

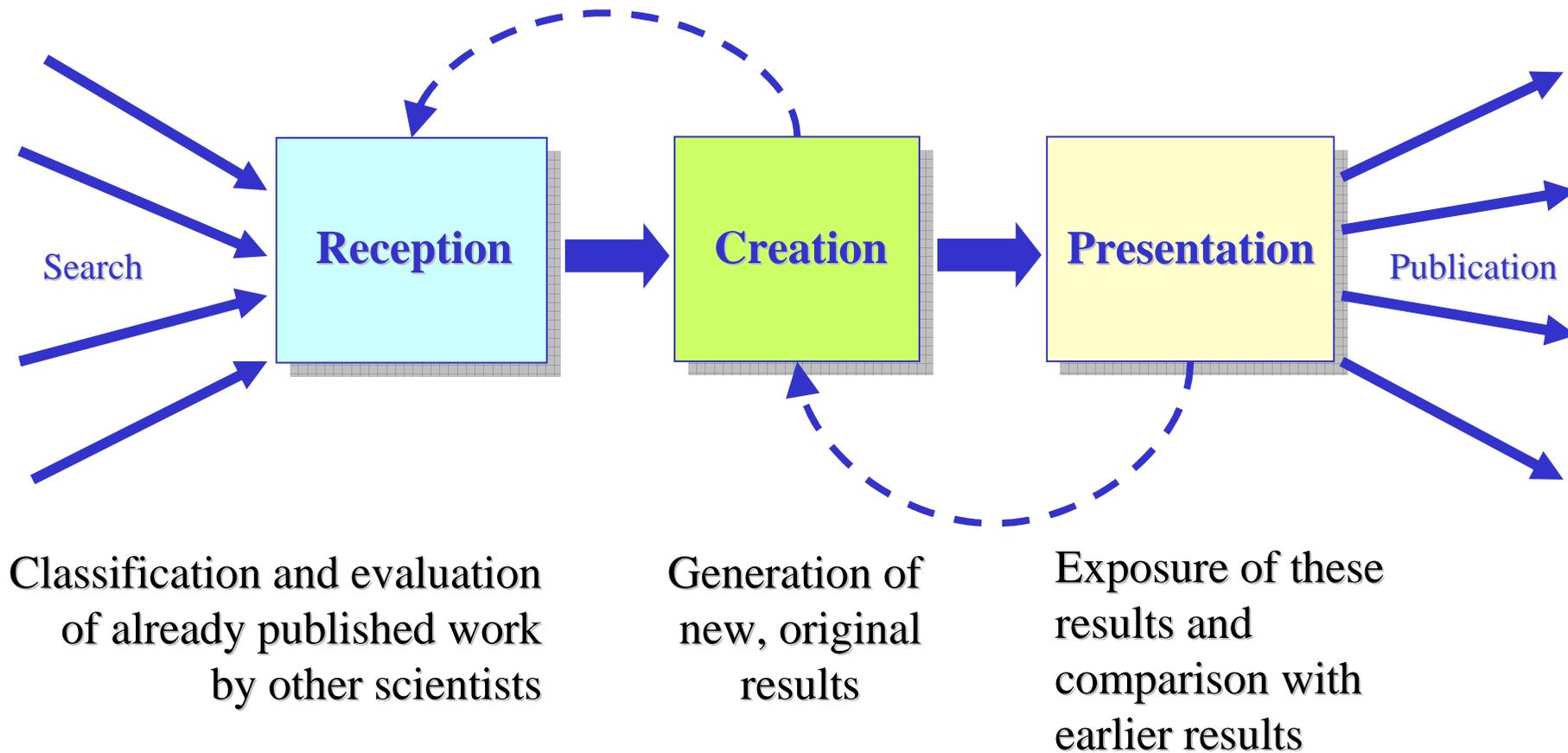
# Techniques of Scientific Communication

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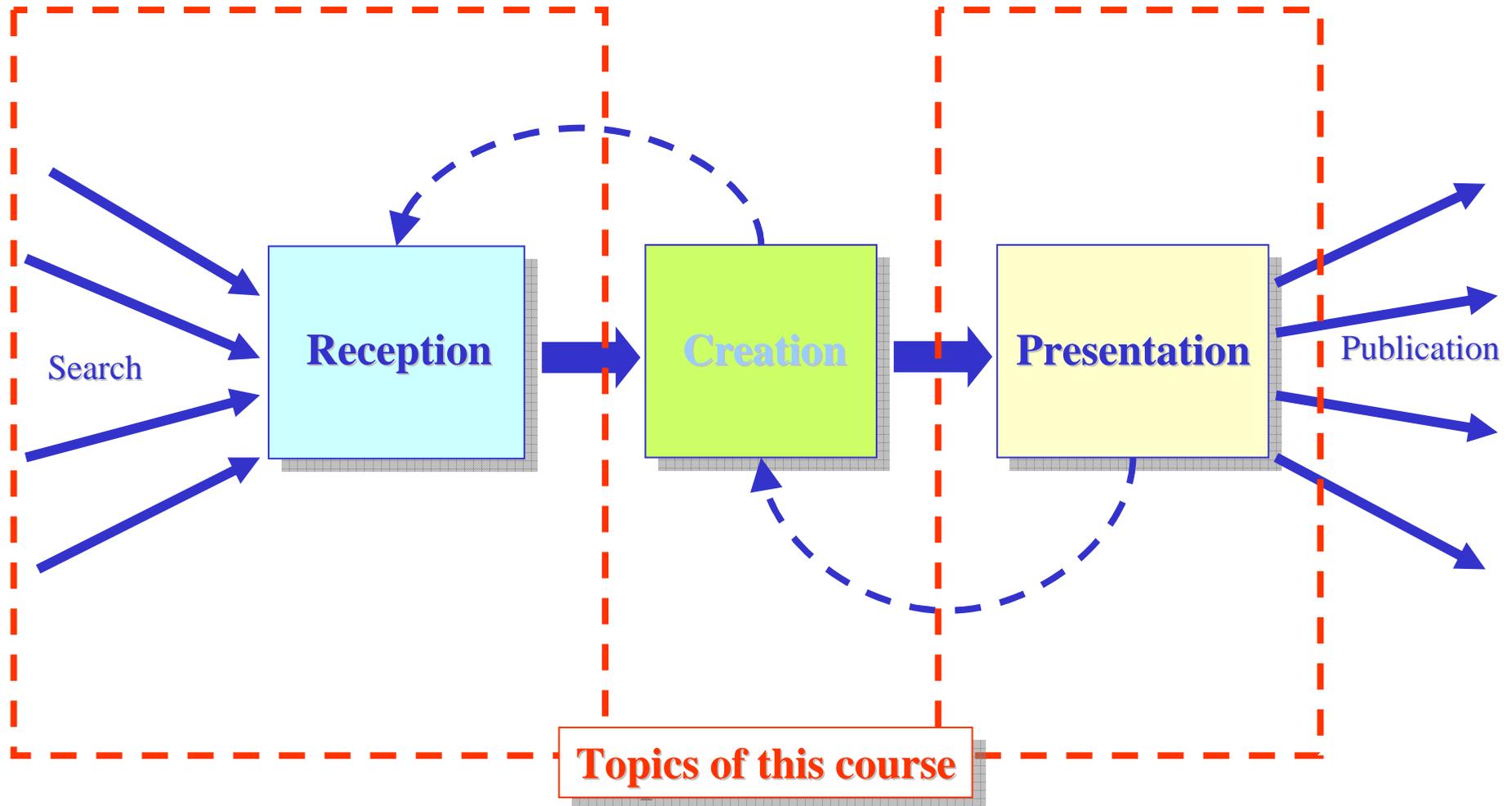


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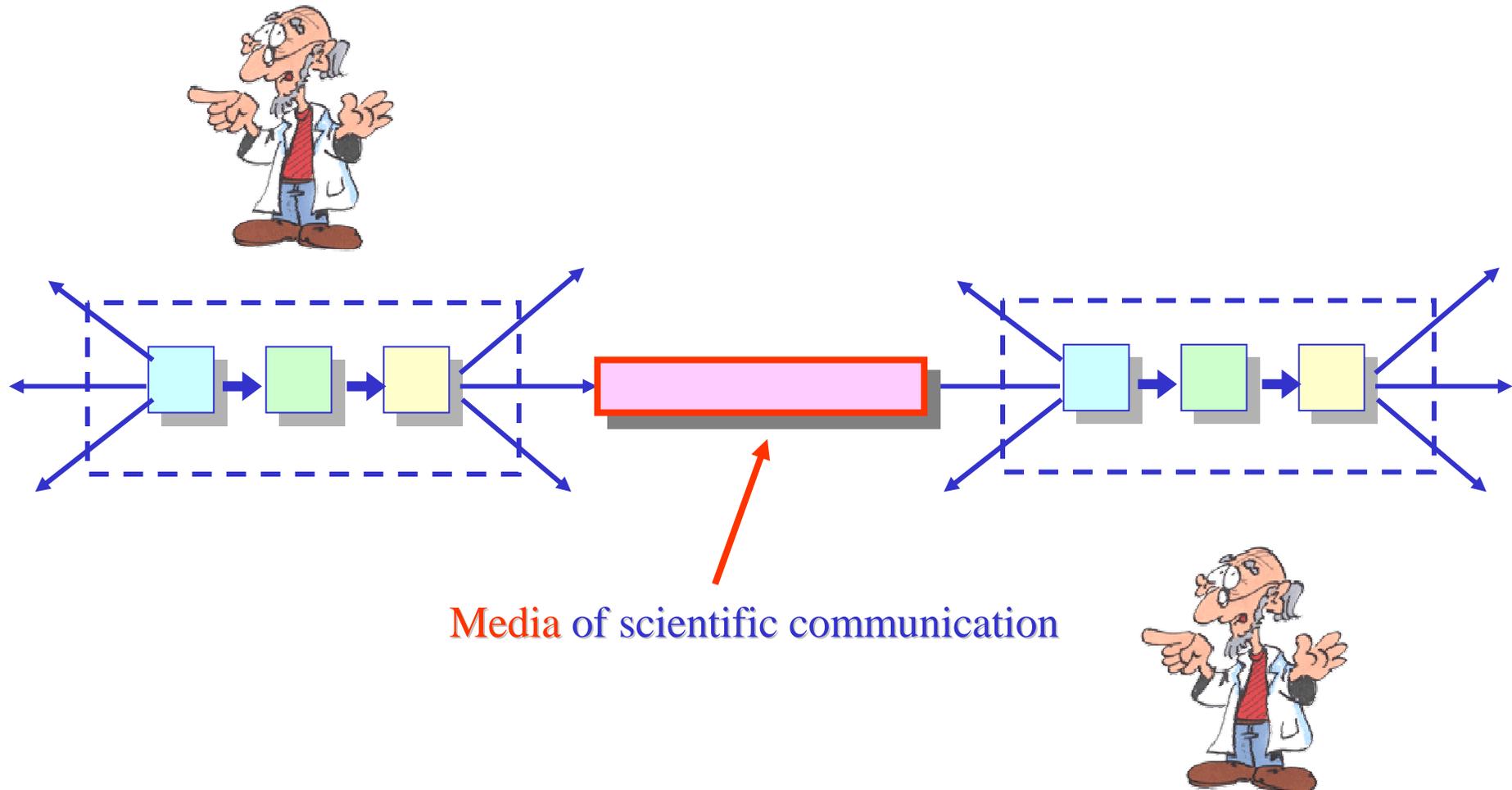


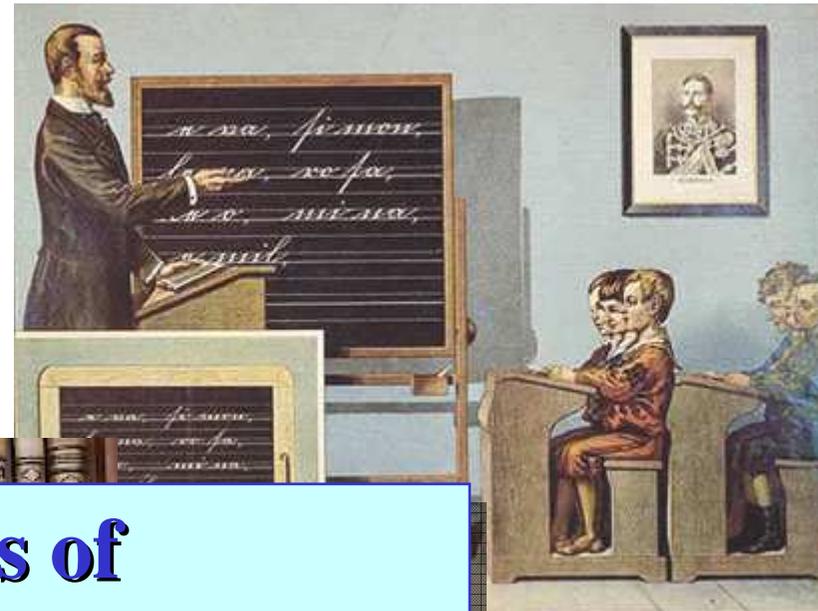
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## Topic of the Course (3)

Main emphasis of the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the course:





# Forms of Scientific Communication



## Scientific Communication: Overview

- Science crucially depends on **communication** of results from one scientist to the other!
- **Academic teaching** constitutes just one special form of scientific communication, where the receiver of the communicated information is normally far less qualified than the sender.
- In **teaching**, communication takes place **orally** (lecture) or **in written form** (textbook, lecture script). Seminar presentations and exam theses belong to this category, too.
- Between qualified professional experts communication takes place in these two basic forms as well:
  - **orally**: Presentations at scientific events (such as colloquia or conferences)
  - **written**: Articles in conference proceedings or scientific journals  
or in monographs (books) and reports

## Scientific Community (1)

The **scientific community** consists of the total body of scientists, its relationships and interactions. It is normally divided into "sub-communities" each working on a particular field within science.

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- Scientific research takes place in public or commercial **scientific institutions**, e.g.,
  - universities and other academic schools,
  - research centres and institutes (e.g., Max Planck- and Fraunhofer-Institutes)
  - research departments in industry (e.g., Microsoft Research),
- **Scientific communication** takes mainly place in
  - scientific meetings (conferences, symposia, workshops etc.)
  - scientific journals (or magazines)
  - lecture series in scientific institutions (e.g., colloquia).

## Scientific Community (2)

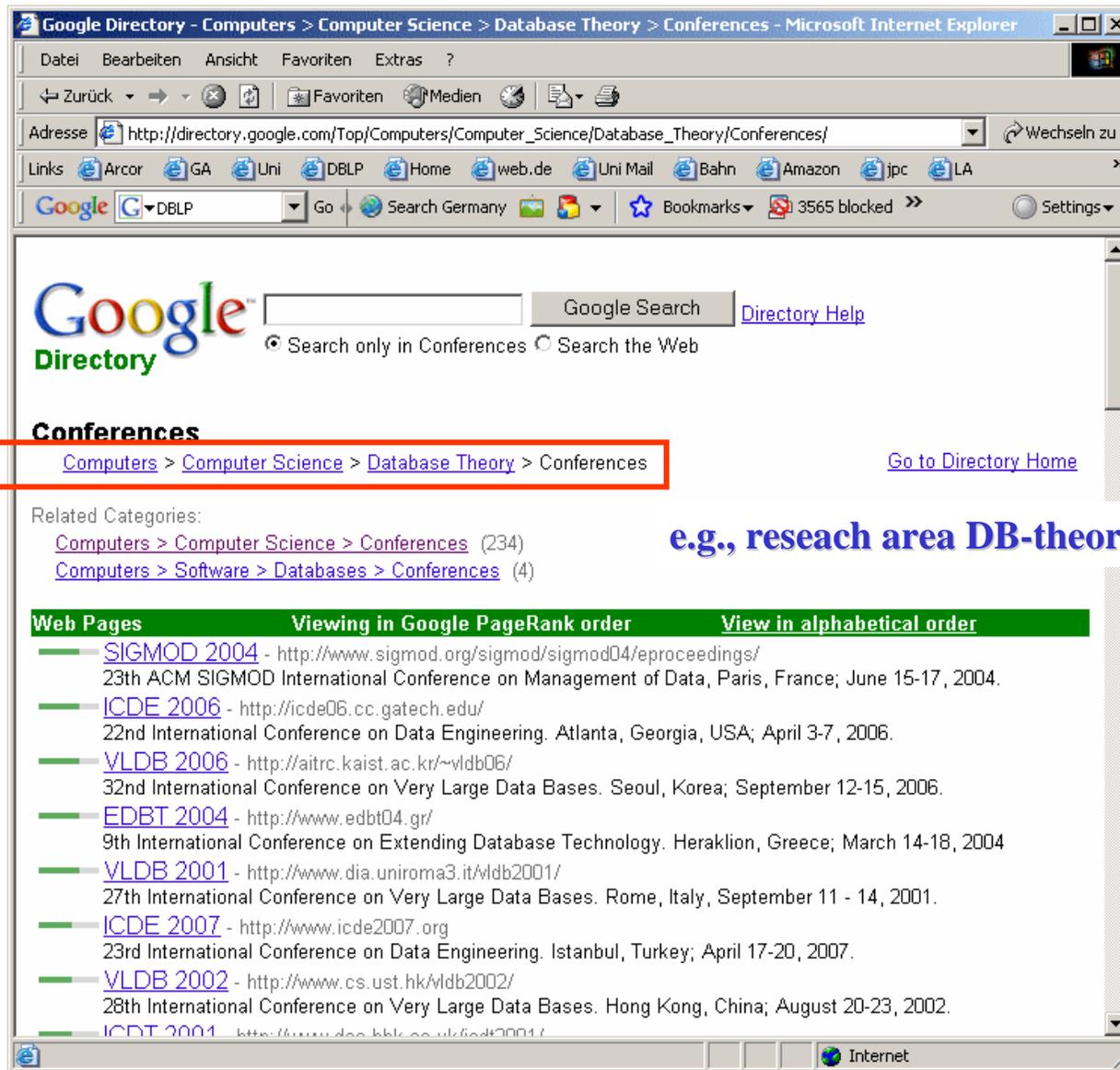
- At **conferences**, experts meet on few days at a single place delivering a large number of **talks** about one or several related areas. These talks are attended and later on discussed by other scientists.
- Each talk is normally accompanied by a written article containing the contents of the talk in extended form. The collection of all such articles appears as a book called the **proceedings** of the conference.
- **Scientific language** is – at least in computer science – nearly exclusively **English**. There is hardly any informatics literature in other languages!
- Conference contributions are submitted several months before the conference date. They are reviewed by a group of experienced scientists called the **program committee** of the respective conference.
- Quality is maintained by this form of mutual **reviewing** („**peer reviewing**“). This process characterizes scientific communication in particular.

## Scientific Community (3)

- **Scientific journals** are issued by publishing houses in regular intervals (monthly, quarterly, bi-annually etc.) organized in volumes (one or more per year) and issues.
- Each issue of a journal normally contains **several articles** – less than in a volume of conference proceedings, but usually longer than conference articles.
- Articles for journals can be submitted by authors **continually**, not just on special dates or occasions. Like conference articles, they are subject to peer assessment and are selected on a competitive basis.
- Each journal has one or several **editors**, some times even a group of area editors (the editorial board) selecting the reviewers for each article submitted and taking care of maintaining certain quality standards.
- Apart from journals and proceedings, there are **other forms** of scientific publications (e.g., books and monographs, dissertations, or technical reports, which are often not reviewed at all.

# Conferences

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e.g., research area DB-theory in Computer Sc.

# Conferences: Example ADBIS 2009

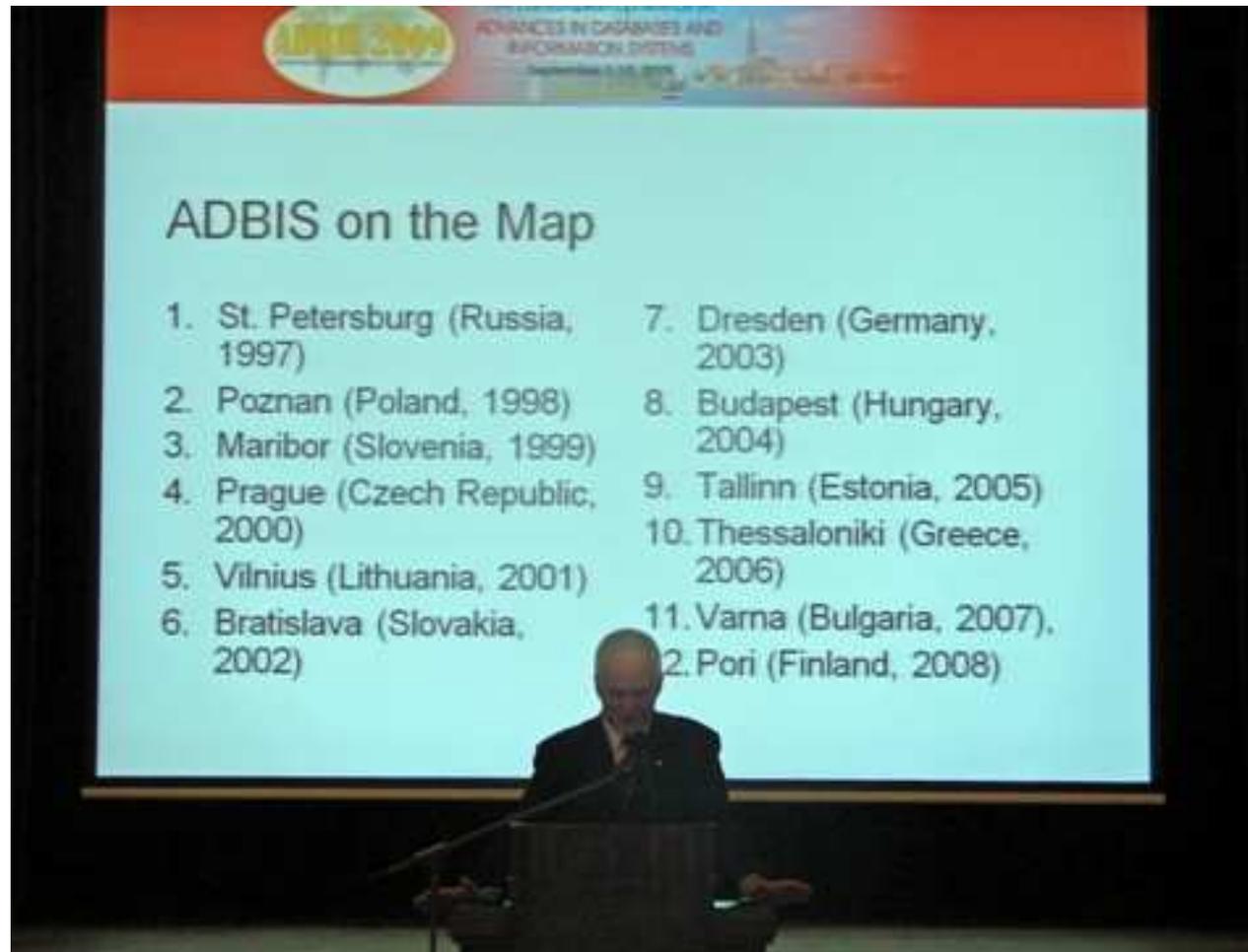
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## ADBIS Conference Series since 1997



# ADBIS 2009: Spectrum of Topics

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**Topics**

Original papers dealing with theory and/or applications of database technology and information systems are solicited. The areas of interest include, but are not limited to the following:

- Database theory
- Indexing and search
- Query processing and optimization
- Data modeling and database design
- Physical database design and performance evaluation
- Database systems architectures
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- Advanced database applications
- Middleware for connecting databases and applications
- Heterogeneous databases interoperability and mediation, data and knowledge grids
- Replication and caching
- Native semi-structured data and XML
- Data quality
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- Databases as services
- Data mining, data warehousing, and knowledge discovery
- Data streams
- Semantic-based knowledge systems

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Topics of interest

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# ADBIS 2009: Organisation of the Conference and the Series



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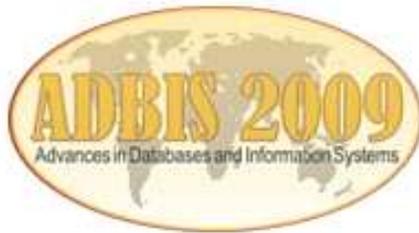
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# ADBIS 2009: Timetable of the Conference



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## ADBIS conference program

**Date:** September 8 – September 10, 2009  
**Location:** Kaļķu 1 (Main building of Riga Technical University)

### Sessions on September 8, 2009

08:30 – 16:00	<b>Registration</b> , Anteroom of Grand Hall
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Opening and Keynote 1</b> , Grand Hall Chair: G. Vossen Matthias Brantner: <i>Sausalito: An application server for RESTful services in the cloud</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b> , Anteroom of Grand Hall
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Business Processes</b> , Grand Hall Chair: J. Grundspenkis Mohamed Amine Chaabane, Eric Andonoff, Lotfi Bouzguenda and Rafik Bouaziz: <i>Versions to address business process flexibility issue</i> Mohamed Boukhebouze, Youssef Amghar, Nabila Benharkat and Zakaria Maamar: <i>A rule-based modeling for the description of flexible and self-healing business processes</i> Janis Makna: <i>Business process aware IS change management in SMEs</i>

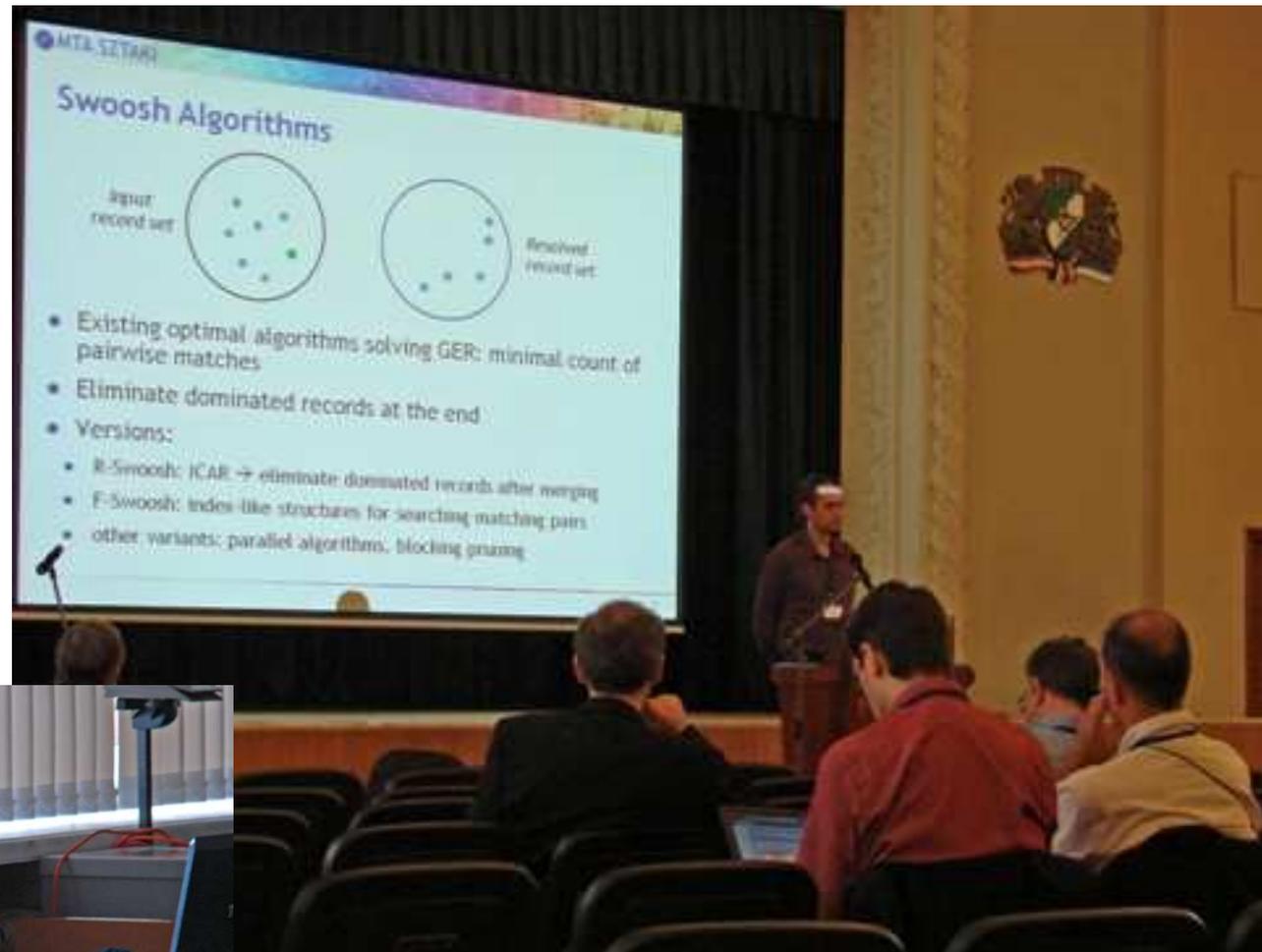
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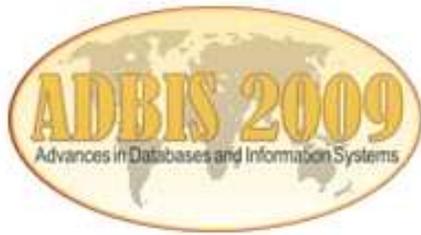
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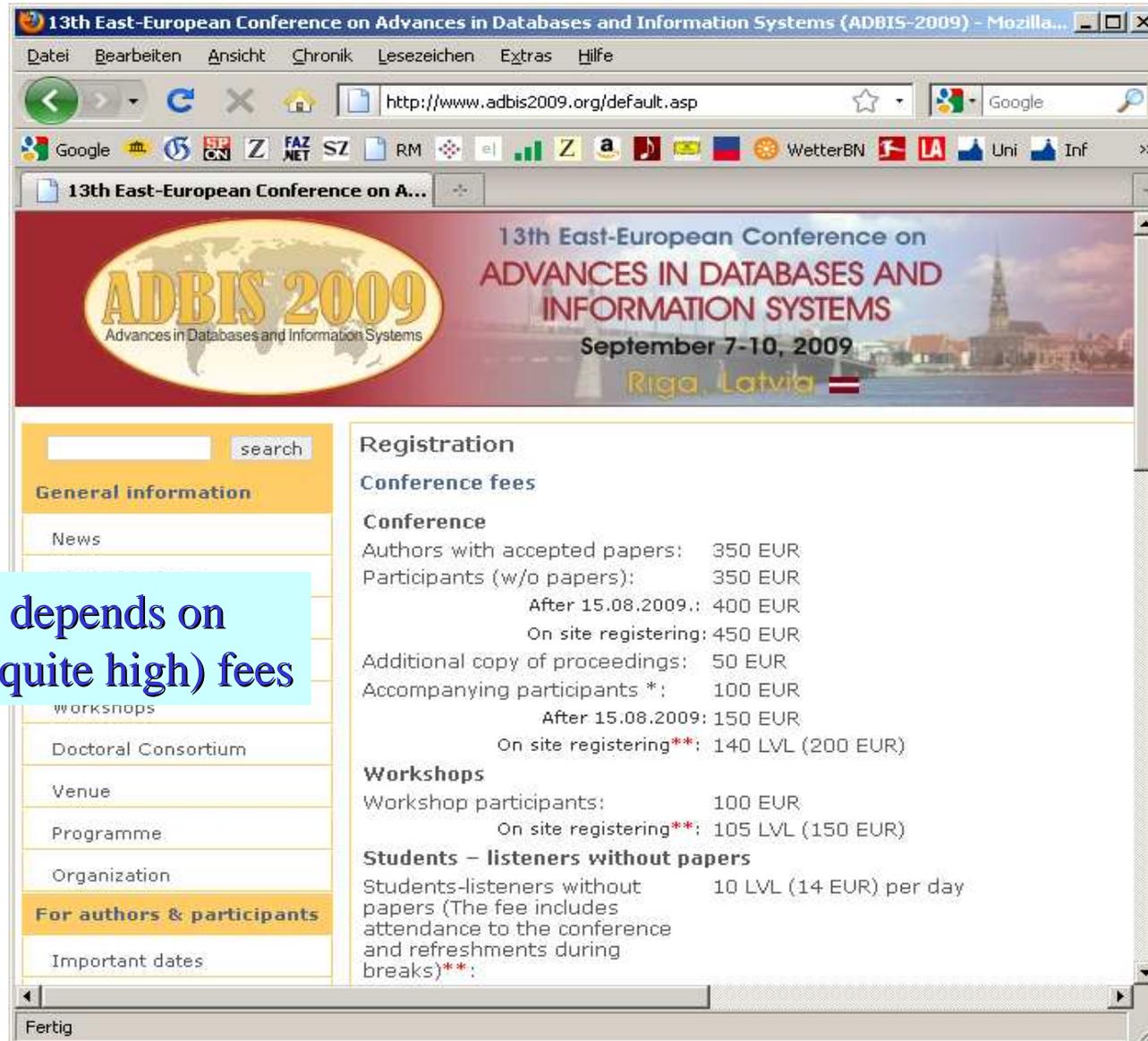
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Conferences are an important meeting place for scientists from all over the world – for discussing, for getting to know each other, for exchanging news (and gossip)



## ADBIS 2009: Conference Fees



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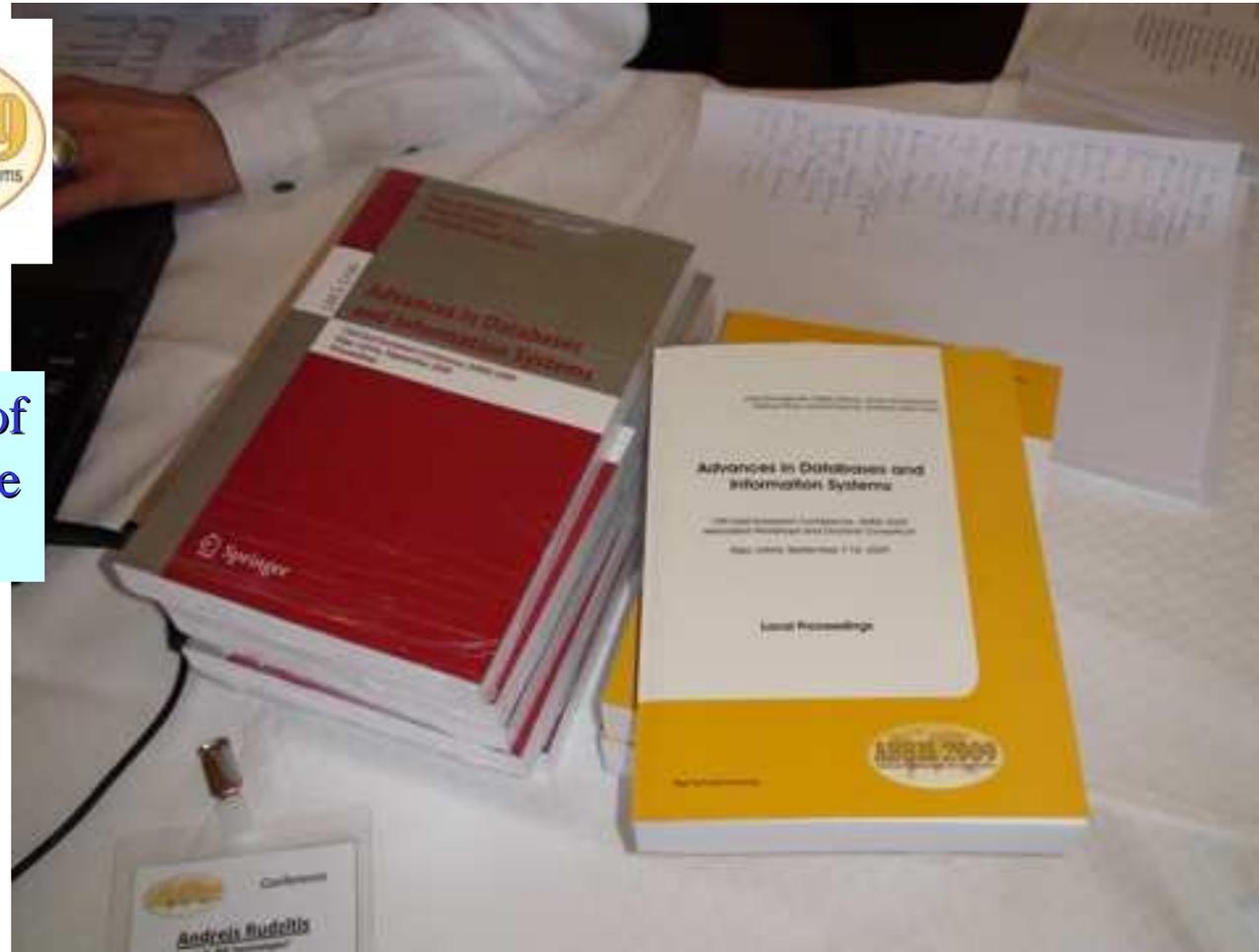
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<b>Workshops</b>	
Workshop participants:	100 EUR
On site registering**:	105 LVL (150 EUR)
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Students-listeners without papers (The fee includes attendance to the conference and refreshments during breaks)**:	10 LVL (14 EUR) per day

Participation depends on payment of (quite high) fees

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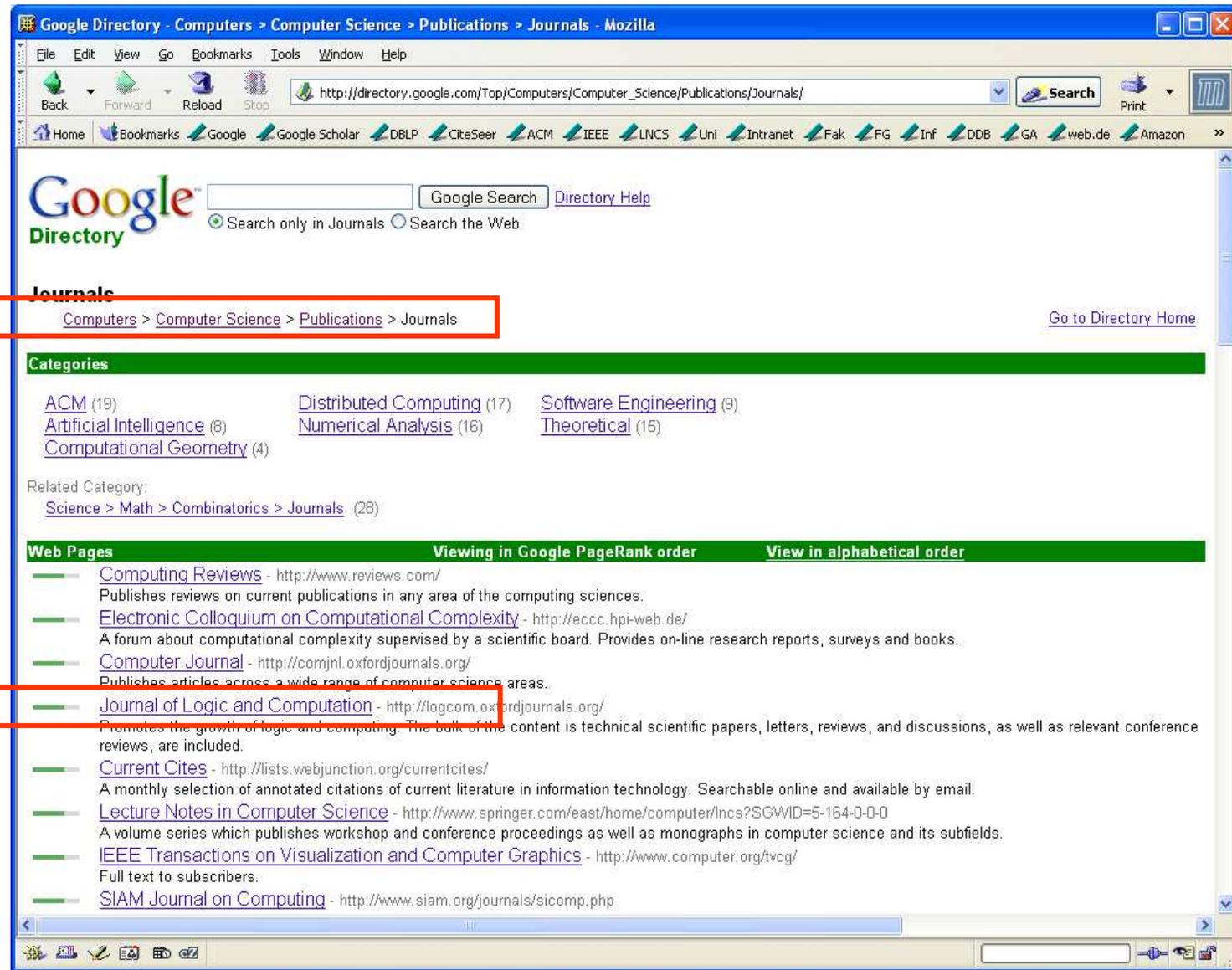
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Despite this early start, the printing industry in Oxford developed in a somewhat haphazard fashion over the next century. It consisted of a number of short-lived private businesses, some patronized by the University. But in 1586 the University itself obtained a decree from the Star Chamber confirming its privilege to print books. This was further enhanced in the Great Charter secured by Archbishop Laud from King Charles I, which entitled the University to print 'all manner of books'.

### Timeline

1478	First book printed in Oxford
1586	Decree of Star Chamber grants the University one printer and printing press
1669	Printing begins in the Sheldonian Theatre
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- Márcio M. Ribeiro and Renata Wassermann  
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**Abstract**

A Description Logic (DL) ontology is constituted by two components, a TBox that expresses general knowledge about the concepts and their relationships, and an ABox that describes the properties of individuals that are instances of concepts. We address the problem of how to deal with changes to a DL ontology, when these changes affect only the ABox, i.e. when the TBox is considered invariant. We consider two basic changes, namely instance-level update and instance-level erasure, roughly corresponding to the addition and the deletion of a set of facts involving individuals. We characterize the semantics of instance-level update and erasure on the basis of the approaches proposed by Winslett and by Katsuno and Mendelzon. Interestingly, DLs are typically not closed with respect to instance-level update and erasure, in the sense that the set of models corresponding to the application of any of these operations to a knowledge base in a DL  $\mathcal{L}$  may not be expressible by ABoxes in  $\mathcal{L}$ . In particular, we show that this is true for *DL-Lite<sub>F</sub>*, a tractable DL that is oriented towards data-intensive applications. To deal with this problem, we first introduce *DL-Lite<sub>FS</sub>*, a DL that minimally extends *DL-Lite<sub>F</sub>* and is closed with respect to instance-level update, and present a polynomial algorithm for computing instance-level update in this logic. Then, we provide a principled notion of best approximation with respect to a fixed language  $\mathcal{L}$  of instance-level update and erasure, and exploit the algorithm for instance-level update for *DL-Lite<sub>FS</sub>* to get polynomial algorithms for approximated instance-level update and erasure for *DL-Lite<sub>F</sub>*. These results confirm the nice computational properties of *DL-Lite<sub>F</sub>* for data intensive applications, even where information about instances is not only read, but also written.

**Keywords:** Description Logic; ontologies; update; erasure

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The purpose of this paper is to show that logic provides a convenient formalism for studying classical database problems. There are two main parts to the paper, devoted respectively to conventional databases and deductive databases. In the first part, we focus on query languages, integrity modeling and maintenance, query optimization, and data dependencies. The second part deals mainly with the representation and manipulation of deduced facts and incomplete information.

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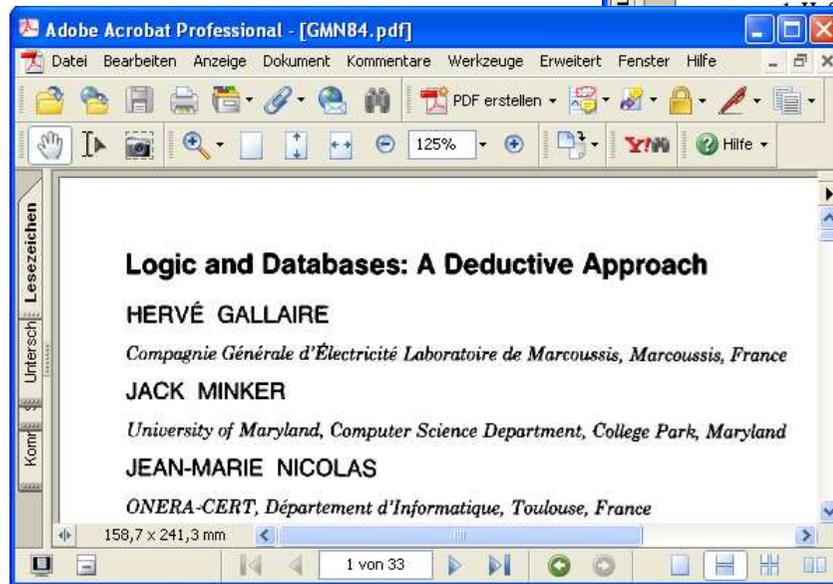
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