

# Newsletter of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges

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### GDCSE '08

*Kent Foster*  
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The Third Annual Microsoft Academic Days Conference on Game Development in Computer Science Education – is a focal point for academic efforts using computer and console games within the Computer Science curriculum. Jointly sponsored by Microsoft Research and Electronic Arts and held in cooperation with ACM SIGCSE, the conference is targeted at both computer science educators and researchers, promoting new efforts in the creation and management of courses and curriculum using game development. The conference, now in its third year, will be held aboard the Celebrity Century cruise ship, departing from and returning to Miami, FL with port calls in Key West and Cozumel, Mexico. GDCSE '08 will include talks by invited speakers, presentation of peer-reviewed papers, hands-on tutorials and birds-of-a-feather meetings focusing on a range of topics related to the use of games in computer science education. We invite researchers and educators to share insights and cutting-edge results relating to the use of games and game technologies in both formal and informal educational contexts.

CCSC members are invited to register at <https://www.msadgd08.net/main.aspx> and receive a 50% faculty conference subsidy with signed gift letter from your university (details about gift letter and cabin choices/prices can be viewed at <https://www.msadgd08.net/cabins.aspx?>). An additional "early bird registration discount" is extended to CCSC members who register with the code CCSC before December 27, 2007. As cruise cabin pricing is based on double occupancy, it is possible to register a spouse/family member or traveling companion to share your cabin (up to 3 additional guests in some cabins). Further questions should be addressed to [registration@msadgd08.net](mailto:registration@msadgd08.net).

### ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges will take place in conjunction with the ACM SIGCSE Symposium in Portland, Oregon, March 12-15, 2008. The meeting is scheduled for the Room 106 A of the Convention Center on Friday, March 14, from 6:15 to 7:00. Please check the SIGCSE final program for any last minute changes. This is your opportunity to find out the State of the

Consortium and to provide the Board with your direct input on direction for the Consortium over the next year. Participate in your organization!

### NATIONAL PARTNERS PROGRAM

The Consortium is very happy to have the following as National Partners. If you have the opportunity please thank them for their support of computing in teaching institutions. National Partners are invited to participate in our regional conferences. Visit with their representatives there.

*Addison-Wesley Computing*  
*Microsoft Corporation*  
*Thomson, Course Technology*  
*Wiley*  
*RidgeSoft, LLC*

### CONFERENCE CALENDAR

The Calls for Participation for Consortium sponsored conferences are available at

<http://www.ccsc.org/regions/regions.htm>

*March 12-15, 2008*

**SIGCSE 2008**, the 39<sup>th</sup> Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, will be held **March 12-15, 2008** in **Portland, Oregon**. Follow the link from the SIGCSE homepage, <http://www.sigcse.org>

*April 4-5, 2008*

The **Sixth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Mid-South Conference**, will be held at **Arkansas Technical University in Russellville Arkansas April 4-5, 2008**. Visit <http://www.ccsc-ms.org> for the latest conference information.

*April 4-5, 2008*

The **Fourteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Central Plains Conference**, will be held at **University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO, April 4-5, 2008**. Judy Mullins is conference chair.

*April 11-12, 2008*

The **Thirteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges **CCSC: Northeastern Conference** to be held at **Wagner College, Staten Island, NY, April 11-12, 2008**. For

information, visit the conference web site at <http://www.cscne.org/2008/>

*April 18-19, 2008*

The **Nineteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: South Central Conference** to be held at **Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi in Corpus Christi, Texas, April 18-19, 2008**. For more information, visit the conference web site at: <http://www.sci.tamucc.edu/ccsc/>

*April 18-19, 2008*

The **Inaugural** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Southwestern Conference**, will be held at **California State University - Northridge, Northridge, CA, April 18-19, 2008**. Visit <http://www.ccsc.org/southwestern/> for the latest conference information or contact Maria Zack, [mzack@pointloma.edu](mailto:mzack@pointloma.edu), (619) 849-2458.

*June 30-July 2, 2008*

**ITiCSE 2008**, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education, will be held **June 30-July 2 in Madrid, Spain**. For more information, visit the conference web site at <http://www.iticse08.fi.ipm.es>

*September 26-27, 2008*

The **Fifteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Midwestern Conference** is scheduled at **Hope College in Holland, MI, September 26-27, 2008**. Additional information will be forthcoming on the Northwestern regional website, <http://www.ccsc.org/midwest/>

*October 10-11, 2008*

The **Tenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Northwestern Conference** is scheduled at **Southern Oregon University in Ashland, OR, October 10-11, 2008**. Additional information will be forthcoming on the Northwestern regional website, <http://www.ccsc.org/northwest/2007/>

*October 10-11, 2008*

The **Twenty-third Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Eastern Conference**, will be held at **Hood College in Frederick, MD, October 10-11, 2008**. For further information, visit the regional web site at: <http://ccsc.org/regions/regions.htm>

*October 17-18, 2008*

The **Seventeenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Rocky Mountain Conference. Colorado Technical University in Colorado Springs, CO, October 17-18, 2008**. For further information, visit the regional web site at: <http://ccsc.org/regions/regions.htm>

*November 7-8, 2008*

The **Twenty-second Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges **CCSC: Southeastern Conference** to be held at **Augusta State University, Augusta, GA, November 7-8, 2008**. For further information, visit the conference web site at: <http://cs.furman.edu/ccscse/>

*April 3-4, 2009*

The **Fifteenth Annual** Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges sponsored **CCSC: Central Plains Conference**, will be held at **Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, MO, in April 2000**. Tim DeClue is conference chair.