About Minneapolis

- A major metropolis on the Mississippi river
- All the amenities of a modern city in the midst of lakes, parks, nature reserves
- Well-connected to Europe, Asia, Australia, North America
- A light-rail system connecting all the major points of interest
- A starting point for pre- or post-conference outdoor adventures; hiking, canoeing, camping, etc
Organizational Overview

- To be held at the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota
- Managed by the University of Minnesota Software Engineering Center (UMSEC)
- Local Arrangements and Conference Chairs: Kuen-Bang Hou (Favonia) and Gopalan Nadathur
- Organizational and physical help from members of the SE & PL groups in the Computer Science Department
- Sponsorship and financial support expected from local institutions (IMA, Rockwell Aerospace, Honeywell, AWS) and funding agencies (NSF, AFOSR)
Conference Venue and Timing

- Between mid-June and mid-July, avoiding clashes with LICS and CADE
- Main events in Keller Hall, home of the Computer Science Dept, using classroom space
- Lunches, demo and poster sessions, and social events in rentable space in the university campus
- Campus housing within walking distance of Keller Hall
- Ample supply of hotel accommodation on campus and nearby locations
Proposed Conference Schedule

- talks
- coffee
- lunch
- talks
- posters demos
- coffee
- talks
- banquet
- coffee
- talks
- business
- excursion
- coffee
- talks
- Workshop
- Workshop
Social and Cultural Activities

- One social event (e.g. a banquet) with the conference
- An excursion with the conference such as
  - A biking or boating/canoeing trip,
  - A trip to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, or
  - A tour of a micro brewery, with a “tasting” component
- Workshops to plan their own dinners
- Planning help for an extended outdoor adventure such as hiking the Lake Superior Trail or canoeing in the Boundary Waters
Financial Aspects

- Conference registration fees: $500 (€450) regular, $360 (€320) students
- Workshop registration fees: $65 (€58) for each workshop day
- Estimates include lunches each day and one social event (banquet)
- External funding will provide better student rates, travel grants, improved conference events, reduced general registration rates
- Campus housing available for $50-70 (€45-65) per night
- Detailed discussion, especially of alternatives, in the proposal
Summary of the Key Points

- Minneapolis is a beautiful and pleasant city, especially in June/July
- Conference will be in an expansive and lush campus with several amenities
- Managed by UMSEC, which has significant organizational experience
- External support, especially from funding agencies, likely to enhance participation and conference quality