DebConf 202[12] at ACC

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Overview

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Why Sweden?

- Efficient and sustainable place for meetings
- Benign summer climate (15-25°C)
- “Everybody” speaks english and accept credit cards for payment
- Fast internet connectivity
  - The on-campus Debian mirror has 20Gbit/s
  - With some planning, multiple gigE outlets per room is doable
  - Umeå University has one of Sweden’s foremost WiFi experts as the head of wireless networking, so all of the venue should be fast
- At the time of bid, 100 SEK = 9.5 EUR or 10.6 USD
Some bits about Swedish policies

- We understand and support that hosting DebConf is not an endorsement of Swedish policies or political views.
- Sweden and Umeå is generally safe from physical violence
  - Someone getting assaulted is rare, and newsworthy in the local papers.
  - Self-defense is allowed in proportion to the immediate perceived threat, excessive violence can cause assault charges.
- Sweden welcomes all participants
  - By law, non-discrimination includes: sex, transgender identity or expression, ethnicity, religion or other belief, disability, sexual orientation and age.
  - Harassment, threats, or violence based on those same criteria are considered hate crimes with harsher punishments.
- Sweden has a positive consent law for sex.
Location

- Umeå
- Northern Sweden
- Europe
  - EU member
  - Schengen
  - Not Euro
Location

- 4.5 km from Airport
- 2.5 km from city center (restaurants, hotels, etc)
  - Very frequent (and accessible) buses between downtown and university
Umeå

- Umeå municipality has 127,000 inhabitants
  - Out of which 90-100k in the city proper
- Umeå University has
  - 32,000 students
  - 4,300 staff
  - A single compact campus next to the hospital
- Local transport consists of buses
  - A majority battery driven; good accessibility
- Very walk and bicycle friendly city
  - Mostly separate network of bike/walk roads, not shared with cars
  - Some exceptions apply in the older parts of the central city
Preferred dates

• Summer of 2021 or 2022 (or maybe even later)
• After midsummer and before mid-August
  - As in, during summer break at the university
• Early July probably ideal for bright summer nights
  - Also most likely for good weather, later summer has higher chance of rainy weather
  - Exact dates TBD
    • Constraints due to other events, venue, lunch restaurant closings, etc
• Pictures at midnight:
Travel

• **Flights to Umeå Airport (UME)**
  - Connections in the major European airports of Stockholm (very frequent, 15+ flights/day) and Helsinki
  - Northern Asia and America is close to northern Europe (polar routes)
    • Shortest trip times at an arbitrary day: Chicago 10h, Tokyo 12h, Los Angeles 13h
    • Southern hemisphere a bit further, Melbourne 24h, Buenos Aires 19h

• **Airport to city center or University:**
  - a 8-10 minute local bus ride (15-20 to Umeå University)
  - a short Taxi ride for about 220 SEK
  - or even walkable in good weather (4.2km)

• **Train or driving is also an option**
  - Takes 6-7 hours from Stockholm
Accommodation

- 1700 hotel rooms in the city, most in the city center
- Price range 700-1300 SEK
- Usually includes breakfast
- Vacation time is low season for hotels in Umeå
- A couple of cheaper hostels also available (like the “480 kr” label in the picture)
- Camping grounds a possibility, (200 SEK/night in own tent, 800+-200 SEK/night for 4-6 bed cabins)
Food

• There are many lunch restaurants around the campus
  – Some close for the summer, but we can talk a few more into keeping open longer for an event of this size

• Typical lunch buffet at ca 80-90 SEK
  – Just a sandwich at half or less of that
  – Lunch restaurants handle tickets well, we could buy/issue for provided food

• One medium sized grocery store within easy walking distance (open until 23:46 every day)

• Restaurant dinners from 70 (cheap pizza or kebab) to 700 SEK (three courses fancy food)
  – Most restaurants very happy to accommodate various diets, vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, etc
  – Most restaurants in city center, but a fair number around campus too
Venue

• Likely very cheap university lecture halls for talks and hack rooms
  – Lecture rooms (6-200 seats) likely free for student clubs like ACC
    • To be verified that this applies for big non-profit events arranged by clubs
  – Largest room, Aula Nordica, seats 1000, costs ~15 kSEK/day
    • That is the cheap student association price, “external price” is twice that
Venue

• Central campus park area, good for hanging out in good weather
LOC, experience

• Academic Computer Club at Umeå University
  – A legal entity that can book rooms and other practical matters
• Main local person, Mattias Wadenstein (maswan)
  – Staff at Umeå University
  – Social program with moose farm visit, whitewater rafting, etc was very well received by participants
  – A bit rusty at DebConf, but participated (incl some volunteering) in OSL and HEL (DebCake!)
• Other ACC people
  – Not well known to DebConf, but exist nonetheless
LOC, experience

- Bernelle Verster (indiebio)
  DebConf16 local team, shadowed DebConf15 local team
- Graham Inggs (ginggs)
  DebConf16 local team, shadowed DebConf15 local team
- Luna Jernberg (bittin)
  Volunteer at Stockholm Debian Day, GUADEC, FOSDEM, etc

- You?
Questions?