



Call For Presentations IDUG 2008 – Europe 13-17 October 2008 Warsaw, Poland

Share Your DB2 Knowledge

The International DB2 Users Group (IDUG®) is accepting presentation abstracts for its European conference – IDUG 2008 – Europe, 13-17 October, in Warsaw, Poland. Speaking at this premier user event dedicated to IBM's industry-leading database engine, DB2, offers you a unique opportunity to share your DB2 experience and expertise with an audience of your peers. And if your presentation is selected to be delivered at the conference, you will receive a complimentary conference registration.

Presentation Requirements

IDUG is soliciting presentation abstracts that delve into the details of implementation, migrating to a new release, or maximising performance from any member of the DB2 product family. Technical presentations must feature at least one member of the DB2 product family. If more than one database engine is featured in the presentation, DB2 must be a component. The presentation must comply with the IDUG mission statement:

*The International DB2 Users Group (IDUG) is an independent, not-for-profit, user-run organisation whose mission is to support and strengthen the information systems community by providing the highest quality education and services designed to promote the effective utilisation of the DB2 Family of Products.**

The DB2 Product Family includes DB2 for z/OS; DB2 for Linux, UNIX, Windows; DB2 Data Warehouse Edition, DB2 for iSeries; DB2 for VSE and VM; and DB2 Everyplace.

Presentation Topics

IDUG strives to achieve a balanced conference program of business solutions relevant to today's IT environment and using DB2 on one or more platforms (e.g., Windows, Linux, UNIX, z/OS). Past presentation topics have included:

- Experiences relating to the implementation of, or migration to, new releases of DB2
- Tips on managing or improving the performance of a DB2 environment
- Tips on managing or improving the availability of a DB2 environment
- New and creative implementation and use of DB2 features
- Strategy and procedures for supporting a multi-tiered systems environment
- Experiences relating to the design and implementation of a Data Warehouse environment
- The procedures and tools used to manage data in a heterogeneous, distributed environment
- Clever ways Application Programmers have used DB2 features or utilities
- Experiences using DB2 for e-business applications
- Experiences using DB2's object-relational functionality
- Instances where your company has taken DB2 to the limit, and beyond.

Free Registration, Industry Recognition, and the Chance to Travel Internationally at IDUG's expense!

If your presentation is selected to be delivered at IDUG 2008 – Europe you will receive a complimentary conference registration. Dual presenters are eligible for one free conference registration and a second registration at a reduced rate. The conference registration fee includes access to all conference activities, scheduled meals and social functions, program materials, conference proceedings, and a one-year IDUG membership.

Additionally, all presentations delivered by users are eligible for the "Best User Presentation" award. The top user speaker is selected for this award, which is based exclusively on the input of conference attendees.

If your presentation is selected as the "Best User Presentation," IDUG will send you on an all expense paid trip to deliver your presentation at IDUG 2009 – North America.

Critical Dates

29 February 2008

Call For Presentations due to IDUG Headquarters (*IDUG will confirm receipt of your presentation(s) submission(s).*)

Stay tuned to www.idug.org for other presentation deadlines, including when speakers will be selected and notified, when draft presentations are due and when final presentations are due.

Unable to present, but want to attend? Visit www.idug.org for more information.

Submitting Your Presentation Abstract

Abstracts can be submitted via the IDUG web site.

If you do not have access to the Web, please contact IDUG Headquarters at euspeakers@idug.org

1. Visit the IDUG Conference web site at <http://conferences.idug.org/>
2. Choose the European conference
3. Go to 2008 Call for Presentations.
4. Complete the electronic form and submit to IDUG Headquarters no later than **29 February 2008**

Examples are included below to help you through the process. All presentation abstracts should be received by **29 February 2008** to be considered for IDUG 2008 -- Europe. Presentations received after **29 February 2008**, may not be considered. If you have questions or need more information, please contact IDUG Headquarters at euspeakers@idug.org

If you have spoken at or attended a recent IDUG conference, or receive IDUG mailings, please login using the following formula:
Login ID = Your Email Address; Password = Your Password

If you have NOT spoken or attended a recent IDUG conference, and DO NOT receive IDUG mailings, open the call for presentations online and follow the instructions outlined.

If you are unable to login, please contact IDUG Headquarters at euspeakers@idug.org.

General Instructions: It is very important that you provide ALL of the information requested below when submitting your presentation(s) for review.

Items 1-3 need to only be submitted once, regardless of the number of presentations submitted.

1. Speaker Information: Provide us with your name, professional title, organisation name, business address, telephone and FAX numbers, city, state or province, country, ZIP or postal code and e-mail address.

2. Speaker Biography: In 100 words or less, recap your professional and outside experiences as they pertain to your presentation(s).

3. Electronic Posting: Provide permissions to electronically post speaker biography and five key bullet points on the IDUG web site and to publish this information in any printed or electronic IDUG conference marketing materials. In addition, IDUG may edit speaker's abstract and five bullet points for consistency, style and grammar as necessary.

Items 4-12 should be submitted with EACH presentation.

4. Presentation Title: Titles should be clear, concise, and 50 characters or less.

5. Presentation Class: Technical Presentations are 60 minutes or 120 minutes in length. Seminars are 3.5 hours or 7 hours in length.

6. Platform: Indicate platform(s) to which your presentation applies, such as DB2 for z/OS, DB2 for LUW or Cross Platform.

7. Presentation Category: Specify the category of your presentation. Although your presentation may apply to many categories, some of the most popular are:

- Managing Performance
- Managing Database Resources
- Implementing new DB2 releases and features
- Application Design
- Managing Availability
- Information Integration
- Emerging Technology (eg. XML, .NET, SOA, Java, Open Source)
- Data Management
- Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence

8. Audience Experience Level: Select the most relevant audience level to which this presentation is geared: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced or a combination of the three levels.

9. Abstract and Bullet Points: Provide a concise abstract of your presentation, not exceeding 50 words along with five bullet points that outline your presentation. **Please note that these five bullet points will be used in onsite promotional material.**

Example:

Performance is a key database requirement. Achieving high performance depends on selecting the right hardware for the job, a physical database design that is suitable for the hardware, appropriate auxiliary database structures like indexes and automatic summary tables, and correct settings for configuration parameters and registry settings. This presentation will take us through these different stages of performance tuning with the new user in mind.

If your presentation is selected, this information will be published on the IDUG Web site. (Note: Any abstract of more than 50 words may be edited.) Some presentations may also be selected as repeat sessions.

10. Roadmap Categories: IDUG has created a Conference Roadmap containing presentations targeted to attendees' professional focus. Please check as many of the categories as apply to your abstract.

11. Presentation History: Indicate if this is a new or existing presentation. If it is an existing presentation, please indicate where it has been given and if it contains new and/or updated information.

12. Future Conferences: If you would like your abstract to be considered for future IDUG conferences (IDUG 2009 – Australasia or IDUG 2009 – North America), please indicate your request on the submitted materials.