CCT Research Featured Prominently, Recognized at SC 2009

The LSU Center for Computation & Technology hosted a successful exhibit presenting University research enabled through high-performance computing systems, high-speed networking, advanced software and innovative computational applications during the annual Supercomputing Conference, Nov. 14-20 in Portland, Oregon.

CCT hosted a booth during the exhibition portion of the conference, Nov. 16-19, which attracted more than 850 visitors who wanted to learn more about the University's research. Because Supercomputing is a "green" conference, CCT hosted a sustainable booth featuring videos of faculty and researchers demonstrating projects underway, reusable posters and electronic copies of publications rather than paper giveaways. Supercomputing named CCT's booth among the Top 25 "green" exhibits at the conference.

Professor Thomas Sterling, CCT and LSU Department of Computer Science, was the workshops chair for Supercomputing 2009, and participated in several sessions. At the conference, Sterling received an award naming him an inaugural fellow of the International Supercomputing Conference. CCT researchers Andrei Hutanu and Steven Brandt were invited to give presentations during Supercomputing Conference.

Contributions from the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative, or LONI, were featured in the TeraGrid booth during Supercomputing 2009, including a black hole image provided by Erik Schnetter and Werner Benger.

Kathy and Isaac Traxler coached a team of five students from LONI schools -- LSU, Southern University, University of New Orleans, University of Louisiana-Lafayette and Louisiana Tech University -- prior to Supercomputing 2009 to prepare them to compete in the Student Programming Contest, which took place Monday, Nov. 16. The LONI student team received an honorable mention from the conference for their efforts in this event.

To see photos from SC 2009, please visit the CCT gallery or the CCT Facebook page. You do not need to have a Facebook account to view or access the pictures on this public page.
CCT in the News:

- Forty Under 40 Profile: Tevfik Kosar
  Source: Baton Rouge Business Report

Lectures This Week:

- Xin Li, Assistant Professor at CCT and Electrical and Computer Engineering, will be organizing this year's CCT Colloquium Series. He is working hard to put together an interesting program for the coming year and would appreciate any input or suggestions. Feel free to contact Xin at xinli@cct.lsu.edu.

Please Note:

- The University will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

- The CCT Director Search candidates -- Arun Bansil, Michael Norman, Stephen David Beck and Bruce Allen -- will be visiting campus to give presentations and meet faculty, staff and students from this week through the second week of December. To review CVs on the four candidates, please visit http://www.cct.lsu.edu/CCTSearch.

- Debra Waters is planning the annual CCT holiday lunch at Mike Anderson's for Tuesday, Dec. 15. Please let her know ASAP whether or not you plan to attend by e-mailing her at debra@cct.lsu.edu. She needs at least 25 people to reply before she can make a reservation. You do not need to select menu options or pay at this time; you just need to confirm your attendance.

- The last ALL CCT meeting for the Fall 2009 semester will take place Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. in Johnston 338 unless otherwise announced. Please make every effort to attend!

- This is a reminder about the CCT PS - 18 CCT Training and Conference Room Reservation Policy. Specifically note that 338 Johnston is not to be used for LSU Academic Classes.

- 342 Johnston Hall has been converted into a large work room/collaborative space to accommodate meetings for groups of approximately 8 to 15 people with white boards. To begin reserving this room for use, please book it on the Meeting Maker Calendar as "Work Room Johnston 342". The key is available at the receptionist desk in 216 Johnston Hall.

- CCT faculty, staff and students can access pictures from events, conferences and activities from the online photo gallery at http://www.cct.lsu.edu/site97.php or from the public CCT Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2426175266&ref=ts. You do not need to
have a Facebook account to view or access these images. These images are CCT property and are available to use for posters, presentations and other needs.

- Follow CCT on Twitter for updates on news and breaking information @ LSUCCT.

- Please remember to send your news concerning grants, awards, conferences, or other pertinent information that should be communicated to CCT to PR Manager Kristen Sunde at ksunde@cct.lsu.edu.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines:

- Cyber-Enabled Discovery and Innovation (CDI)
  January 04 2010 10:15 am
  A Portion Of $ 36,000,000.00 available

- Note: Please see the CCT deadline Web site, as many NSF deadlines are listed here: http://www.cct.lsu.edu/about/grants/deadlines/events.php