

CERN School of Computing 2024

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DESY, Hamburg, Germany

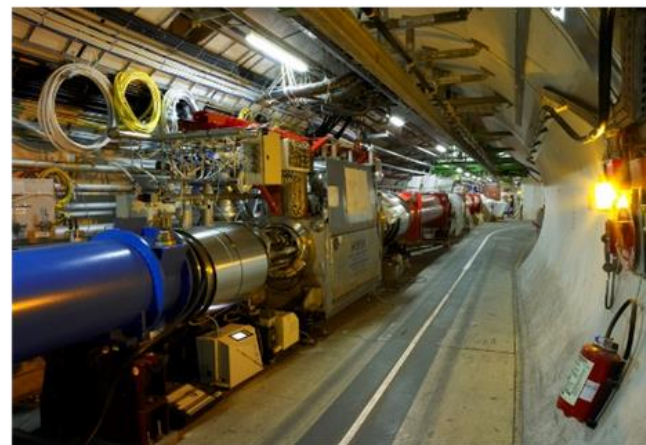


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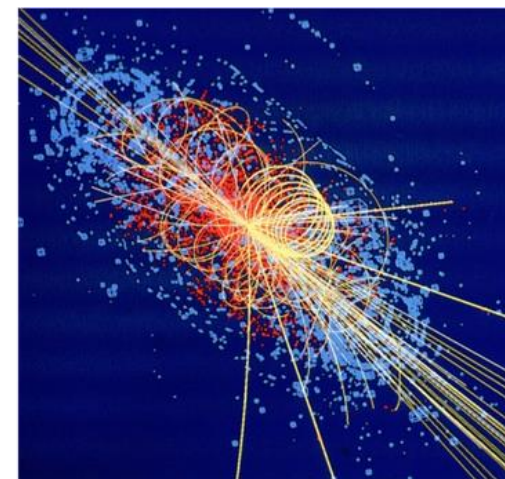
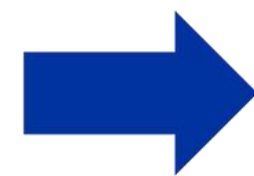
CERN'S MISSION



THE CERN SCHOOL OF COMPUTING IS HERE



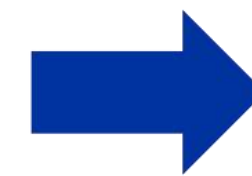
ACCELERATING BEAMS
(ACCELERATORS)



DETECTING PARTICLES
(EXPERIMENTS)



LARGE-SCALE
COMPUTING
(ANALYSIS)

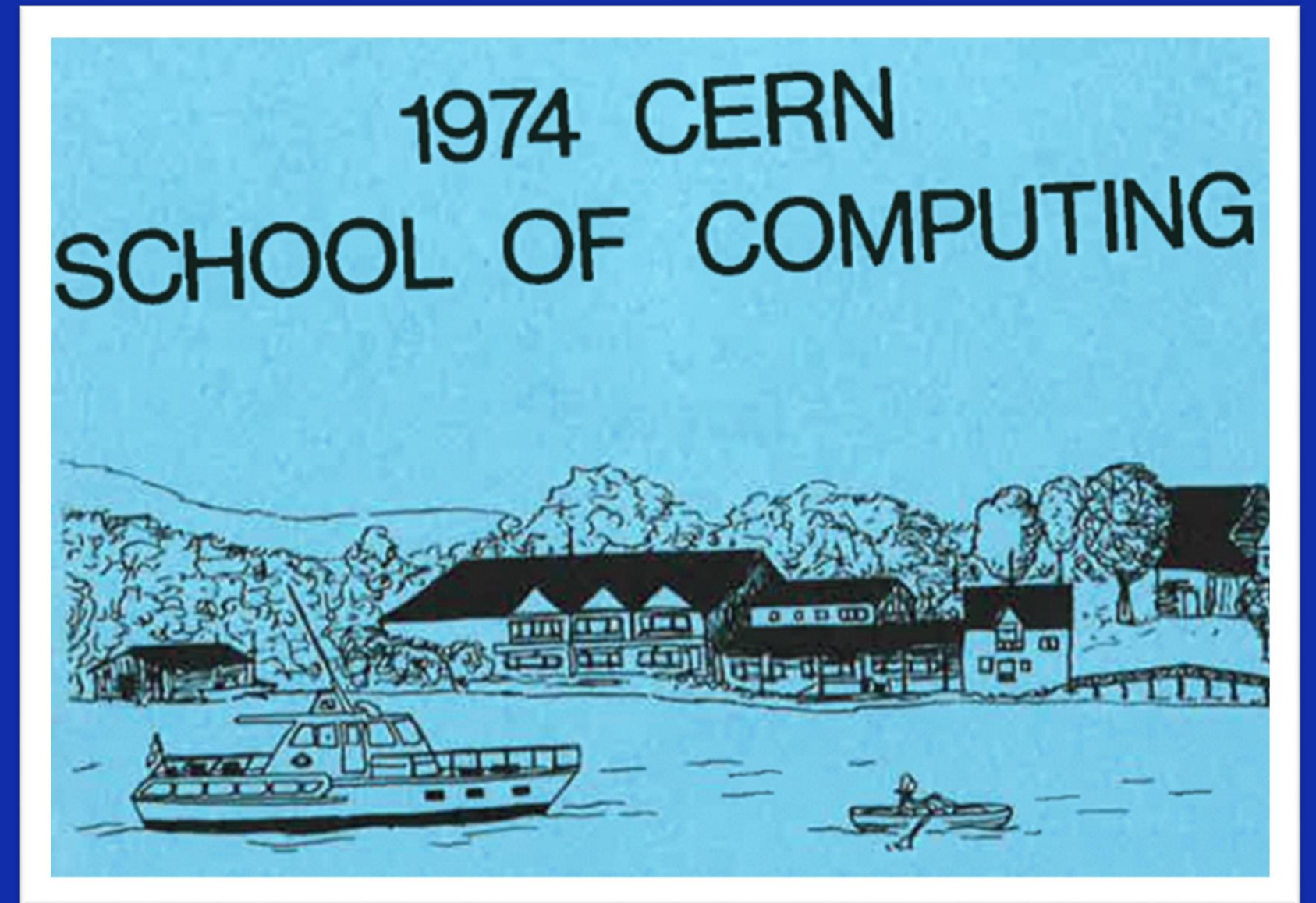


DISCOVERY



A SCHOOL WITH A LONG HISTORY

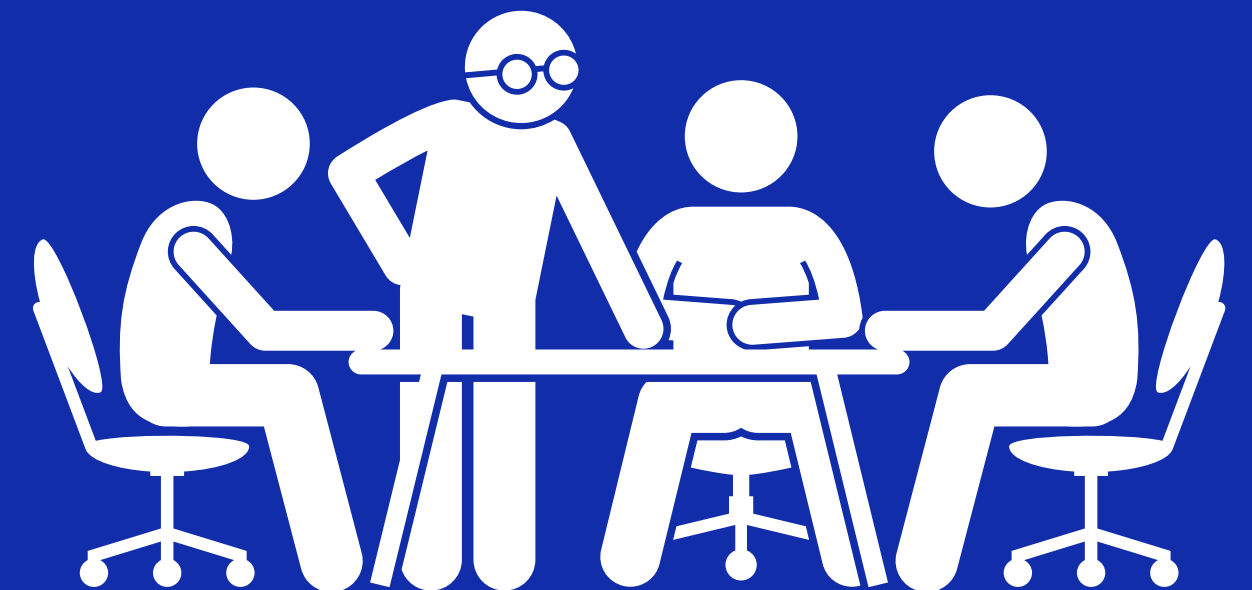
- CREATED IN 1970, 2024 IS THE 45TH EDITION
- HAS VISITED 23 COUNTRIES
- 3200+ STUDENTS HAVE FOLLOWED THE SCHOOL



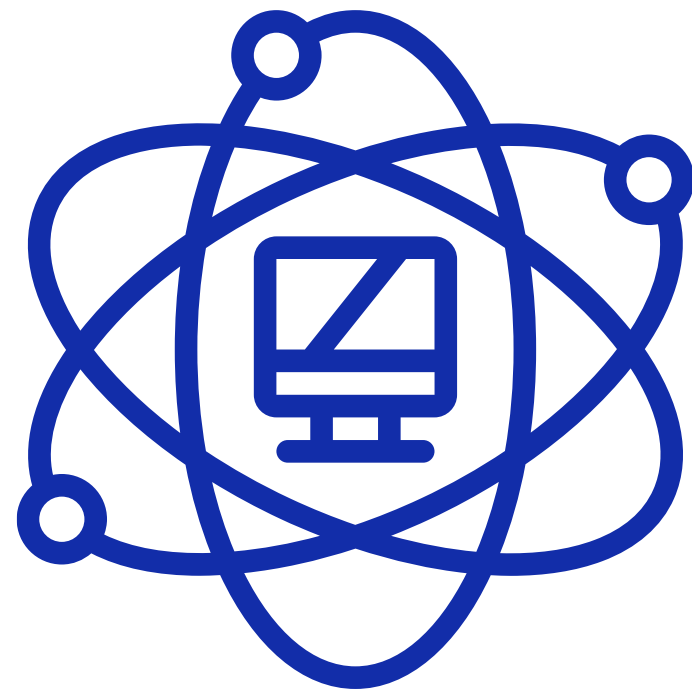
MANDATE & MISSION

- Create a **common** culture in **scientific computing** among **young** scientists and engineers involved in particle physics or other sciences, as a strategic direction to **promote mobility** and to facilitate the development of large **computing-oriented transnational projects**.
- Participants come from worldwide laboratories and universities with typically 20 to 30 different nationalities
 - 60+ nationalities in the last 10 years

<https://csc.web.cern.ch/history/alumni/>



BRIDGING SCIENCE & COMPUTING



- The unprecedented technological evolution in **computing** has profited directly to several **scientific research** projects, in particular in high energy physics
 - Computing is today **the main strategy** for many sciences to boost their research productivity

- It is nowadays essential that:
 - Scientists master computing technologies as the main tool for their research
 - Computer scientists understand the scientific domain of the investigation to deliver computing services that meet the needs of the research project

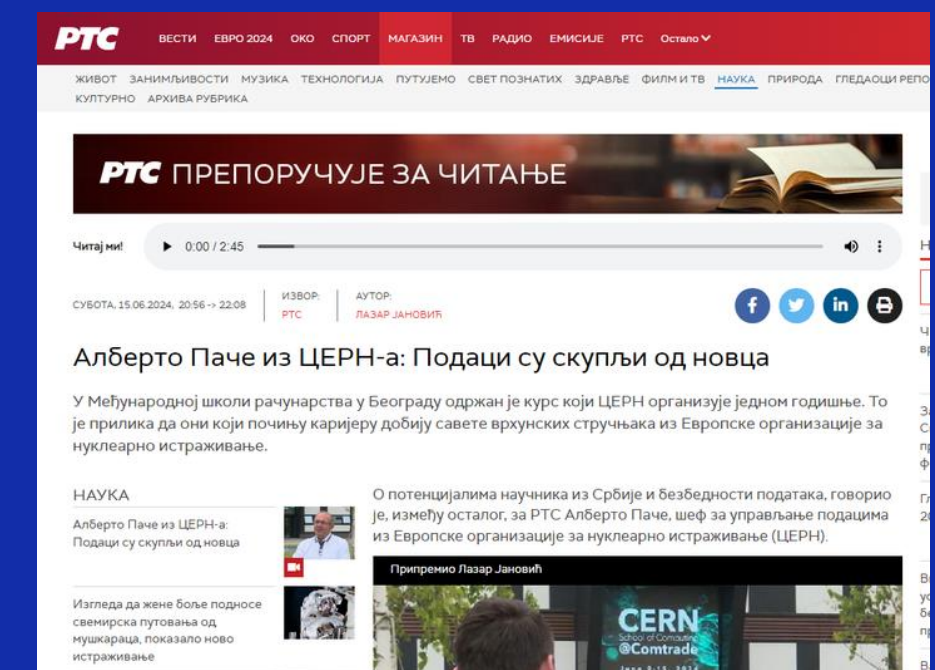
ADDITIONAL SIDE EFFECT:

- Knowledge transfer of (cern) skills and (cern) know-how in computing to academic, national laboratories, research institutes, institutional and industrial circles in member states and other countries
 - With direct or potential applications up to all spheres of the society (as exemplified with the web, and the grid).



AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

➔ FOR THE LOCAL ORGANISERS



AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

➤ FOR CERN



CERN@DESY public event

18 September 2024

DESY



Overview

Timetable

Speakers

Registration

Getting to DESY

Privacy policy

Have you ever heard of CERN and wondered what the researchers are working on? Or would you like to know more about career opportunities at one of the world's largest research centres?

Join us at the **CERN@DESY public event** on **18 September** to listen to expert presentations on what CERN is doing in general, the computing challenges CERN faces and what opportunities CERN offers for students and early stage professionals.

This public event is part of the [CERN School of Computing 2024](#) which is hosted at DESY. After the presentations, you are cordially invited to stay for a networking reception to continue the discussion and meet the speakers and the students of the CERN School of Computing coming from 32 countries.

Please [register](#) for this event by **11 September 23:59**.

This event will also be available via Zoom (link will be provided later), but physical presence is preferred.



THE CERN SCHOOLS OF COMPUTING

- THE **MAIN** SCHOOL (This one)
 - Two weeks, ~60 participants
 - Multiple topics on scientific computing

- THE **THEMATIC** SCHOOLS
 - Goes more in depth on a particular topic
 - Smaller participation, shorter duration (one week), clear goals
 - This year school: between 20 and 30 participants
- THE **INVERTED** SCHOOL
 - At the end of each school, we invite students to propose some lectures, and we organise an 'inverted' school: 'where students turn into teachers'
 - In 2024, the 15th edition had 14 lecturers and more than hundred participants

THE SCHOOL ACADEMIC DIMENSION



THE SCHOOL

- Is not a conference
- Is not a place for lecturers to present their work, promote projects
- Does not replicate of common training available at home institutes, or in member state's universities
- Does not deliver 'technical training' courses



FOCUS ON PERSISTENT KNOWLEDGE, LESS ON NOTIONS AND KNOWHOW



THE SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

- IS DISCUSSED AT THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 - Composed of several full-time university professors, field experts and scientists
 - from different countries



THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL



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ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

TOTAL: 50+ HOURS

PHYSICS COMPUTING

PHYSICS COMPUTING

DATA SCIENCE AND INTERACTIVE
DATA EXPLORATION

DATA ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION TO
MACHINE LEARNING

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES

SOFTWARE DESIGN IN
THE MANY-CORES ERA

CREATING SECURE SOFTWARE

SUSTAINABLE COMPUTING

DATA TECHNOLOGIES

DATA MANAGEMENT

DATA AND STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES



But ...

Who are the
CSC 2024
participants ?



THIS YEAR **MAIN** SCHOOL (2024)



➤ 91 APPLICANTS
65 SELECTED STUDENTS:
FROM 30 NATIONALITIES

Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, Czechia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Latvia, Mexico, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States

FROM 36 INSTITUTES/UNIVERSITIES

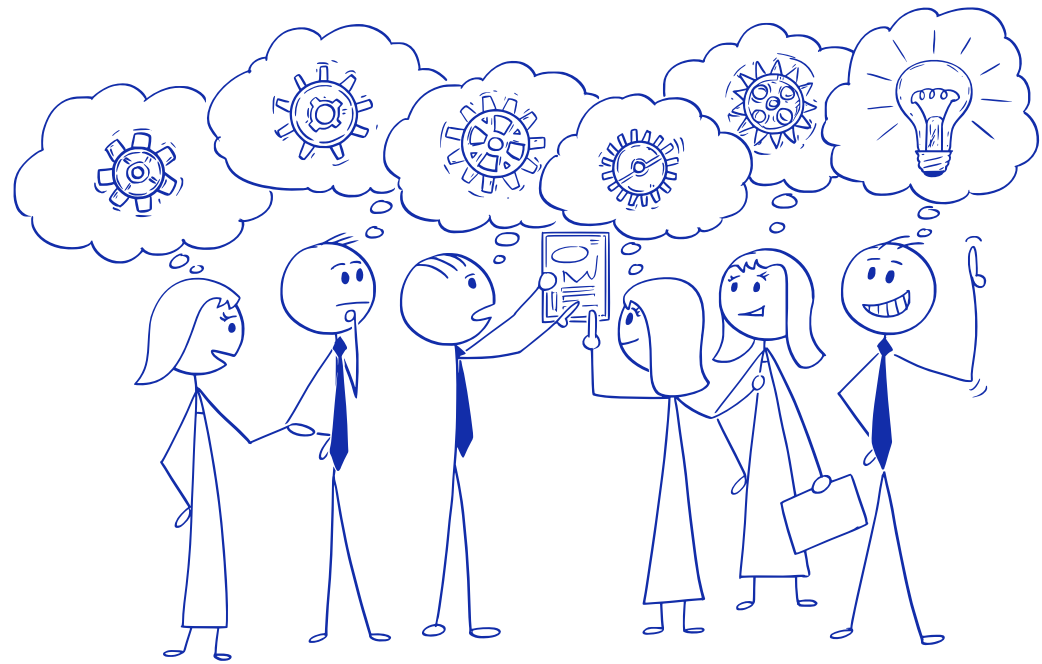
➤ STUDENT'S BACKGROUND:

44	Physics – related
17	Computer Science – related
4	other

➤ 25% FEMALE PARTICIPANTS



WHO ARE THE CSC PARTICIPANTS ?



- You are young, diverse, come from many countries, from different institutes
- You have all an outstanding potential and a passion for both computing and science
- You will spend two weeks to widen your skills but also work together and establish **lifetime links** with other participants and **research institutes across the world** that will be useful throughout your future career
- This is what gives the highest value to the school

We have some diversity.

But, where is the value ?



EXCERPTS FROM REFERENCE LETTERS

- I can certify that XXX is an exceptionally good student with high self-motivation, outstanding learning skills and most enthusiastic attitude to research
- ... is an excellent student with a very strong academic track record and promising research impact within the ATLAS collaboration
- ... showed during the two years of the master's degree a lot of seriousness, the results she has obtained have always placed her among the best students of the master.
- ... proved to be an excellent student in all aspects. ... ranked second of the class, demonstrating an excellent attitude towards ...
- I would rank him among the best 10% of PhD students I supervised so far
- is among the top 10% I ever worked with, and he was one of the top students in many aspects in his class
- Compared to other students in his peer group, I would rank XXX among the top 5%.
- Given his exceptional work, I would place XXX in the top 1% of her peers.

IT IS A SMALL WORLD...

➤ TOP SCIENTISTS KNOWS EACH OTHER VERY WELL



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CSC 2023 – Tartu, Estonia

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ARE YOU READY TO WRITE HISTORY?

**SCHOOL PHOTO:
THURSDAY 12TH AT 14H30**

CSC 2024 – Hamburg, Germany

THANK YOU!



CERN SCHOOL OF COMPUTING

School briefing



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WHO AM I? YOUR SCHOOL DIRECTOR!



ALBERTO PACE
ELECTRONIC
ENGINEERING
(POLITECNICO DI MILANO)

Led many groups and various sections at CERN:

- General infrastructure (Mail, Web, Desktop)
- Storage
- Computing
- Education

Many years of experience in:

- Computing Services
- Software Engineering
- Accelerator Control
- Accelerator Operation

Teach at the University of Lausanne:
'Programming' course to master
students and at the CSC on network
protocols, grid and data technologies

OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

ORGANISING TEAM

SCHOOL SITE AND BOOKLET

SCHOOL RULES

LEARNING PROCESS

TUITION PROGRAMME

EXAM

LUNCHEES & DINNERS

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

HISTORY

THIS YEAR

THANK YOU

ORGANISING TEAM

➤ FROM CERN



ALBERTO PACE



ANDRZEJ NOWICKI



KRISTINA GUNNE

➤ THE LOCAL ORGANISERS



JUDITH KATZY



KERSTIN BORRAS



THOMAS MADLENER

SABINE KROHN,
BIRGIT BREETZKE,
ANNA GERHARDT

LECTURERS

➤ Already here, available now !



BOB
JACOBSEN



JUDITH
KATZY



ANDREI
GHEATA



ARNULF
QUADT



GUILIO
EULISSE

LECTURERS

➤ Coming soon ...



ANA-LUCIA
VARBANESCU



ANDREAS
PETERS



PETER
STEINBACH



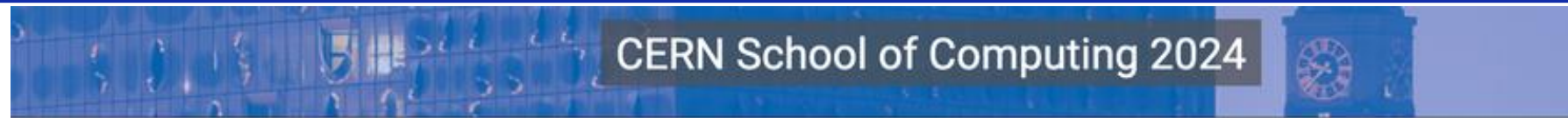
SEBASTIAN
LOPIENSKI



STEPHAN
HAGEBOECK



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SCULAC



SCHOOL WEBSITE

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1376644/>



CHECK IT REGULARLY FOR UPDATES!

- Overview
- Academic programme
- Timetable (weekly)
- Timetable (daily)
- Practical information
 - Fees & Payment
 - Student Grants
 - Terms & Conditions
 - Laptop configuration / CERN services activation
- School guide
- Lecturers
- Organisers
- Privacy Information
- Information about Hamburg
- CERN School of Computing
- ✉ Computing.School@cer...

Welcome to the 45th CERN School of Computing (CSC 2024)

The school will take place between the 8th-21st September 2024 in Hamburg, Germany. This year's School is organized in collaboration with the Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY) and the event will be hosted at the [DESY](#) campus in Hamburg.

Academic Programme

The two-week [programme](#) will consist around 50 hours of lectures and hands-on exercises, covering three main themes: physics computing, software engineering, and data technologies. Students who pass the final optional exam will receive a diploma from the CSC, as well as ECTS credits.

Other activities

However, it's not all study; the social and sport programme is also a vital part of the School. We will have ample opportunities to explore and experience some of the great cultural, historical and natural attractions of Hamburg and its surroundings.

The application for this school is now closed!

Important dates

- **Wednesday 14th of February** - applications open
- **Monday 15 April** (midnight UTC+2 / CEST) - extended deadline for applications
- **Monday 29 April** - invitations sent to the selected participants
- **Wednesday 29 May** - registration fee payment deadline
- **Sunday 8 September** (afternoon/evening) - student arrivals at DESY, Hamburg
- **Saturday 21 September** (morning) - departure

Who can apply?

The School is aimed at postgraduate (ie. minimum of Bachelor degree or equivalent) students, engineers and scientists with a few years' experience in particle physics, in computing, or in related fields. We welcome applications from all countries and nationalities. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their registration fee and travel cost is covered by their home institute or employer, or, failing this, themselves.



SCHOOL BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE!

- Printed version for those who asked for it (we have extra ones)
- Electronic version (PDF) linked from school main page:
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1376644/>
- Contains pictures and short biographies of all participants

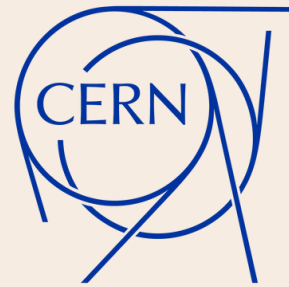
WHATSAPP GROUP

- Unofficial communication channel
- We recommend you to join the group
- Autojoin link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/J8y92nSgTfMD6Z6tg84v51>



SCAN ME



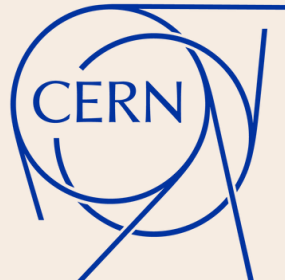


SCHOOL RULES

SCHOOL RULE #1

➤ PARTICIPATE

- Attendance at all lectures and exercises is mandatory
- You should attend all meals and coffee breaks
- Taking part in social and sports events is optional
 - The social and sports programme is part of the school
 - You must let us know whether you participate or not



SCHOOL RULES

SCHOOL RULE #2

➤ BE ON TIME

- Check what the schedule says:
 - 'Lecture starts at 8.45':
you must be in the room before 8.45
 - The same rule applies to all activities
- If you're late, we won't wait!



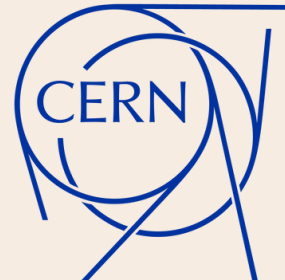
Spaceballs, Mel Brooks, 1987

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dZveoBfiww

SCHOOL RULE #3

➤ WEAR YOUR BADGE

- At least until I have learnt all your names!

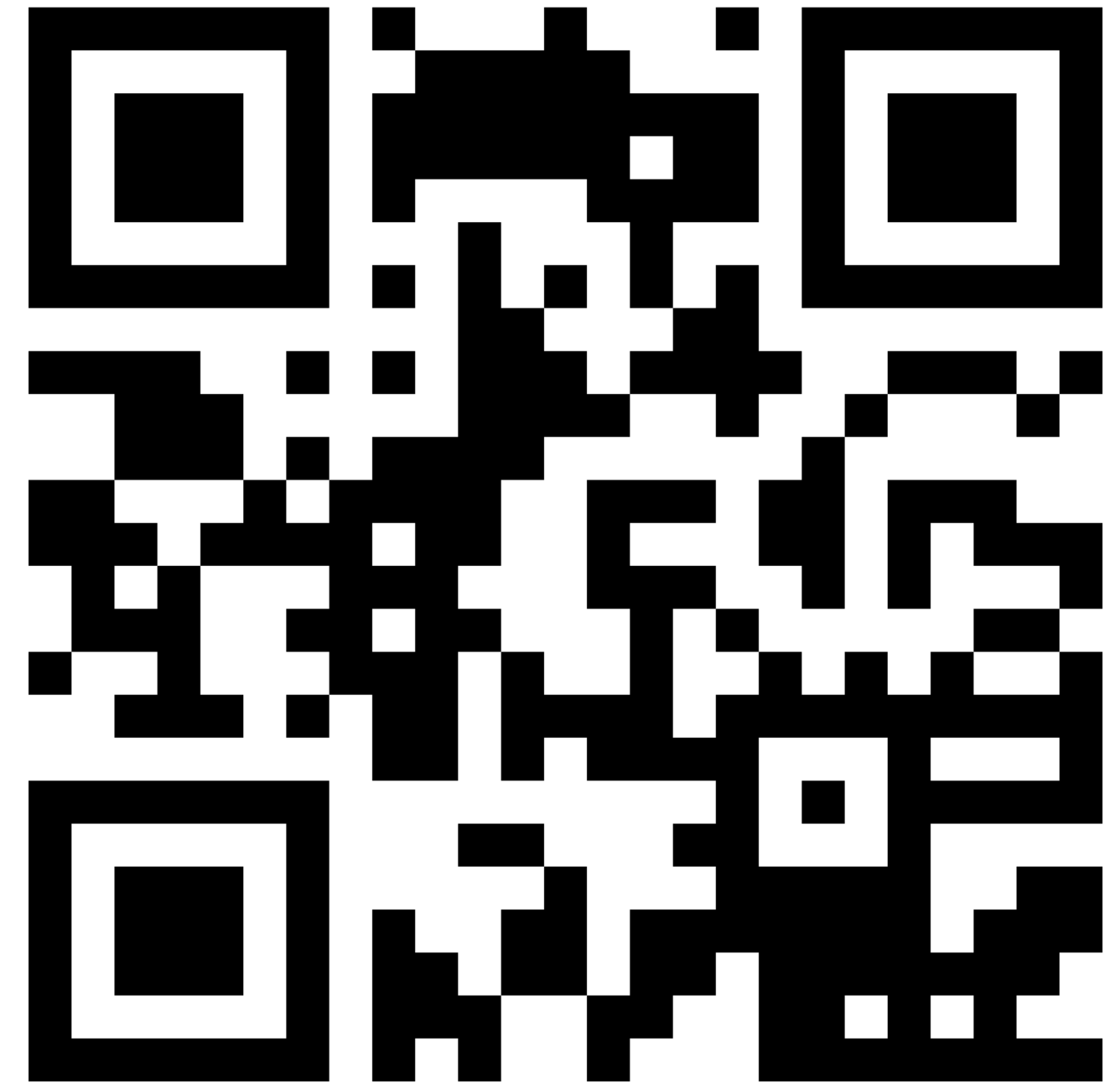
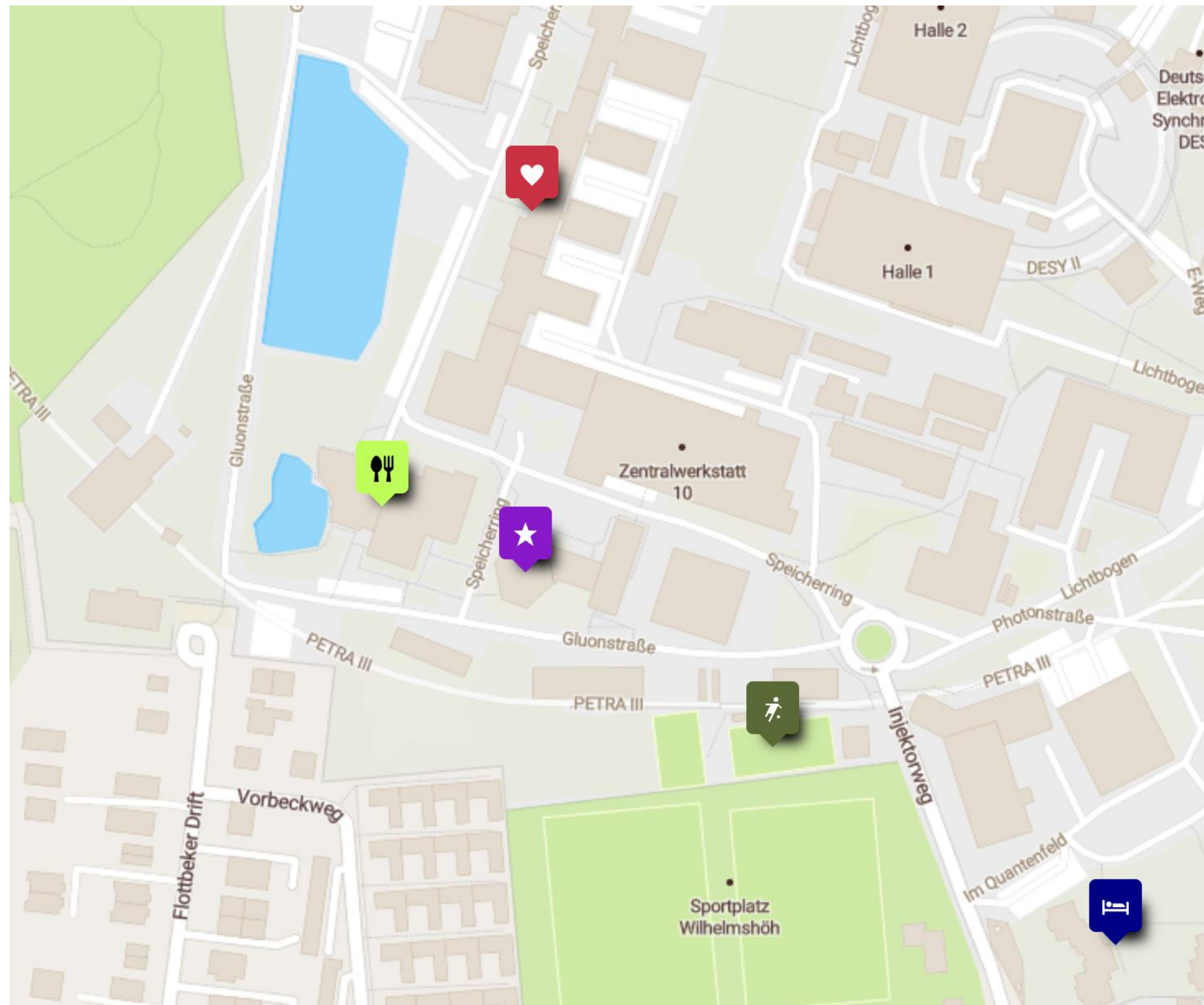


SCHOOL RULES

THE SCHOOL LOCATION



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<http://u.osmfr.org/m/1111608/>



WI-FI



 eduroam

 Science-Hotspot

THE SCHOOL LEARNING PROCESS

- **LEARNING PROCESS**
 - LECTURES
 - EXERCISES
 - EXAM
- **MEET SPECIAL PERSONS, BUILD TRUSTS WITH COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE WORLD**
 - LUNCHEAS, DINNERS, COFFEE BREAKS, EVENINGS
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 - SPORT PROGRAMME

MANDATORY



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THE SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Monday, September 9, 2024	Tuesday, September 10, 2024	Wednesday, September 11, 2024	Thursday, September 12, 2024	Friday, September 13, 2024	Saturday, September 14, 2024
					8:15 AM Airbus Visit or free time
9:00 AM Opening Ceremony ...	8:45 AM Introduction to Physics Computing L2: Digital Data, Sim...	8:45 AM Data Science L1: Tools for interactive data exploration	8:45 AM Data Management L1: Setting the scene: Storage technolo...	8:45 AM Software Design L4: Patterns for Parallel Software Development	
9:05 AM The DESY laboratory...					
9:25 AM Welcome address fr...	9:45 AM Software Security L1: Introduction	9:45 AM Software Design L2: Base Concepts of Parallel Programm...	9:45 AM Software Security L3: Web application security, exercise d...	9:45 AM Data Management L3: Cryptography, authentication, a...	
9:35 AM Research at CER...					
9:55 AM 70 years of Physics...					
10:15 AM Computing Infras...	10:45 AM Announcements	10:45 AM Announcements	10:45 AM Announcements	10:45 AM Announcements	
10:30 AM The CERN School...	11:00 AM Coffee break	11:00 AM Coffee break	11:00 AM Coffee break	11:00 AM Coffee break	
10:45 AM Break	11:30 AM Software Design L1: Parallelism in a Modern HEP Data...	11:30 AM Software Design L3: Understanding, Debugging and Prof...	11:30 AM Data Management L2: Cryptography, authentication, a...	11:30 AM Exercises 1: Software Design	
11:20 AM Announcements					
11:30 AM Introduction to Phys...	12:30 PM Software Security L2: Security in different phases of softwar...	12:30 PM Data Science L2: Interactive exploration of non-numeric data	12:30 PM Exercise 4: - Bob Jacobsen Giulio Eulisse (CERN)	12:30 PM Exercises 2: Software Design	12:15 PM Picknick lunch
12:30 PM Tools and Techniques L1: Introduction - Bob Jacobsen					
1:30 PM Lunch	1:30 PM Lunch	1:30 PM Lunch	1:30 PM Lunch	1:30 PM Lunch	1:30 PM Free time
2:30 PM Tools and Techniques L2: Tools for Collaboration, So...	2:30 PM Study or sports time	2:30 PM Study or sports time	2:30 PM Photo	2:30 PM Study or sports time	
3:30 PM Exercise 1: Tools and Techniques			2:45 PM Transport to Hamburg		
4:30 PM Coffee break	4:00 PM Coffee break	4:00 PM Coffee break	3:45 PM Hamburg hafenrundfahrt visit excursion	4:00 PM Coffee break	
5:00 PM Exercise 2: Tools and Techniques	4:30 PM Speeding up Ma...	4:30 PM Downstream and ...		4:30 PM Developing Artificia...	
	4:38 PM The search of mag...	4:38 PM Error underestimat...		4:38 PM Primer to Cloud Sec...	
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6:45 PM Transport to dinner venue (bus)			7:00 PM Transport to restau...		
7:30 PM Welcome dinner at Cap Polonio	7:30 PM Dinner at DESY	7:30 PM Dinner DESY	7:30 PM Pizza Dinner	7:30 PM Dinner DESY	7:30 PM Dinner DESY
	8:30 PM Pub quiz at DESY		9:30 PM Return to DESY or e...		
10:00 PM Transport back to...					

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SCHOOL CULTURE IN EXERCISES



- The school has an entire computing infrastructure for exercises, remotely accessible to the students.

THE COMPUTING INFRASTRUCTURE IS
LOCATED AT CERN

- **STUDENTS WORK IN PAIRS
(2-STUDENT TEAMS). IF POSSIBLE:**

1 student with physics background
1 student with computing background

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THE EXAM

➤ FINAL EXAM, WHICH DELIVERS THE DIPLOMA
50% PASSING SCORE

➤ EVALUATE KNOWLEDGE IN TWO FIELDS
PHYSICS & COMPUTING



SAMPLE QUESTION!

THE EXAM

THE TEST STATISTIC IS USUALLY A SINGLE NUMBER WHOSE VALUE...

- REFLECTS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DATA AND THE HYPOTHESIS.
- IS EQUIVALENT TO THE MEAN VALUE OF THE DATA SAMPLE.
- MUST BE EQUAL TO THE MOST PROBABLE VALUE OF THE DISTRIBUTION IN QUESTION.
- IS NEVER LARGER THAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VALUES OF VARIANCES OF TWO COMPETING HYPOTHESES.

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- THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS.
- THE REJECTION OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NULL AND ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS.
- THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RATIO OF NULL AND ALTERNATIVE HYPOTHESIS.
- THE REJECTION OF THE NULL HYPOTHESIS.

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LUNCH & DINNERS

➤ MIX OF STUDENTS + LECTURERS



(OPTIONAL) SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- EXCURSIONS
 - CULTURE
 - HISTORY
 - NATURE

- SOCIAL GAMES



OPTIONAL SPORTS

OPTIONAL... BUT
EXCEPTIONALLY
POPULAR!

- 2/3 HOURS OF SPORT PROGRAMME PROPOSED EVERY AFTERNOON
- Provide a healthy work-life balance & provide additional opportunities for interactions between students, lecturers and organisers. Several of the lecturers act as sport instructors or organisers



OPTIONAL SPORTS



THIS YEAR SPORT POSSIBILITIES AT THE SCHOOL

- ALMOST EVERY DAY, AFTER LUNCH THERE ARE 90 MINUTES OF 'STUDY OR SPORT TIME'
 - YOUR CHOICE BETWEEN STUDYING OR PRACTICING SPORTS
- ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE GUESTHOUSE



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

➤ CITY BIKES



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

➤ STUDYING



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

➤ FARNIENTE



THANK YOU!

More info during the Daily Announcements



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