

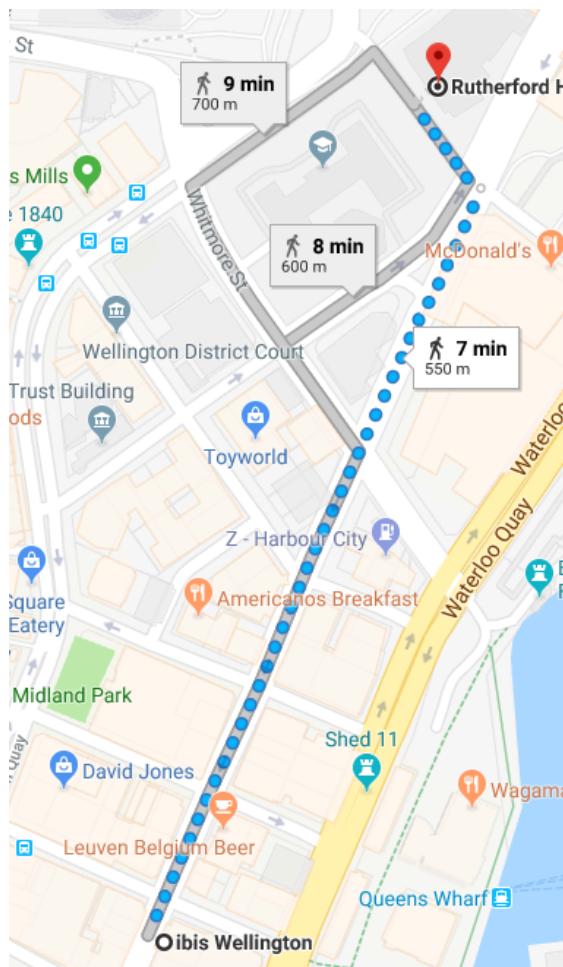
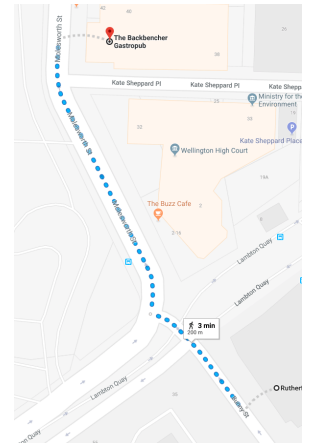
Welcome from the General Chair

Dear APLAS 2018 Attendee,

Welcome to the 16th Asian Symposium on Programming Languages and Systems (APLAS) taking place in Wellington, New Zealand! As you can see from the schedule web page:

<http://aplas2018.org/schedule/>

we have a full program ahead of us with **Sunday 2nd of December** kicking off with the Workshop on New Ideas and Emerging Research (NIER'18) in RHLT2. NIER is free to attend for all attendees with lunch and drinks held as a "pay your own" event at The Backbencher Pub. Our venue (Rutherford House) is right in the heart of the New Zealand capital with politicians and ministry officials surrounding us. Backbencher Pub celebrates this environment with mock statues of famous politicians and events around NZ politics. During the breaks, you are welcome to walk around the Parliamentary Precinct and even join one of the Free Tours of New Zealand Parliament.



Our main Hui (conference) will start with a **Mihi (introduction) at 8:30am on Monday** the 3rd of December at Rutherford House Lecture Theatre 2 (RHLT2). Please be on time. Rutherford House is located only a short walk from the Ibis Hotel.

Our **Monday Keynote at 11am** is Amal Ahmed from Northeastern University, USA who will talk about "Compositional Compiler Verification for a Multi-Language World".

On **Monday Night at 6pm** we will have a fully catered **welcome reception, posters, and student research competition** at Rutherford House that all attendees are welcome at.

Our **Tuesday Keynote at 11am** is Azalea Raad from Max Planck Institute for Software Systems at Kaiserslautern, Germany who will talk about "Correctness in a weakly consistent setting".

On **Tuesday at 1:30pm** (after lunch) those of you who have purchased a **Weta Tour** will leave by bus from the main entrance to the Rutherford House to the Weta Studios and after a personalised group tour we will make a stop at the top of **Mt Victoria** for a good view of the city and then be taken back to **Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa**. If you are not part of the tour, then you are very much encouraged to take a walk on the waterfront and

spend the afternoon exploring Te Papa on your own.

On **Tuesday Night at 6:30pm** we all have a banquet that is included with your conference registration for both full and student attendees. We enter Te Papa from the main entrance and assemble for canapés and drinks at **The Signs of the Nation** (directions will be provided by our hosts). Our main banquet will take place at **Te Papa Marae** starting at 7pm and please note that *drinks cannot be taken from The Signs of the Nation to the Marae* out of respect for the local custom. We will have unlimited drinks once we settled down at the Marae as well as a fully catered three course banquet, the presentation of the Student Research Competition Awards and the APLAS 2019 announcement.

On **Wednesday** we have a full day of talks that concludes the conference at 5pm.

Our **Wednesday Keynote at 11am** is presented by Bernhard Scholz from the University of Sydney, Australia who will talk about "Soufflé: A Datalog Engine for Static Analysis".

You are also encouraged to stay for **Sydney Area Programming Languages Interest Group (SAPLING)** meeting **on Thursday from 8:50am** - also held at Rutherford House Lecture Theatre 2. Attendance of SAPLING is free. SAPLING includes **two keynotes: at 11am** David Pearce from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand who will talk about "The Architecture of a Verifying Compiler" and **at 1:30pm** Steve Blackburn from Australian National University, Australia who will talk about "The DaCapo Benchmark Suite: A Methodological, Engineering, and Social Journey".

We hope you enjoy your week in Wellington and consider taking your time to travel around the rest of New Zealand, such as the West Coast, Milford Sound, Queenstown, and Christchurch in the South Island and Rotorua, Taupo, Auckland and Palmerston North in the North Island.

If you have any problems during the conference feel free to contact Alex Potanin - the General Chair on +64 21 201 6740.

Finally, we would like to thank our sponsors, with the three gold sponsors VUW, Oracle, and KAIST each providing generous support both in terms of money, covering keynote travel, and providing the venue. We thank our bronze sponsors Mozilla, Raygun, and Montoux for their financial assistance - each having an active office presence in Wellington and the rest of New Zealand. We thank Springer for sponsoring the student research competition. And last but not least for Asian Association for Foundation of Software (AAFS) that backs the APLAS and FLOPS conferences.

We also acknowledge the hard work of the Program Committee chaired by Sukyoung Ryu that put together a strong program of 22 paper talks and 3 keynote talks for the three main days of the conference. We thank Wei-Ngan Chin and Atsushi Igarashi as AAFS co-chairs for backing the conference and putting together the NIER pre-conference workshop. We thank Tony Sloane for putting together and bringing Sydney Area Programming Languages Interest Group to Wellington.

Warm regards,

Alex Potanin, David Pearce, and Jens Dietrich - a.k.a. APLAS 2018 Organising Committee.