



2009 International Supercomputing Conference Closes with Record Numbers of Attendees, Exhibitors

HAMBURG, Germany — The 2009 International Supercomputing Conference (ISC'09) concluded its four-day run on Friday, June 26, wrapping up week with record attendance — about 1,675 attendees, an all-time high number of exhibitors — 120, and 220 presentations exploring all facets of high performance computing.

Marking its 24th anniversary, ISC'09 was the first time the conference was held in Hamburg, Germany's "Gateway to the World." At a special reception in Hamburg's historic stock exchange, Bernd Reinert, State Secretary, Ministry of Science and Research of the Free & Hanseatic City of Hamburg, noted that this gate opens both ways and that Hamburg was proud to host many of the world's leading supercomputing experts.

ISC's dramatic growth over the past five years, with attendance increasing fourfold since 2004, has led to the meeting outgrowing facilities in Heidelberg and then Dresden, necessitating the move to Hamburg.

For those who could not attend this year's conference, short video blogs showing impressions of Tuesday, June 23, and Wednesday, June 24, can be seen at:
<http://www.supercomp.de/isc09/VideoBlog/>.

"We faced a number of uncertainties this year, from moving to a new city to a global economic crisis, but these factors did not come into play," said Prof. Hans Meuer of the University of Mannheim, General Chair of ISC. "As a number of attendees told me this week, in this fast-changing arena you need to keep informed and ISC is the place to get the latest information from researchers, vendors and manufacturers."

ISC'10, the 25th anniversary of the conference, will be held June 1-4, 2010, in the Congress Center Hamburg. For information, go to www.isc10.org.

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