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Workshop on Computational Geometry for Music Information Retrieval - II

January 27 - February 3, 2006

Bellairs Research Institute, Barbados

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The 21st Bellairs Workshop on Computational Geometry will be held from January 27 to February 3, 2006. Participants are expected to arrive on Friday afternoon, January 27 in order not to miss the welcoming reception and opening banquet. The theme for this year is *Computational Geometric Aspects of Music and Ethnomathematics*.

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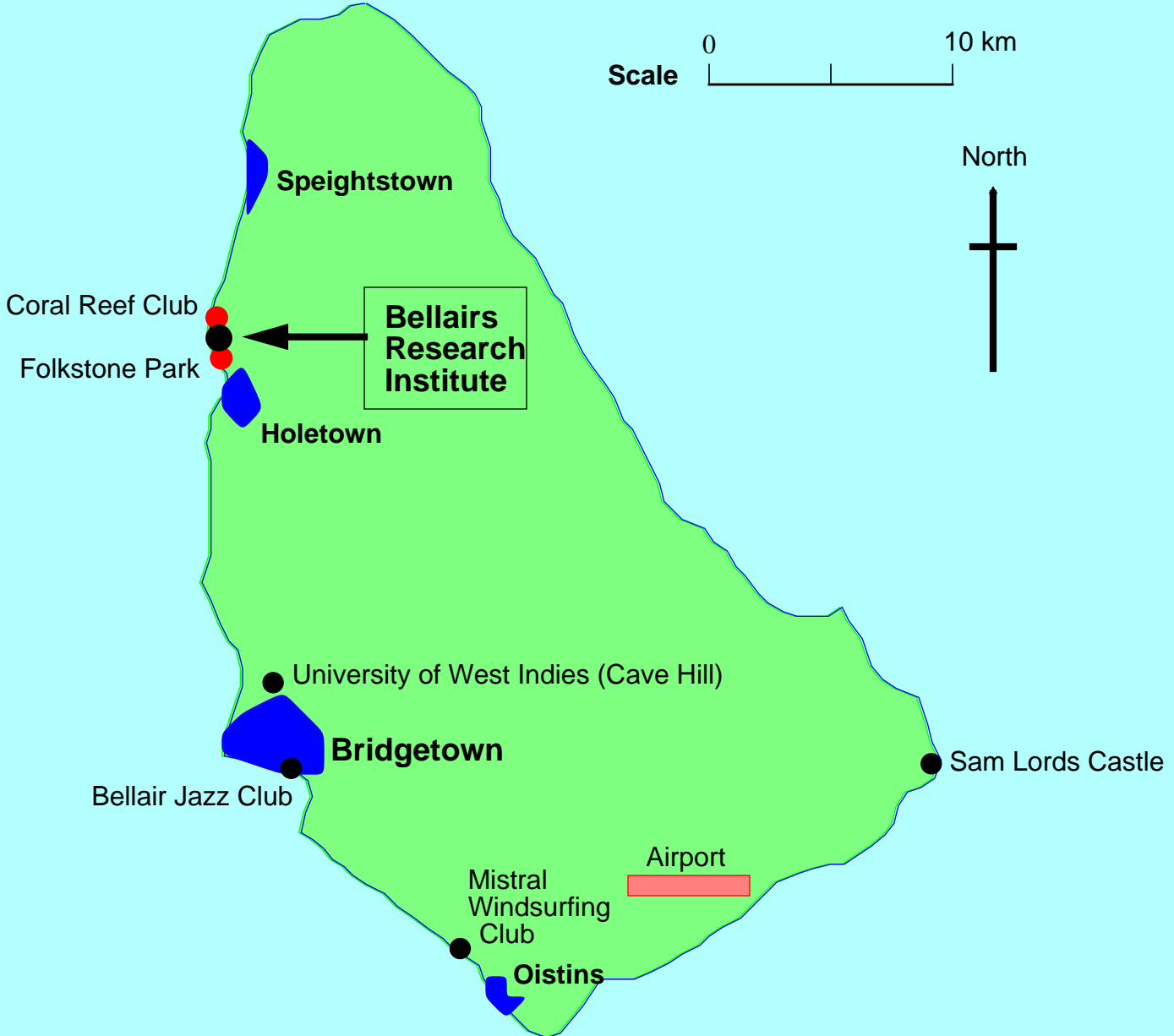
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Barbados Map

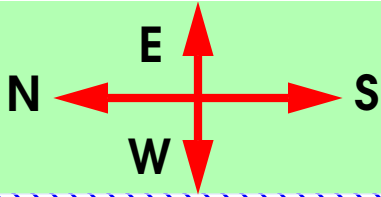
Getting to Bellairs

A. From the Airport

1. To get to Bellairs from the airport either take a taxi (about \$45 Bds and split the cost if you share) or a bus (about \$2 Bds). If the taxi driver does not know where Bellairs is, say it is located in between **Folkstone Park** and the **Coral Reef Club** on the north side of Holetown. These two landmarks are famous but with all the workshops during the past 21 years Bellairs is also becoming famous among taxi drivers. If you want to take a bus there are some direct busses but more interesting is to go to Bridgetown first and change to another bus (at another bus station).
2. **Bellairs Telephones:** area code (246), main office: 422-2087, dining hall: 422-2034. FAX: (246) 422-0692.
3. **Manager:** Richard Haynes, **e-mail:**bellairs@caribsurf.com

B. At Bellairs (consult the Bellairs Map on the next page)

1. When you arrive at Bellairs just go straight to the Dining Hall. There you will find either people or a message for you on the bulletin board or the blackboard telling you which is your room. Most of our rooms are in the two buildings shaded in dark grey called **East Wing** and **West Wing**. So these rooms are numbered with **E** or **W** accordingly. The rest of us will be lodged in Seabourne House on the beach. You will find a key to your room in your room which should be unlocked unless your room mate has already arrived in which case you should look for your room mate probably on the beach. Most probably I will be around with keys.



Bellairs Research Institute Map

Road

Entrance

Garden

gate

Main Office

single rooms

Parking

East Wing

Garden

West Wing

Dining Hall

Laboratories

Garden

Seabourn House

Garden

path to the beach

Coral Reef Club

Folkstone Park

beach

Bellairs Survival Hints

A. Food and Snacks

1. We will have a cook and the food is great but if you need anything special please bring it along. There will be a fridge where we can keep our “private” food items.
2. The **coffee** there is instant and I will bring along a bag of my favorite beans as well as a coffee grinder and filters. If you have some favorite coffee please bring a pound of beans. We convert much coffee to theorems.
3. Vegetarians may want to bring their favorite non-perishables but Anita (the cook) usually prepares extra vegetables for vegetarians. There is a supermarket ten minutes walk from Bellairs where you can buy food. There is also good vegetarian roti in several places near Bellairs.

B. Beach, Sun, Snorkeling and SCUBA Diving

1. Bellairs is situated on one of the best beaches in Barbados, so don't forget your bathing suit (and skin protection) for swims before breakfast and in between work sessions.
2. There is also good snorkeling right in front of Bellairs so if you have a mask and fins bring them along too. In fact, if you SCUBA dive bring your gear. There is diving right there as well and air tanks at Bellairs cost only US\$8.00 per tank!

C. Mosquitos and Dengue Fever

1. There is no malaria in Barbados although sometimes in very wet periods in parts of the island far from Bellairs, mosquitos have carried dengue fever. In 1997 there was a dengue fever epidemic in Barbados and four cases of dengue fever at the Bellairs Research Institute. In the fall of 2003 a group of students and professors giving a course on water management at Bellairs contracted dengue fever during their research in the swamps and brought it to Bellairs. They are all gone and there should be no problem during my workshop. However, there have always been some cases of dengue fever on the other side of the island. Taking some precautions is advised. In particular, if you plan to explore the countryside on the east coast of Barbados or the wetter areas bring a good mosquito repellent. For some people the common small mosquitos are a nuisance in the evening, although the **dengue** variety are the **larger daytime mosquitos**. The evening mosquitos do not carry dengue fever. The best way to avoid the small ones in the evening in the dining area is to wear socks and long pants as they like to have a meal (under the table) while we eat. Of course repellent is also good. All the rooms now have mosquito nets installed on the windows and doors so the situation is much improved. In fact, in the last three years I hardly saw mosquitos and did not get a single bite. By the way, **no participant of any of my previous 20 workshops** has ever come down with dengue fever.
2. You may also want to bring your favorite burning coils to burn at night in your room in case a few mosquitos slip into your room, although Bellairs provides these also.

D. Snorers

1. We will be living in intimate quarters. All of us will share a room with one or possibly (but very unlikely) two others (even four to a room has occurred in the past) with a resulting distance of inches between beds. If you snore let me know **in advance** and I will put all the snorers together. It is my experience that a snorer has no problem sleeping with another snorer. In fact they enjoy it!

The Most Important House Rules

A. Kitchen and Food

1. There are two kitchens. One is for us and we have keys and are responsible for keeping it clean. The other is the Cook's and is locked up.
2. Breakfast is provided by Bellairs and is included in the room rate. The breakfast food is kept in our kitchen fridge. This food is to be used only at breakfast and finished by 10:00 am.
3. We are responsible for washing all our dishes after breakfast. Please do leave the kitchen clean.
4. We can make coffee in the kitchen any time we want.
5. There is a guest fridge in a locked room where we can keep our own private food. We will share a key for that room. Please label your food and remove any left over when you depart.

B. Showers and Sand

1. Sand in the shower drains can cause **enormous** blockage problems. Please be sure to rinse off the sand from your feet before entering your rooms. There are water taps outside both blocks of rooms and Seabourne House for this purpose.

C. Locked Doors and Valuables

1. Please leave your room locked when you are not in it. It is also advisable to lock your room at night even if you are in it. We used to leave the rooms unlocked at all times, but times have changed. Those in Seabourne should keep the entire house locked up at all times **even if you are inside**.
2. You can leave your money and other valuables in the safe in the main office. If you leave some money in your room I suggest you put it in a purse inside a locked suitcase inside a closed closet. Certainly do not leave it within arm's reach of the back windows facing the public park. This was fine fifteen years ago but Barbados has undergone a lot of *progress* in recent years.

D. Telephone

1. There is a phone available in the main office for long distance calls. Please write all relevant information about the call in the booklet alongside the phone. It is advisable, and much cheaper to use phone cards.
2. If you do use the office phone please pay the phone bill (based on time) **before** you depart from Bellairs.