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Theme: Clustering and Classification

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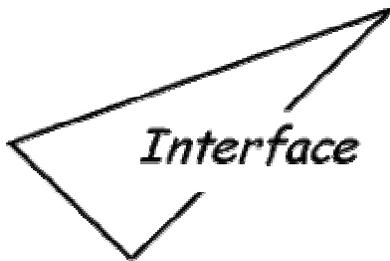Conference web page is http://ilya.wustl.edu/if_csna_2005_meeting/

Classification Society of North America (CSNA)

The CSNA is a nonprofit interdisciplinary organization whose purposes are to promote the scientific study of classification and clustering (including systematic methods of creating classifications from data), and to disseminate scientific and educational information related to its fields of interests. The CSNA is a member of the *International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS)*.

Journal of Classification is published twice a year for the *Classification Society of North America* (with the support of the *International Federation of Classification Societies*) by Springer-Verlag New York, Inc. Willem Heiser was appointed Editor on 1 March 2002. Phipps Arabie was the founding editor of the journal and served in that capacity for eighteen years.

The aim of the *Journal of Classification* is to publish original and valuable papers in the field of classification, numerical taxonomy, multidimensional scaling and other ordination techniques, clustering, tree structures and other network models (with somewhat less emphasis on principal components analysis, factor analysis, and discriminant analysis), as well as associated models and algorithms for fitting them.

*I*nterface is a membership society of computational scientists, statisticians, mathematicians and individuals from related discipline areas interested in the interface between computing science and statistics. Interests include topics such as computational statistics, statistical software, exploratory data analysis, data mining, pattern recognition, scientific visualization and related fields. Interface holds an annual meeting. Members of Interface enjoy reduced rates at the annual meeting, a subscription to the Interface published *Computing Science and Statistics* and reduced subscription rates to several journals; the *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, and *Computational Statistics*.
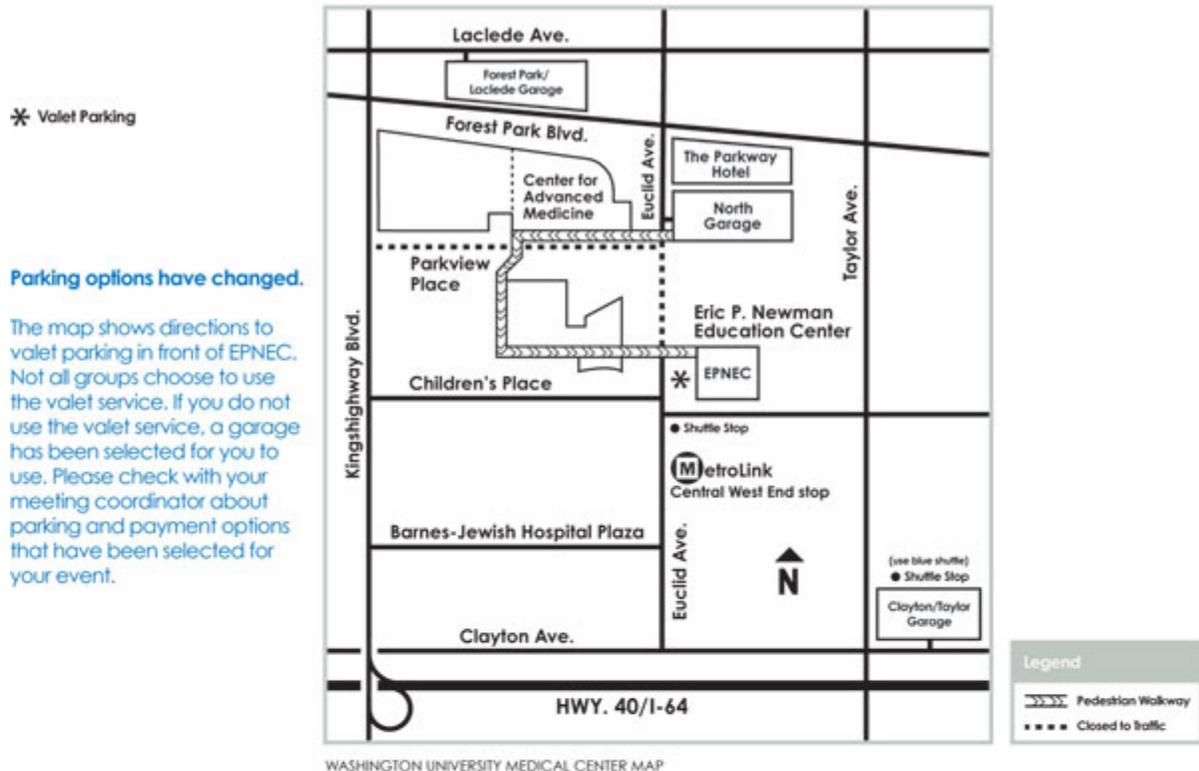
Computing Science and Statistics is the annual publication of Interface and normally consists of the proceedings of the annual meeting. All papers presented at the Interface symposia are published in *Computing Science and Statistics*. Beginning with Volume 32 (Interface 2000), the proceedings will be published in the form of a CD-ROM.

Conference Site and Hotel

Parkway Hotel
4550 Forest Park Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 256-7777

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Eric P Newman Education Center
320 S. Euclid Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314)747-6338

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* No valet service will be provided

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER MAP

✳ Valet Parking

Parking options have changed.

The map shows directions to valet parking in front of EPNEC. Not all groups choose to use the valet service. If you do not use the valet service, a garage has been selected for you to use. Please check with your meeting coordinator about parking and payment options that have been selected for your event.

Driving directions to Eric P. Newman Education Center (EPNEC) for valet parking

From the Airport:
- I-70 east to I-170
- I-170 south to I-64, U.S. 40
- I-64, U.S. 40 east to Kingshighway North exit
- Kingshighway north to Children's Place
- Right on Children's Place to EPNEC

From Downtown, Illinois and points east:
- I-64, U.S. 40 west to Kingshighway
- Kingshighway north to Children's Place
- Right on Children's Place to EPNEC

Via MetroLink:
- Detrain at the Central West End stop.
- Ascend stairs to Euclid
- North (right) on Euclid to EPNEC

ST. LOUIS AREA MAP

Directions to Conference Site and Hotel

MetroLink (Commuter Train)

From Lambert St. Louis Airport the easiest way to get to the hotel is by the local public train – **MetroLink** – which has station stops at both terminals.

Ask any airport employee where to get the airport MetroLink.

1. Take the MetroLink towards downtown
2. Detrain at the Central West End station
3. Go up the stairs to Euclid Avenue
4. Turn right (North) and the EPNEC is one block on the right and the hotel is two blocks on the right (just past the North Parking garage)
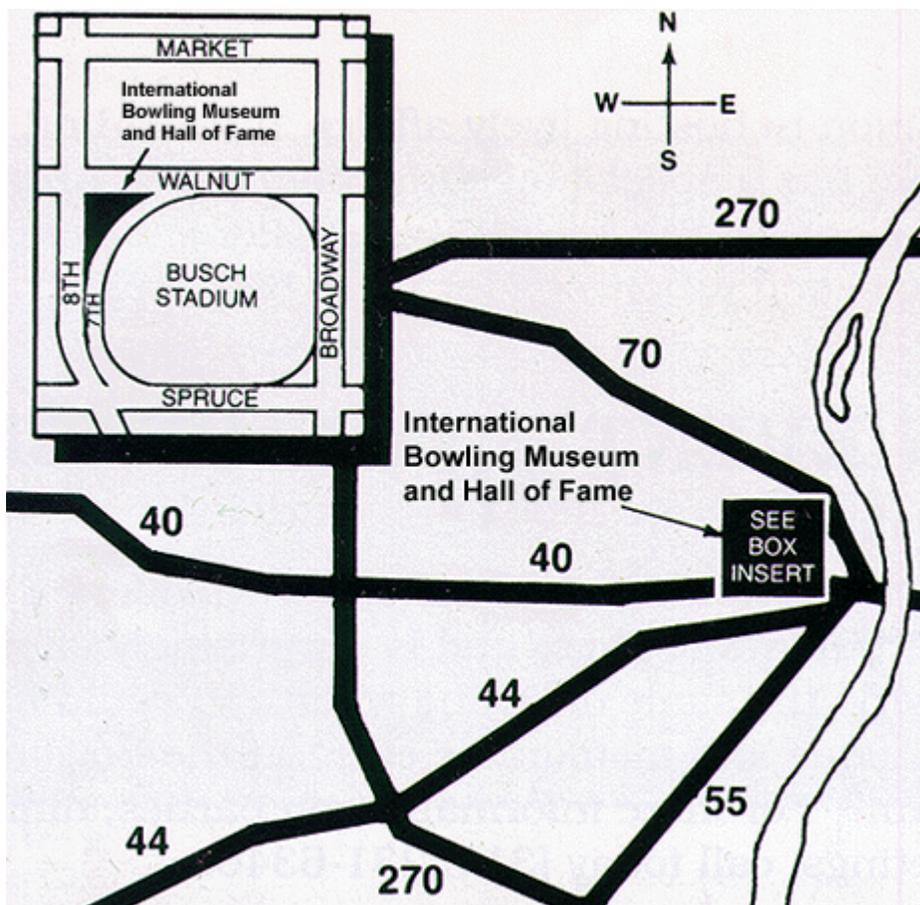
Banquet Information

The banquet will be held Thursday evening from 7:00-11:00 pm at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame (111 Stadium Place, St. Louis, 314-231-6340).

Travel to the banquet from EPNEC will be on the **MetroLink**:

1. Leave EPNEC and turn left (south)
2. Go one block to the **MetroLink** station – at the top of the steps validate your ticket (ticket provided at the EPNEC registration desk) in the machine by the ticket dispenser
3. Go down the steps and take the next train on the right (heading towards downtown)
4. Go four stops to the **Stadium Station**
5. Go up the ramp (NOT THE STEPS) and the museum is across the street at about 1 o'clock

After the banquet take the Metrolink back to the Central West End and turn right (North) at the top of the steps to get back to the hotel. **You will need to get the second ticket validated before getting on the train back to the Central West End.**

Interface/CSNA 2005 Proceedings
Submissions due August 1, 2005

Instructions for Authors submitting to the Interface Symposium and its Proceedings: Computing Science and Statistics.

Beginning in the year 2000, the proceedings have been produced on a CD-ROM. This requires submission in the form of an electronic file. The ultimate production will be in the form of an Adobe Acrobat pdf file. **If authors produce their own Adobe Acrobat files, they should produce a file that contains embedded fonts if at all possible.** This gives much better screen resolution. However, MS Word, LaTeX, and postscript files are also acceptable. In the rare event that an author cannot provide an electronic file, we can process a paper copy with a scanner. However, results are far less satisfactory.

1. Contributed papers should not exceed 15 pages and invited papers should not exceed 20 pages. These pages include everything --- bibliography, tables, graphics, title, etc.

2. Center your title horizontally on the middle five inches of the first page, and list the authors and addresses under the title. Vertically, the title should start on the first line of the page. If you cite support, do so in a footnote. Keywords and phrases may be added, but are not required.

3. Experience has shown that electronic papers (an oxymoron) appear better in a single column format. The basic text should be 5 inches wide horizontally and 8 and 1/2 inches tall vertically. If using standard 8.5 by 11 paper, this means the side margins are one and 3/4 inches to the left of the column and 1 and 3/4 inches to the right of the column. The typing area for Text should begin 1 and 1/2 inches from the top of the page and leave 1 inch at the bottom of the page. If possible, use right justification. This format is essentially the same as that found in the *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis* or the *Annals of Statistics*.

4. To ensure uniformity of appearance, it is recommended to use 10 point type, preferably computer modern or Times Roman.

5. The manuscript should be single spaced. If you are familiar with TeX, this means a baseline skip of 12 points.

6. The abstract should follow the title and affiliations.

7. Other formatting is left to the discretion of the author(s).

8. The Manuscript may be submitted electronically if in TeX, LaTeX, MS Word, text, or PostScript form.

Submission of other materials: Authors are encouraged to submit additional supporting materials, including PowerPoint presentations (.ppt files), animations (.mpeg, .mpg, .avi, .mov files), color illustrations (.gif for line drawings, .jpg or .jpeg for continuous tone images, .tiff files), software code and datasets. Software and data should be sent in plain text files for easiest use although MS Excel or MS Access files are also satisfactory for data sets.

All material must be submitted by August 1, 2005, to wshannon@wustl.edu