FAQ Sheet for Commercial Participation – Industry Partners & Patrons

THE CONFERENCE
IPDPS is a five day conference, with 20+ workshops held on the first and last days. The three days in between have a similar schedule; each day leads off with a keynote speaker, followed by 3 blocks of 2 hour sessions of four parallel tracks where papers are presented. On Wednesday, the symposium panel is held in the last session block, followed by a reception and banquet, and on Thursday, the plenary best papers session follows the keynote speaker. The program also includes a PhD Forum program of student posters and mentoring sessions. Commercial participation is featured during these three days, including exhibits and special presentations, usually a tutorial related to a company’s technology. Both Tuesday and Thursday evenings are available for plenary commercial programs. Exhibits are fully integrated with the flow of the conference for all three days.

The benefits for registering as an exhibitor include:

- Logo and link on Web
- One complimentary registration
- One exhibit-staff-only pass
- Signage and literature for three days
- Logo on cover of program-proceedings book
- Logistics support and publicity pre-conference

EXHIBIT LOGISTICS
The IPDPS conference setting for exhibitors offers three days of walk-up-and-talk activity and the opportunity to meet with all attendees. The conference provides the space around a six foot table placed on the perimeter of the registration-break area in the main lobby of the conference center. Basic power and access to the conference WiFi are included. The exhibitor is responsible for any other costs associated with the exhibit including shipping and storage. Typically, companies who participate have a small scale exhibit (a draped table & signage) but may add their own banners and exhibit boards.

PROFILE OF CONFERENCE ATTENDEES
The following table shows 650+ registrants coming from 37 countries (where they work-study). One-quarter of attendees are students, mostly PhD candidates in computer science. Of the ~500 non-student attendees, about 20% are from corporations and national labs in the US. Most of the French attendees represent INRIA. Thus 60% of attendees are faculty-researchers from universities in 37 counties.