



ITA Software Press Release

ITA Software Demonstrates Commitment to Lisp with Support for the International Lisp Conference 2009

ITA Software Proudly Sponsors Event Celebrating the Programming Language's 50th Anniversary

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- March 19, 2009 -- ITA Software, Inc., the leader in developing innovative solutions for the travel industry, today announced its support for the International Lisp Conference 2009. The event will take place March 22-25 at the Stata Center on the MIT campus in Cambridge, Mass. and feature tutorials, presentations and panel sessions reflecting on Lisp accomplishments to date, and discussions on what the next 50 years hold for the programming language.

ITA Software is one of the largest software employers in Massachusetts, and attracts top talent from the local computer science community. Lisp is a programming language typically associated with Artificial Intelligence (AI) projects and is used by ITA Software in conjunction with C++, Java, Perl, Python and other programming languages to power its large-scale airline IT systems. ITA Software has one of the world's greatest concentrations of Lisp practitioners. Dan Weinreb, a senior software engineer with ITA Software, is serving as general chair for the International Lisp Conference 2009.

"It is appropriate to be hosting the annual Lisp conference at MIT, where Lisp was invented. I am proud of what ITA has been able to achieve with Lisp, pushing the boundaries of the language to tackle some of the greatest computational challenges in the industry and reinvent the model for airline reservation systems," said Weinreb. "This event provides a fantastic opportunity for attendees to learn from the world's most accomplished Lisp practitioners, reflect on how the language has evolved over the past 50 years, and contemplate its future impact."

The conference was developed to encourage face-to-face interaction and knowledge sharing with the world's top Lisp experts. Event attendees will be able to network with international Lisp practitioners and learn how to leverage the latest developments and research in order to maximize the benefits of the programming language. The event will feature keynote presentations from the following world-renowned Lisp leaders:

- David Moon (co-founder of Symbolics, • Inc.) – "Genuine, full-power, hygienic macro system for a language-with syntax"
- Gerald Jay Sussman (MIT) – "Evolvability and Robust Design"
- Shriram Krishnamurthi (Brown) – "The Moby Scheme Compiler for Smartphones, or, Is That a Parenthesis in Your Pocket?"
- Olin Shivers (Northeastern) – "The Anatomy of a Loop: A Story of Scope and Control"

The event is sponsored by the Association of Lisp Users in cooperation with ACM SIGPLAN. ITA Software is sponsoring the event's much-anticipated banquet that will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge on Tuesday, March 24 and feature a special performance. For more information about the conference, visit <http://ilc09.org>. An event poster can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.international-lisp-conference.org/2009/publicity>.

About ITA Software

ITA Software (www.itasoftware.com) is a leader in developing innovative solutions for the travel industry. ITA's QPX, the industry's most comprehensive airfare shopping system, is used by leading airlines and online travel

companies worldwide including Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Cleartrip, Continental Airlines, Farecast, Hotwire, Kayak, Orbitz, TAP Portugal Airlines, United Airlines, US Airways and others. ITA is currently building a radically new passenger reservation system with launch partner Air Canada. In 2008, the company was ranked as an Inc. 5000 fastest growing private company. ITA was founded by computer scientists from MIT and is headquartered in Cambridge, Mass.

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