

## >> ABOUT BOLOGNA

Although not as famous as Venice and Florence, Bologna is indeed one of the most beautiful towns of Italy, being its medieval historical center one of the biggest and better preserved in Europe (see photos below). Bologna hosts the most ancient university of the world, which is also one of the biggest in Italy. As everybody knows, Bologna has both the best food and the best nightlife in Italy. In addition, Bologna is the ideal place where to stay to visit other wonderful places: Venice, Florence, Ravenna, and Rimini, can all be reached in 1 hour by train, Rome in 3 hours.

The airport of Bologna (BLQ) has frequent direct connections to all major European Hubs.

## >> ABOUT THE CONFERENCE VENUES

The first two days of the conference, July 15-16, featuring workshops and tutorials, will take place at the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Bologna, at walking distance from the city center.

The main conference (July 17-19) will take place in Palazzo Re Enzo (see photo below), which is in the very center of Bologna. More precisely, Palazzo Re Enzo is the center of Bologna. Former residence of the city governor, this 13th century building combines the beauty and the charm of the past with the comfort of a modern conference center.



The First International Joint Conference on

## AUTONOMOUS AGENTS & MULTIAGENT SYSTEMS



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6th International Conference  
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## >> OVERVIEW

Agents (adaptive or intelligent individual agents and multi-agent systems) are one of the most prominent and attractive technologies in Computer Science at the beginning of the new century. They are not only a very promising technology, they are emerging as a new way of thinking, a conceptual paradigm for analyzing problems and for designing systems, for dealing with complexity, distribution and interactivity, and perhaps a new point of view for rethinking computing and intelligence. However, several of these perspectives are just good promises, and current theories, systems, languages, and platforms have several limits to be overcome. To accept such a challenge, to actualize such promises three very successful and high level events - AA, the International Conference on Autonomous Agents; ICMAS, the International Conference on Multi-Agent Systems; ATAL, the International Workshop on Agents Theories, Architectures, and Languages - decided to build on their past successes and converge in 2002 in a Joint Event:

*The First International Joint Conference on Autonomous Agents and MultiAgent Systems (AAMAS 2002)*

The aims of this joint venture are:

- >> to strengthen the relationships within the Agent community, to enhance selection and quality;
- >> to encourage richer exchanges between theoretical research and applications, modelling and engineering, and between the micro and the macro levels of agent modelling;
- >> to foster collaboration between information science and technology and the cognitive and the social sciences.

## >> CONFERENCE THEME

The theme of the conference is

### *Bringing People and Agents Together*

As agent-based computing becomes ever more widespread, it is increasingly important for agents to interact effectively with people and with other agents. In addition to the research topics that are normally represented at the component conferences, we particularly encourage submissions that address issues of how to improve interaction and collaboration among agents and people.

## >> SUBMISSIONS

Detailed information about submissions of technical papers, software demonstrations, tutorials, and workshops, are available in the conference Web site and will be properly advertised.

## >> IMPORTANT DATES

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|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| OCT. 30, 2001 | deadline for electronic abstracts of submitted papers |
| NOV. 6, 2001  | deadline for electronic submissions of papers         |
| JAN. 7, 2002  | deadline for workshop and tutorial proposals          |
| JAN. 15, 2002 | paper acceptance notifications sent to authors        |

## >> CONFERENCE OFFICIALS

### GENERAL CO-CHAIRS

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## >> CONFERENCE WEB SITE

<http://lia.deis.unibo.it/aamas2002>

## >> HOSTING ORGANIZATIONS

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