

Subject: Re: Revised abstract
Date: Tue, 05 Aug 2008 22:29:35 -0400
From: Zack Anderson <zacka@mit.edu>
To: Nikita Caine <barkingkitten@gmail.com>
References: <48988CC7.5060901@mit.edu>
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Thanks so much!

Zack

Nikita Caine wrote:

This should be updated on the website soon if not already, however do note the webmaster is in las vegas at the moment, and your previous abstract will be what is printed on the program.

On Tue, Aug 5, 2008 at 10:24 AM, Zack Anderson <zacka@mit.edu> wrote:

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We still plan on giving the talk. We left out a couple of key details from the slides, so for now I think we will be alright. We are meeting with the MBTA and legal counsel on Monday. I will keep you posted if anything changes, but expect us to give the talk.

Zack

Nikita Caine wrote:
Zack,

The CD's have been printed and are on their way to Vegas, There is no way to change it at this point. Please let me know if you will be

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