European IDEA Users Group Meeting
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Integrated Development Environment for Applications

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Overview
Dear colleagues,
we would like to invite MR specialists with experience and/or interest in IDEA programming to the next European IDEA Users Group Meeting, jointly organized by the Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Medical Physics and Magnetic Resonance Development and Application Center (MRDAC), University Hospital Freiburg, Germany and supported by Siemens Medical Solutions.

Objectives
The aim of this meeting is to provide information about new features of IDEA, to present problems and solutions from various user groups all over Europe, and to provide a platform for closer collaboration between different IDEA users groups in the future. Invited IDEA experts from Siemens Medical Solutions will join the meeting and present information about new developments in IDEA programming. Computers with IDEA software installed will be available for demonstrations of problems and solutions. It is to be noted, that teaching the basics of IDEA programming lies outside the educational objectives of the meeting.

Audience Description
The audience will consist primarily of MR specialists with experience in pulse sequence programming. Knowledge of the IDEA programming environment is desired but not strictly required. The meeting is primarily targeted at establishing communication and providing a collaboration platform between the European groups actively involved in IDEA programming. Nonetheless, participants from overseas are also cordially welcome.

Call for Contributions
Besides planned presentations from Siemens specialists, participants are also strongly encouraged to present their original work related to IDEA. For this reason we kindly invite participants to submit presentations to characterize their field of IDEA problems and solutions. The submissions are by no means required to present ready-made solutions of particular problems; it will also be possible to discuss unsolved problems both with Siemens specialists and the audience. However, the presented topics should be of a common interest.

We most strongly encourage all the participants to submit presentation topics along with a short abstract as a PDF file (not more than one A4 page). The abstracts received will be evaluated for a scientific and/or technical merit and the best submissions will be selected for the oral presentation during the meeting.

The venue of the IDEA Users Group Meeting is restricted to a maximum of 70 participants. In case the number of participants approaches the maximum the participants who contribute actively to the meeting will be given preference.

Venue
Located in southwest Germany, Freiburg (see http://www.freiburg.de) is situated close to the borders of Switzerland and France. We are accessible through a variety of transportation possibilities. The meeting will take place in Freiburg on the campus of the University Hospital.

By plane: If you decide to fly, please purchase your ticket to the nearest and most convenient international airport:
• EuroAirport Basel/Mulhouse/Freiburg, Switzerland / France / Germany Approximately 1 hour from Freiburg
• Zurich Airport, Switzerland Approximately 1.5 hours from Freiburg
• Stuttgart Airport, Germany Approximately 2 hours from Freiburg
• Frankfurt am Main, Germany Approximately 2-2.5 hours from Freiburg

From these Freiburg can easily be reached by train.

The detailed information about the location is available online at http://www.mrdac.com/idea.

By train: Freiburg can be reached via high-speed trains - ICE (InterCityExpress) which travels each hour. The exact schedule of trains can be viewed on the German railway internet site www.bahn.de.

By car: Should you decide to travel by car, Freiburg can be reached from the Autobahn A5.

See also http://www.mrdac.com/idea for further travel directions.

Registration and Submission of Contributions
Please register online on the web page http://www.mrdac.com/idea under the section "Registration and Submission of Contributions". The online registration fee amounts to 50 € and may be paid either by credit card or bank transfer. The fee covers participation on the meeting, lunch and coffee breaks. A guided sightseeing tour through the historical city of Freiburg or similar activities (depending on the weather) and social event (dinner) are also included. Online registration will be open until March 31, 2007. After this time registration is only possible on-site by paying cash (60 €). Note that attendance is limited to 70 participants. For the non-presenting participants places will be offered on a first-come-first-serve basis.

For further questions about registration (e.g. if you wish to bring your partner to dinner please contact idea.meeting@uniklinik-freiburg.de). The contributing participants may preregister for the meeting on the above described page as well and are requested to send an email to idea.meeting@uniklinik-freiburg.de containing:
• Name and institution of participant
• The proffered title of the contribution; please state the desired presentation duration (15 to 45 min, including discussion)
• Abstract not exceeding one A4 page as a PDF attachment
• Desired topics to be discussed

Program
The final program will be based on the contributions of the IDEA users groups and on the presentations of IDEA specialists from Siemens. We will send the final program to all participants of the meeting in the first weeks of April 2007.

Further Information
The up to date information about the meeting is available online at http://www.mrdac.com/idea. In case you need further information do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail: idea.meeting@uniklinik-freiburg.de