-S2 Atlas 2	WITDS-S2 Atlas I	SIT-S5 Atlas 2	WITDS-S3 Atlas I	SIT-S8 Atlas 2	
16.00 – 16.30		Coffee Break		Coffee Break		Coffee Break		
16.30 – 18.30		OSSDS Atlas I	SIT-S3 Atlas 2	KARE-S1 Atlas I	SIT-S6 Atlas 2	KARE-S2 Atlas I	SIT-S9 Atlas 2	
16.00 – 16.30			Banquet Restaurant Stillya					

(*) Check Front Desk for room assignment