Brno, the workplace of the “Father of Genetics” Augustinian friar G. J. Mendel, and the conference organizers, are very pleased to offer a conference platform on modern engineering using the principles of heredity. The International Soft Computing Conference MENDEL 2012 organizers wish to create a base for an exchange of theoretical and practical knowledge of evolutionary computation and computational intelligence.

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The scope of the conference includes, but is not limited to:

**Innovation and Theory**
- Genetic Algorithms, Genetic Programming
- Grammatical Evolution, Differential Evolution
- Swarm Intelligence, Ant Colonies, Artificial Life
- Neural Networks, Fuzzy Logic, Bayesian Methods
- Evolutionary Strategies, Multi-Agent Systems
- Hybrid, Distributed and Parallel Algorithms
- Evolvable Hardware, Chemical Evolution
- Fractals, Chaos, Mathematical Techniques
- Motion Planning, Computer Vision

**Applications**
- Optimization Problems, Decision Making
- Control Design, Modeling and Simulation
- Artificial Intelligence, System Identification
- Image Processing, Signal Processing
- Pattern Recognition, Vision System
- Machine Learning, Scheduling Algorithms
- Robotics, Process Industry
- Biomedicine, Chemistry, Physics
- Manufacturing, Business, Economics

An important remark: As every year, the organizers are preparing the special workshop as important part of the conference. The workshop will include discussion, music, conference dinner and pleasant experience.