

University of Cádiz and Free Software

The province of Cadiz is found framed in the autonomous region of Andalusia, in a very favorable political context for development of free software. The Junta de Andalucía local government of our region, published in March of 2003 an " **Decree for free software development and how to promote the information technologies**" that contemplates multiple initiatives destined to that our region advanced toward a society alphabetized technologically, dedicating specific resources to multiple environments, among them the educational one. Hundreds of schools and public institutes count already with computers in the classrooms, one for each two students, all it articulated by means of the use of **free software**.

In this context, the Universidad de Cádiz is found currently among the pioneering public institutions that bets on the free software in Spain. The Counsel of Government of the Universidad de Cádiz, maximum organ responsible for establishing its programmatic and strategic guidelines, approved in March of 2004 a statement supporting free software, this statement also recognized free software as a way to reach its fundamental and strategic lines. The decree drew an ambitious plan of intentions and, with that purpose, agreed the creation of the Office of Free Software of the University of Cadiz (OSLUCA) (<http://softwarelibre.uca.es>), fit inside the environment of the General Direction of Technologies of the Information.

From that moment, the OSLUCA has carried out numerous initiatives, among which the following are found:

- Organization of talks conferences and days, the most noticeable one of which was, given by **Richard M. Stallman** in July of 2003. The I and II Days of Free Software of the University of Cadiz and the IV Andalusian Days of Free Software (November of 2004).
- Promotion of the platform Zope + Plone for web developments and content management, we have already a portal running with plone+zope (<http://opam.org.es>) and at this moment we are working on our University portal based on zope + plone, the idea is migrate progressively all our portals to plone.
- Writing of a " Regulation for the exchange of institutional information ", approved institutionally by the Council of Government of the University of Cadiz in September, 2004, which establishes the obligation to use open formats as standard for the exchange of official information in our university.
- Putting on the verge an operating system based on GNU/Linux "Guadalinux_UCA", realized as fruit of the collaboration with the Junta of Andalusia, in order to facilitate free operating system to the persons who are part of our University.
- Impulse the use of free software in the teaching: installation in the classrooms of computer science Guadalinux_UCA and diffusion between the pupils, supporting the teachers of the University of Cadiz who decide to use free software for his teaching.

Certainly, the relation between free software and the **University of Cadiz** (<http://www.uca.es>) has ahead an interesting horizon. Free software will have every time a major presence in our University to foment the role of the University of Cadiz in the society as a source of knowledge and innovation, to favor the development of the local software industry (and precisely some Andalusian companies have given services of software developments and consultancy in Zope+Plone inside our University) and to advance towards the technological legality, the independence and not subordination.

Presentation of the proposal



We hope that **Jerez**, should be a frame worth sheltering the **III World Plone Conference**. The climate, the scenery and the ambience of our city will help undoubtedly that the assistants enjoy at the time that they take part in the activities of the conference.



The city of **Jerez**, our University and the Integrated Center of Technologies of the Information would be grateful for the opportunity if the **Plone Foundation** would deposit in us his confidence.

In case of our proposal is accepted a team of persons will put himself in movement to make real this.

Localization

Jerez de la Frontera is located in the province of Cadiz belonging to the Andalusian autonomous region of Spain. It is placed in the southwestern European end, in the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. For his geographical situation, it has an intermediate climate between the Mediterranean and the European Atlantic Ocean, with an annual average temperature of 18,1°C., it has an average of 74 annual days of rain, an entire absence of snowfalls and a wind strongly moderated. Cádiz bordering with the provinces of Seville, Huelva and Málaga, is nailed in the Bay of the same name, composed by cities : San Fernando's, Puerto Real, Chiclana, El Puerto de Santa Maria and Cádiz. East area, with a surface of 592 km ² and a population of 402.256 inhabitants, is an important industrial, tourist and commercial axis of Andalusia.





In this context, the physical place of Cadiz frames his great natural characteristic: she is bathed completely in his perimeter by the sea, except in the south-east end in which there is reached the peninsula that forms in his union with San Fernando. **Jerez** is in the interior at 26 km of Cadiz.



Head Office

The conference will be celebrated in the **Campus of the Asuncion**, placed in the center of the city of **Jerez**. This completely new Campus is located in the zone known as **La Asuncion**, in the city of **Jerez**. This area places in the East of the urban nucleus of **Jerez**.

The campus has an entire surface of approximately 114.000 m², of which approximately the fourth part have been destined for green zone, being the same perfectly provided with all the urban services.

With regard to the possibilities of local and metropolitan communication, it is convenient to emphasize that the accessibility and the mobility have been prior aspects born in mind at the moment of designing this model of university implantation.

The wonderful and privileged place where the Campus of the Asuncion of the University of Cadiz, is placed together with his facilities adapted to the needs, not only teachers, but also cultural and scientific, will allow to possess sufficient means in order that the activity to develop during the conference should be realized by the biggest possible serviceability.

The campus of the Asuncion is directly communicated with the road network of the city and, therefore, with the Metropolitan Network which connects with the national highways.

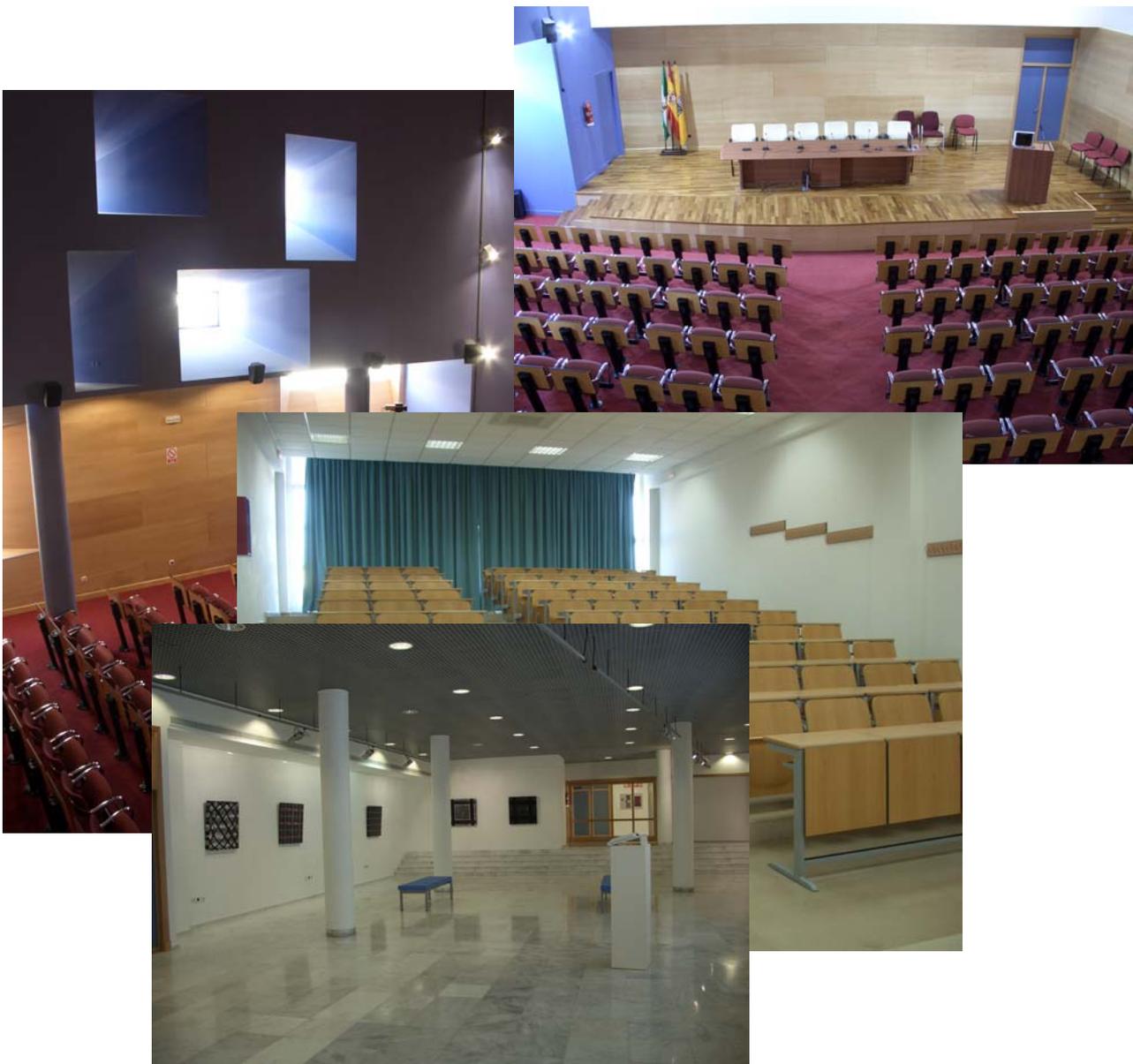
The whole Campus has installation of air conditioning and heating, being, besides, perfectly equipped to attend the needs of the disabled ones with ramps of access, elevators, cleaning and special seats.

All the classrooms they have microphone system, a system of videoprojection and sound that allows the presentation of papers and contents, and include computer support to the class, with a computer in the table of the teacher with connection to Internet.

Separate mention deserves the classroom of distance learning. Who has quality broadcast cameras that allows the postproduction of videos as well as the creation of contents of different formats for

distribution, videoprojector, robotised cameras, video, screen of projection, microphone system, sound system, videoconference system, are some of his numerous services.

The lounge of acts with capacity for 210 persons contains technological innovations that turns it into a great classroom of last generation. It possesses robotised cameras, video edition systems, systems of visualization of texts and diffusion of activities of the room across local area network and the internet on high quality, and it incorporates in every armchair, a system of connection for PDA'S and portable computers. Besides we arrange of more classrooms and enclosures for celebration of parallel acts, therefore at first we might locate more than 500 assistants.



Posible dates

- 1) 27,28,29 October
- 2) 2,3,4 November
- 3) 9,10,11 November

Registration fees

Normal Registration (1 month before celebrating)

- Talks and Tutorials: 300 Euros

Door price

- Talks and Tutorials: 400 Euros

What we can offer for the feeds

Food

There will be food served as part of the conference: at least three choices of meals for dinner (including a vegetarian option) and two different snacks at the afternoon. All food is included in the conference fee.

Social Acts

The second evening we will have a guided visit to a wine cellar, assist to an spanish spectacle and have all together a dinner (all included with the conference fee).

Wireless LAN

All around and in the conference location you can use our free wireless LAN. No additional fees for that.

Cable LAN

You can use our free cable LAN available on every seat of the talks room. No additional fees for that.

Speakers registered for free

If you are a speaker (except Lightning Talks) you get in for free. If you hold a tutorial, the conference will pay your travel costs.

Plone Core Developers

50% discount on the registration fee for core developers.

Plone Board Members

The conference will pay the travel cost and lodging of some of the Plone Foundation (3 to 5) board members.

Free Conference T-Shirts

Every attendee will get one free Plone Conference Shirt for free.

Printed Tutorials

Every Attendee will get printed tutorial materials.

Information about The city of Jerez, Climate, Acommodation, Transport



Each of the many different cultures that have settled here over the past few centuries have had an enormous influence upon the physical appearance of **Jerez** and numerous archaeological remains which bear witness to the fact can still be seen, both in the surrounding countryside and within the city itself. Archaeological remains from the Phoenician Xera, the strongly Roman Ceret, and the important Muslim Sherish, merge with the beauty of the later Christian buildings to offer a wide range of architectural styles and distinctive edifices which all combine to give Jerez a truly individual urban physiognomy of great beauty.

Few places in Spain can be said to enjoy the international renown of Jerez given that, thanks to its sherry wines, the name of the city crossed international borders many years ago and has since gone on to become truly universal.

But Jerez is not just a city of wines and beautiful buildings, it has much more to offer than that: home of the Carthusian horsel, cradle of flamenco art, capital of motorcycle racing and home to international sporting events, and on top of all that, declared to be of Artistic and Historical interest.

Nowadays Jerez is a large city where long-standing traditions coexist in perfect harmony with the modern: large shopping centres and wide avenues converge upon the historic, cheerful and bustling city-centre, where shopping and tapas go hand in hand. All of these distinctive features, together with a privileged geographical situation and climate, a unique and distinct tourist attractiveness, and modern infrastructures, all make Jerez the perfect place to live in and to visit.



The gentleness of the climate, with temperatures averaging 11°C in winter and 25°C in summer, softened by both its proximity to the sea and its very geographical latitude, means winters are mild and summers pleasant.

METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Ago	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
T	10.9	12.0	13.6	15.4	18.4	21.8	25.1	25.6	23.6	19.2	14.4	11.4
TM	15.8	17.1	19.4	21.2	24.8	28.4	32.6	33.0	30.3	25.0	19.6	16.2
Tm	6.0	7.0	7.8	9.5	12.0	15.2	17.7	18.2	16.8	13.3	9.2	6.5
R	81	77	71	69	64	62	57	57	62	68	77	81
I	184	173	233	233	296	314	355	339	257	226	184	167

- T Average monthly/yearly temperatures
- TM Average monthly/yearly maximum daily temperatures (C°)
- Tm Average monthly/yearly minimum daily temperatures (C°)
- R Average monthly/yearly rainfall (mm)
- I Average hours of sunlight per month

Source: [National Meteorological Institute](#)



Accommodation

Jerez has a wide range of possibilities when it comes to deciding where you wish to stay: from hotels of the highest category to a modest pension, student residence, farmhouse or country cottage, all options are available thanks to a modern, varied selection.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Five star hotels ▶ Four star hotels ▶ Three star hotels ▶ Two star hotels ▶ One star hotels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Holidays apartments ▶ Rural cottages ▶ Pensiones ▶ Halls of residence and hostels |
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Transport to Jerez



Jerez is strategically located with excellent transport connections, not just within Andalusia, but also with the rest of Spain and Europe. The recently built international airport has the most modern facilities and provides easy connections with major national and international destinations; the recently restored railway station provides rail links to major cities and provincial capitals. Finally, a complete network of major roads and motorways facilitates quick, comfortable access and transport facilities to nearby towns as well as other Spanish capitals.



BY PLANE

Jerez Airport
 N-IV Road • Conexión A-4 Sevilla - Cádiz
 ☎ 956 150 000

AIRLINES

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