

# The 13th International Workshop on Program Comprehension IWPC 2005 Social Event

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## Abstract

*The IWPC 2005 social event will be a cocktail party held at the Bistro at Grand Center in St. Louis from 7 PM until 10 PM on the evening of May 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be plenty of drinks and appetizers. Entertainment includes a live jazz duo. Transportation will be provided via a shuttle to and from the conference hotel.*

## 1. Introduction

At any academic conference it is important for the attendees to have the opportunity to interact outside of the conference in less formal setting. This provides a venue where researchers, professors, and students a chance to meet and share ideas about their respective areas of interest. Unfortunately, it is not always easy to find a suitable location for such activities.

In this paper, we outline an event meant to satisfy the requirements of both presenters and attendees. We have reserved the Jazz Room at the Bistro at Grand Center in St. Louis for a cocktail party following the May 15<sup>th</sup> sessions of the conference. The cocktail party will run from 7PM until 10PM on the evening of Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact information for the Bistro is given in Table 1. The renovated Grand Center, just north of the University is the cultural heart of the city, boasting a number of museums, art galleries and theaters [Grand Center'05].

**Table 1. Contact information for the Bistro**

<b><i>The Bistro at Grand Center</i></b>
3536 Washington Blvd
St. Louis, Missouri
(314) 534-3663

## 2. Methodology

Most people tasked with organizing events may follow some plan or are familiar with the city in which

the event is taking place. The approach taken here in the planning of this event, however, incorporated neither of the above. Rather than rely solely on word of mouth or advice from the chamber of commerce, potential venues for the banquet were chosen from an exhaustive Google search [Brin'98]. The entertainment was also found using a similar technique. After realizing the Bistro was several miles from conference venue, we chose to use transportation from Washington University because it was a) available and b) reasonably priced.

## 3. Provided Transportation

Transportation will be provided by Huntleigh Transportation – the provider of shuttle services for Washington University in St. Louis. We have acquired a shuttle to transport IWPC participants to and from the Bistro at Grand Center. The shuttle has a capacity of 25 people. Approximate departure times are in Table 2.

Specific times may change due to traffic or other unforeseeable conditions. For attendees requiring a more custom schedule, taxi cabs can be arranged through the concierge at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

**Table 2. Approximate schedule of arrival and departure times**

<b><i>To the Bistro</i></b>	<b><i>Pickup at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance</i></b>
Early arrival	6:30
Standard Arrival	7:00
Fashionably Late	7:30

<b><i>Back to Hotel</i></b>	<b><i>Pickup at Bistro Front Door</i></b>
Early to Bed	10:00
Standard Departure	10:30
Party all Night	11:00

## 4. Directions

For attendees with their own transportation or wishing to determine their own schedule and arrival times, see Table 1 for directions. Directions from the Adam's Mark

Hotel are given in Figure 1. This map is provided and computed by [Google'05].



**Figure 1. Route from the Adam's Mark Hotel to the Bistro At Grand Center (from Google Map).**

Specific directions for attendees driving to the Bistro from the Hotel are given in Table 3. Note that other map services may provide alternative directions.

Alternatively, one can take the *MetroLink* to the **Grand** station. Walk north on Grand Blvd, through St. Louis University, until Washington Blvd then turn right. There are MetroLink stations down town at 6<sup>th</sup> & Washington (**Convention Center**) and another at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Washington (**Arch-Laclede's Landing**).

**Table 3. Directions from the Adam's Mark Hotel to the Bistro at Grand Center (from Google Map).**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Head <b>east</b> from <b>Chestnut St</b> - go <b>0.1 mi</b></li> <li>2. Turn <b>right</b> at <b>N Memorial Dr</b> - go <b>0.1 mi</b></li> <li>3. Continue on <b>S Memorial Dr</b> - go <b>0.2 mi</b></li> <li>4. Turn <b>right</b> at <b>Spruce St</b> - go <b>0.1 mi</b></li> <li>5. Turn <b>left</b> at <b>S Broadway</b> - go <b>0.1 mi</b></li> <li>6. Turn <b>right</b> into the <b>I-64 W</b> entry ramp - go <b>1.9 mi</b></li> <li>7. Take the <b>Forest Park Blvd</b> exit <b>38A</b> to <b>Grand Blvd</b> - go <b>0.3 mi</b></li> <li>8. Continue on <b>Forest Park Ave</b> - go <b>0.3 mi</b></li> <li>9. Turn right at <b>S Grand Blvd</b> - go <b>0.1 mi</b></li> <li>10. Continue on <b>N Grand Blvd</b> - go <b>0.4 mi</b></li> <li>11. Turn <b>right</b> at <b>Washington Blvd</b> - go <b>0.1 mi</b></li> </ol> |
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## 5. Implementation Details

Because many attendees will likely be hungry after a long day of stimulating technical presentations, the Bistro will be serving appetizers as part of the cocktail party. Appetizers include: veggie tray, bruschetta, chicken satay, and toasted ravioli. The toasted ravioli is reputedly a St. Louis specialty [Allrecipes'05].

In order to facilitate a freer flow of ideas and information, a fully serviced open bar will be featured.

The bar will provide soft drinks, premium liquors, wine, and domestic and import beers [iDrink.com'05, Realbeer.com'05, Wine.com'05]. The bar will be open the entire duration of the event (i.e., 7:00-10:00pm), providing an opportunity for maximal consumption at minimal cost. Astute readers may note however, the inversely proportional relation between beverages consumed and the consumer's level of program (or other) comprehension.

For those attendees weary of academic and scientific discussion, members of one of St. Louis' premier variety bands, the Spectrum Band [Callihan'05], will be performing during the party. More specifically, a two piece (piano and bass) duo will be playing jazz classics.

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