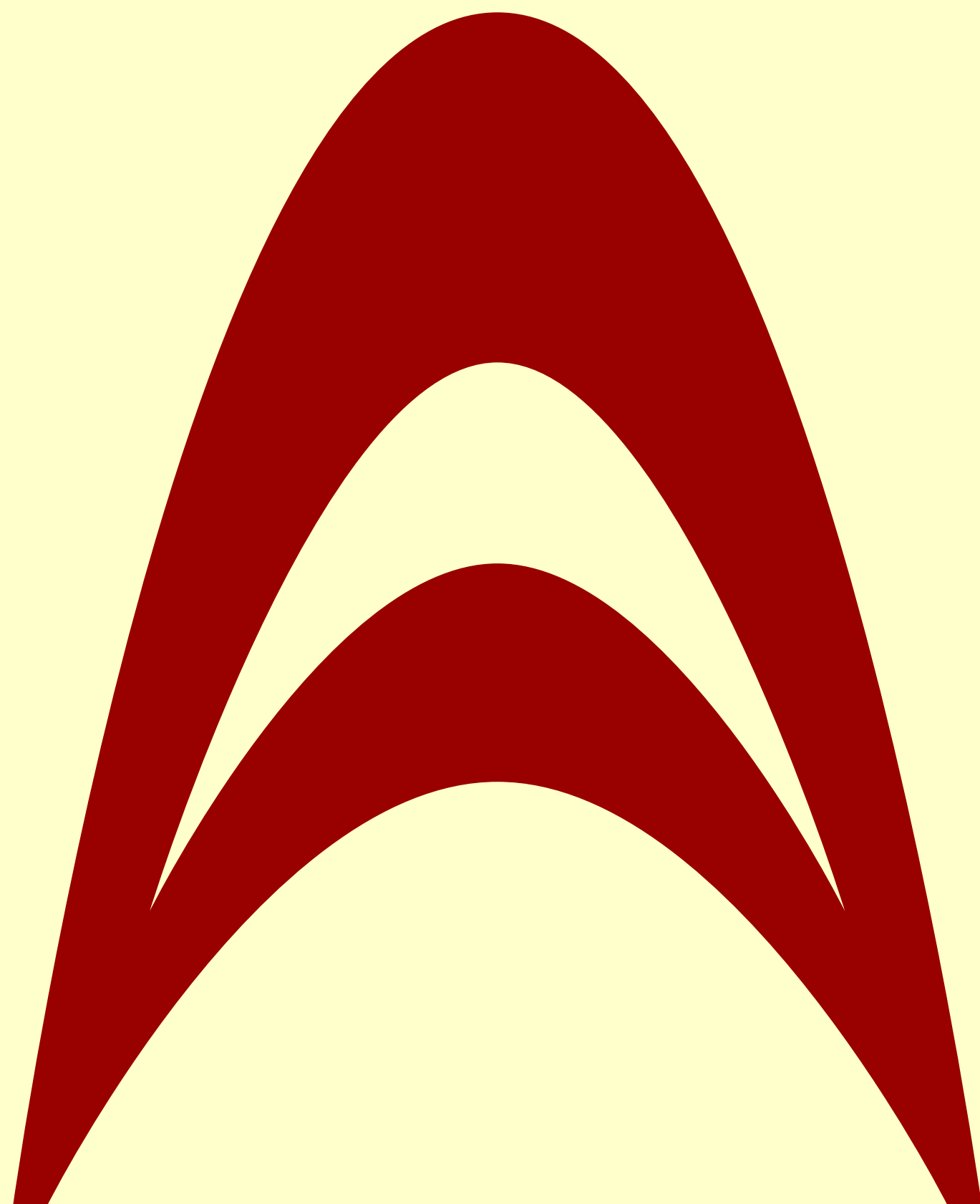


DebConf 202[12] at ACC



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Overview

- Sweden for meetings
- Location
- Preferred dates
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- Food
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- LOC experience



Why Sweden?

- Efficient and sustainable place for meetings
- Benign summer climate (15-25°C)
- “Everybody” speaks english and accept credit cards for payment
- Fast internet connectivity
 - The on-campus Debian mirror has 20Gbit/s
 - With some planning, multiple gigE outlets per room is doable
 - Umeå University has one of Sweden’s foremost WiFi experts as the head of wireless networking, so all of the venue should be fast
- At the time of bid, 100 SEK = 9.5 EUR or 10.6 USD



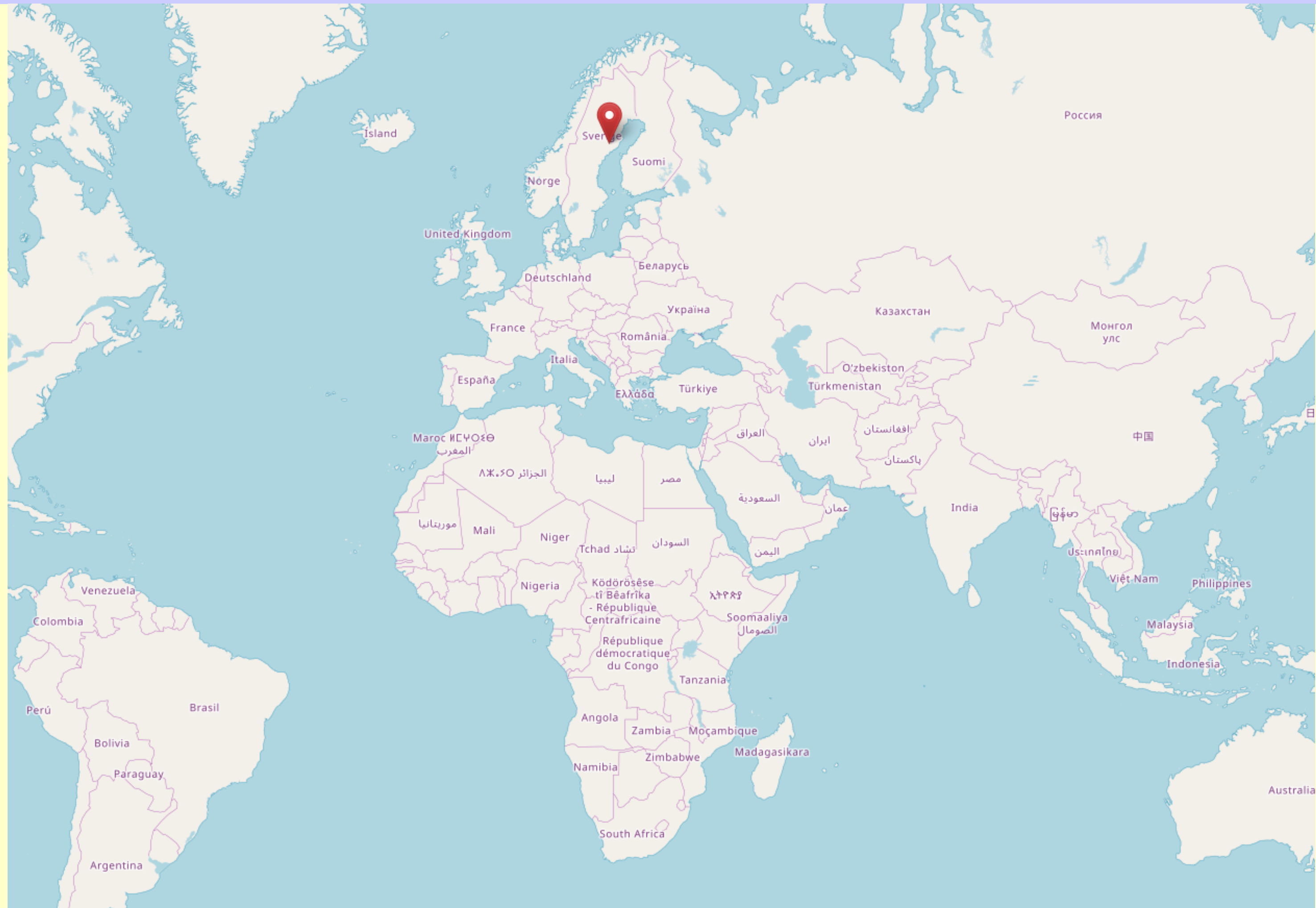
Some bits about Swedish policies

- We understand and support that hosting DebConf is not an endorsement of Swedish policies or political views
- Sweden and Umeå is generally safe from physical violence
 - Someone getting assaulted is rare, and newsworthy in the local papers
 - Self-defense is allowed in proportion to the immediate perceived threat, excessive violence can cause assault charges
- Sweden welcomes all participants
 - By law, non-discrimination includes: sex, transgender identity or expression, ethnicity, religion or other belief, disability, sexual orientation and age
 - Harassment, threats, or violence based on those same criteria are considered hate crimes with harsher punishments
- Sweden has a positive consent law for sex



Location

- Umeå
- Northern Sweden
- Europe
 - EU member
 - Schengen
 - Not Euro



Location

- 4.5 km from Airport
- 2.5 km from city center (restaurants, hotels, etc)
 - Very frequent (and accessible) buses between downtown and university



Umeå

- Umeå municipality has 127,000 inhabitants
 - Out of which 90-100k in the city proper
- Umeå University has
 - 32,000 students
 - 4,300 staff
 - A single compact campus next to the hospital
- Local transport consists of buses
 - A majority battery driven; good accessibility
- Very walk and bicycle friendly city
 - Mostly separate network of bike/walk roads, not shared with cars
 - Some exceptions apply in the older parts of the central city



Preferred dates

- Summer of 2021 or 2022 (or maybe even later)
- After midsummer and before mid-August
 - As in, during summer break at the university
- Early July probably ideal for bright summer nights
 - Also most likely for good weather, later summer has higher chance of rainy weather
 - Exact dates TBD
 - Constraints due to other events, venue, lunch restaurant closings, etc
- Pictures at midnight:



Travel

- Flights to Umeå Airport (UME)
 - Connections in the major European airports of Stockholm (very frequent, 15+ flights/day) and Helsinki
 - Northern Asia and America is close to northern Europe (polar routes)
 - Shortest trip times at an arbitrary day: Chicago 10h, Tokyo 12h, Los Angeles 13h
 - Southern hemisphere a bit further, Melbourne 24h, Buenos Aires 19h
- Airport to city center or University:
 - a 8-10 minute local bus ride (15-20 to Umeå University)
 - a short Taxi ride for about 220 SEK
 - or even walkable in good weather (4.2km)
- Train or driving is also an option
 - Takes 6-7 hours from Stockholm



Accommodation

- 1700 hotel rooms in the city, most in the city center
- Price range 700-1300 SEK
- Usually includes breakfast
- Vacation time is low season for hotels in Umeå
- A couple of cheaper hostels also available (like the “480 kr” label in the picture)
- Camping grounds a possibility, (200 SEK/night in own tent, 800+-200 SEK/night for 4-6 bed cabins)



Food

- There are many lunch restaurants around the campus
 - Some close for the summer, but we can talk a few more into keeping open longer for an event of this size
- Typical lunch buffet at ca 80-90 SEK
 - Just a sandwich at half or less of that
 - Lunch restaurants handle tickets well, we could buy/issue for provided food
- One medium sized grocery store within easy walking distance (open until 23:46 every day)
- Restaurant dinners from 70 (cheap pizza or kebab) to 700 SEK (three courses fancy food)
 - Most restaurants very happy to accommodate various diets, vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, etc
 - Most restaurants in city center, but a fair number around campus too



Venue

- Likely very cheap university lecture halls for talks and hack rooms
 - Lecture rooms (6-200 seats) likely free for student clubs like ACC
 - To be verified that this applies for big non-profit events arranged by clubs
 - Largest room, Aula Nordica, seats 1000, costs ~15 kSEK/day
 - That is the cheap student association price, “external price” is twice that



Venue

- Central campus park area, good for hanging out in good weather



LOC, experience

- Academic Computer Club at Umeå University
 - A legal entity that can book rooms and other practical matters
- Main local person, Mattias Wadenstein (maswan)
 - Staff at Umeå University
 - Was recently main local organizer for the NeIC 2017 conference with 240 participants, <http://neic2017.nordforsk.org/practical/>
 - Social program with moose farm visit, whitewater rafting, etc was very well received by participants
 - A bit rusty at DebConf, but participated (incl some volunteering) in OSL and HEL (DebCake!)
- Other ACC people
 - Not well known to DebConf, but exist nonetheless



LOC, experience

- Bernelle Verster (indiebio)
 - DebConf16 local team, shadowed DebConf15 local team
- Graham Inggs (ginggs)
 - DebConf16 local team, shadowed DebConf15 local team
- Luna Jernberg (bittin)
 - Volunteer at Stockholm Debian Day, GUADEC, FOSDEM, etc

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- You?





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Questions?