

Welcome to VLDB 2006



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Next year's VLDB conference will take place in Seoul, Korea between September 12th and September 15th, 2006. VLDB 2006 will continue the tradition of the premier database conference with numerous top-quality technical sessions. In addition, conference participants will have a chance to visit and experience Seoul, the capital of Korea for nearly 600 years with many historical relics and tourist resorts.

We invite all VLDB 2005 participants to come and enjoy the next year's VLDB. Here are some important dates for anyone who plans to contribute to the conference:

February 7, 2006: Workshop proposal deadline

March 9, 2006: Paper abstract submission deadline

March 16, 2006: Paper, panel, demonstration, and tutorial submission deadline

May 30, 2006: Notification of acceptance

June 23, 2006: Camera ready papers due

For more information about VLDB 2006, please visit the official Web site at vldb2006.org.

The picture below shows the night view of Hangang river.



VLDB 2007 in Vienna

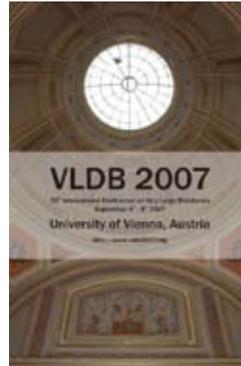
By Wolfgang Klas and Erich J. Neuhold,
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VLDB 2007 will be held in Vienna, the charming capital of Austria, right in the heart of Europe. The conference venue will be the historical main building of the University of Vienna, located in the city centre, a few steps away from the many well known historical sites.

The University of Vienna - one of the oldest universities in Europe, is very proud of having been the home of several Nobel Prize Laureates.

Vienna - Romantic Nostalgia & Modern Hype, there is so much to see: From Gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral to the Imperial Palace to the Art Nouveau splendor of the Secession, from the magnificent baroque palace Schönbrunn to the Museum of Fine Arts to modern architecture at the Museums Quartier.

Vienna - hot & cold, loud & soft, expected & unexpected, a city of many facets: Electronic DJs are a part of Vienna as much as the Vienna State Opera. Trendy clubs, "young" galleries, modern architecture and stylish shops are as much Vienna as the concert halls, the large museums, the splendid buildings and the nostalgic shops. A leisurely shopping stroll, the sweet life between coffee houses and Heurigen, "in" bars and hotdog stands, clubbings and Beisels, look forward to VLDB 2007 bringing all this to you.



Yesterday's Organ Concert



At last night's concert in the Nidaros Cathedral, many VLDB participants enjoyed a peaceful moment with music – a break from an otherwise busy conference program. Priest Morten Andersen opened the event giving a short speech about the history of the Cathedral.



Then, Cantor Bjørn Vevang played six short pieces on the Steinmeyer organ. The organ is the largest in Norway, with more than 10,000 pipes; built by the German company G. F. Steinmeyer & Co. in 1930.



Announcements

Change of room: The 6th VLDB Workshop on Technology for E-Services (TES-05) starting today at 14:00 will be in the **Lade** room both today and tomorrow.

Proceedings: The hardcopies of the VLDB2005 proceedings are available for sale at NOK 1350 at the conference secretariat. Conference proceedings CDs are also available for sale at NOK 100.

Extra lunch tickets: Lunch tickets for accompanying people are sold at NOK 230 at the secretariat. The tickets have to be bought the day before at the latest.

Internet Access

Wireless: Use the network with the SSID of "VLDB". This is an open network at 11 Mbit/s (IEEE 802.11b). In order to **browse the web, read e-mail, or log on to remote systems**, you need to **register at the firewall** by visiting any web page using a web browser.

The web page that you will receive is a log on page for the local wireless network. Enter "vlbd" (all lowercase letters) as username and "trondheim" as password (all lowercase letters). Afterwards you can access the Internet through http, https, imap, pop3, smtp, rdp, ssh and other protocols.

Please note that the wireless network is not encrypted. If you need secure connections, you should use encrypted protocols, e.g. https instead of http. If you have questions or encounter any problems, please contact the conference secretariat.

The VLDB network is only available in the conference area. Access to wireless network in other parts of the hotel, including the rooms, can be bought at the hotel front desk.

Desktop computers: There are 12 desktop computers with Internet connection available at the **Rosenborg** PC room.

Yesterday's Social Events

Ringve Museum



Twenty-five VLDB participants went to Ringve Museum; Norway's National museum of musical instruments. Their collection contains more than 1450 instruments from all around the world.

Boat Trip



Thirty-two participants enjoyed the fjord trip onboard Ulabrand. Shrimps and white wine were served in the beautiful weather. In spite of a combined fishing effort, no more than one small fish was caught.



I'm the only one who got a fish, but I won't touch it!

The Newsletters...



have been produced by Roger Midtstraum, Heri Ramampiaro and Jon Olav Hauglid. (sorry, Jon Olav, no photo).

Weather Forecast

Today



Low: 7°C / 44°F

High: 17°C / 62°F

Overcast with light showers.
Light breeze.

Tomorrow



Low: 7°C / 44°F

High: 16°C / 60°F

Cloudy and calm weather.

What's On

Cirkus: Cirkus Agora

Lade, 19:00

Tickets: NOK 220 - 310

Cirkus Agora was earlier this year named the country's best circus by the largest newspaper in Norway. Their program includes clowns, trapeze artists, magicians and horses. Several different countries are represented, among them Russia, Belarus and Denmark.



Music: Trondheim Jazzfestival

Olavshallen, 09:00

Tickets: NOK 265 - 300

Concert with Cæcilie Norby. At the tender age of 39 she already has a stupendous career, and she has contributed to breaking down the rigid division into genres, in addition she has attracted notice by awakening an interest in Jazz in the young, traditionally rock oriented audience. Cæcilie has performed as a soloist with numerous renowned European and American musicians and orchestras.

The **Coastal Voyage** leaves Trondheim heading for other waters. Soon most of you will leave too. It has been a great pleasure to be your hosts at VLDB 2005.

Have a nice trip home!

