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# WARSAW TEAM 2019 ROUTE



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COMPETITION

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# THE FOUNDING OF WARSAW TEAM

Warsaw Team was first assembled in 2016 on the initiative and with full support of dr. Marek Michalewicz, the acting director of ICM, who is credited with creating a successful competitive HPC student team in Singapore, back in December of 2013.

The Warsaw team is supervised and coached by HPC professionals of Interdisciplinary Center for Mathematical and Computational Modelling at the University of Warsaw.

Dr. Maciej Cytowski, the original team coach has recently passed the mantle on to dr. Maciej Szpindler and Marcin Semeniuk, who currently oversee team operations.

According to July 2019 HPC-AI Advisory Council ranking, Warsaw Team (University of Warsaw) is classified 5th in the EMEA region (Europe, Middle East and Africa) and 14th in the world, after participating in only six world finals in supercomputing.



RANKING STUDENT  
CLUSTER COMPETITION  
LEADERSHIP LIST  
HPC-AI Advisory Council  
July, 2019

HPC infrastructure, including development and application opportunities, is critical for Polish science and economy on a global scale and its wellbeing is of strategic importance in matters of the state.

Mobilization of students of Polish universities in the HPC environment is an opportunity to provide cutting-edge expertise for future professionals in the field.

**Dr. Marek Michalewicz**  
Director of ICM UW

## 2019 ROUTE



**ASC 2019** Student Supercomputer Challenge, Dalian, China

Warsaw Team, consisting of five students from both the University of Warsaw and the Warsaw University of Technology, placed in the top twenty out of over 300 teams representing higher education institutions from all over the world, during the **Student Supercomputer Challenge** in China (Dalian, 21-25th of April, 2019).

Not long after the challenge in China, our team qualified for the finals stage at the **Student Cluster Competition (SCC)**, one of the most anticipated events of the highly acclaimed conference in the field of supercomputing in Europe (Frankfurt, June 16-20).

Currently, Warsaw Team is preparing to compete in the United States at the high performance computing festival that is **Denver's Supercomputing'19**, which takes place in November of this year.

Finals in Denver will be the seventh consecutive **SCC** competition in which Polish students compete, while training hard and broadening team line-up continuously since December 2016.

# STUDENT CLUSTER COMPETITION

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## **3kW 48 hours**

Student Cluster Competition (SCC) events make use of High Performance Computing (HPC) technology in four areas: science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM disciplines). During a 48-hour competition, the teams work on achieving the highest computing performance using a computer system (a cluster) of their own design, within a 3kW power consumption limit. The teams are required to consist of students who have not yet acquired a bachelor's degree.

## **3 tough preliminaries**

Fifteen (for competitions in Germany and the USA) up to twenty teams from around the world (for SCC in China) compete in the finals. Each of the final events is preceded by a qualification round. Most of the student teams who apply, do not qualify for the final stages. In the case of SCC in China, over 300 teams competed for a position in the final round!

## **3 top HPC events**

The origins of the Student Cluster Competition date back to 2007. The first competition in testing the limits of high performance hardware and software took place in Reno. Currently, the contests are held at the three most important HPC events in the world:

- SC High Performance Conference and Exhibition in Germany,
- The International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis in the USA,
- Asia Supercomputer Community Student Supercomputer Challenge in China.



# WARSAW TEAM SUPERCOMPUTER

## ASC17

4 nodes  
8 Intel Xeon Broadwell  
8 NVIDIA P100 GPUs  
Mellanox FDR Interconnect

## SC17

4 nodes  
8 Intel Xeon Haswell CPUs  
8 NVIDIA V100 GPUs  
Mellanox FDR Interconnect

## ISC18

3 nodes  
6 Intel Xeon Haswell CPUs  
8 NVIDIA V100 GPUs  
Mellanox FDR Interconnect

## SC18

4 nodes  
8 Intel Xeon Skylake CPUs  
8 NVIDIA V100 GPUs  
Gigalo's FabreX Interconnect

## ASC19

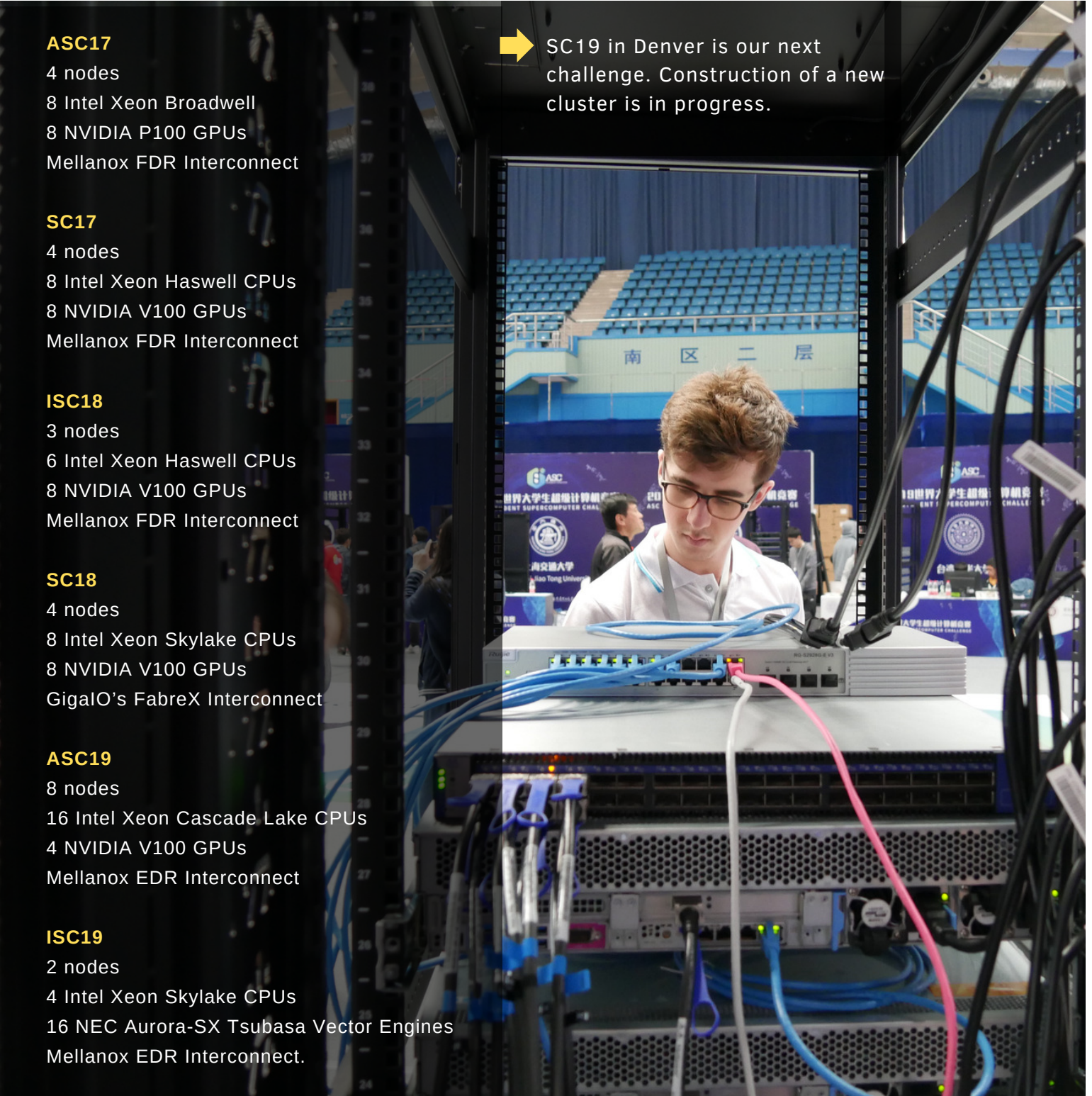
8 nodes  
16 Intel Xeon Cascade Lake CPUs  
4 NVIDIA V100 GPUs  
Mellanox EDR Interconnect

## ISC19

2 nodes  
4 Intel Xeon Skylake CPUs  
16 NEC Aurora-SX Tsubasa Vector Engines  
Mellanox EDR Interconnect.



SC19 in Denver is our next challenge. Construction of a new cluster is in progress.



# 7 FINALS IN 3 YEARS

2017

**ASC17 Student Supercomputer Challenge, Wuxi, China**

**SC17 Student Cluster Competition, Denver, USA**

Jan Kopański, Marcin Mielniczuk, Adam Sobiecki, Szymon Pajzert, Jarosław Ławnicki (University of Warsaw);  
Bartosz Zięba (Military University of Technology), Dominik Psujek (Warsaw University of Technology);  
Piotr R. Konopelko (Lodz University of Technology)

COACHES

Maciej Cytowski, Maciej Szpindler, Marcin Semeniuk (ICM UW)





# 7 FINALS IN 3 YEARS

2018

**ISC18 Student Cluster Competition, Frankfurt, Germany**  
**SC18 Student Cluster Competition, Dallas, USA**

Julia Bazińska, Jarosław Ławnicki, Marcin Mielniczuk, Adam Sobecki, Łukasz Kondraciuk, Jakub Kowalski, Kamil Mykitiuk (University of Warsaw); Maciej Korpalski (University of Wrocław); Dominik Psujek (Warsaw University of Technology); Piotr R. Konopelko (Lodz University of Technology)

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# 7 FINALS IN 3 YEARS

2019

**ASC19 Student Supercomputer Challenge, Dalian, China**  
**ISC19 Student Cluster Competition, Frankfurt, Germany**  
**SC19 Student Cluster Competition, Denver, USA**

Julia Bazińska, Adam Sobecki, Łukasz Kondraciuk, Jakub Kowalski, Aleksandra Księżny, Kamil Mykitiuk,  
 Jakub Zarzycki Franciszek Budrowski, Tomasz Cheda, Mateusz Biesiadowski, Iwona Kotlarska, Anna Kalisz  
 (University of Warsaw), Dominik Psujek (Warsaw University of Technology)

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# OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS



## ASC17

### 2nd place in High Performance Linpack category

- 29.79 TFlop / s on a system composed of four Inspur servers - each equipped with two Intel Broadwell processors and two Nvidia P100 cards.
- The team also received high marks in tasks related to the High Performance Conjugate Gradients (HPCG) benchmark, molecular dynamics calculations on Lammps software and traffic forecasting machine learning.

## SC17

### White Hat Award

## ISC18

### 4th place in Deep Learning - Tensor Flow

## ISC19

### 3rd place in STREAM benchmark 5th place in CP2K application



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Republic of Poland

### The best of the best! 2.0

During the 2017/2018 academic year, Warsaw Team received a grant from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. "The best of the best!" project supports highly gifted students in developing scientific activity, enabling them to participate in high-ranking international competitions and conferences.



# WARSAW TEAM IN MEDIA



2nd place in High Performance Linpack category  
**ASC17**



## The Register

Apr 27, 2017

"Another newcomer, the University of Warsaw, grabbed second place by an incredibly small margin. Warsaw is driving a small four-node cluster equipped with eight P100 GPUs and only 512GB memory"



## HPC Wire

May 1, 2017

"Another new team University of Warsaw came in a close second on the Linpack testing (with 29.79 teraflops) using eight P100s in four nodes, and performed admirably across the application set. They will be a team to watch and we hope to see them at the upcoming ISC and SC events."



**HPC Wire**, July 7, 2019

ISC19 Cluster Competition: HPCC Deep Dive  
**STREAM: third-place score of 240.74**

**Inside HPC**, July 8, 2019

Student Cluster Competition Leadership List  
**5th in the EMEA region and 14th on the world**

**HPC Wire**, July 15, 2019

ISC19 Cluster Competition: Application Results, Finally!  
**CP2K: 5th place with 90.32% score**

**HPC Wire**, February 12, 2019

Gigalo Technology Featured in the SCC at SC18  
**Warsaw Team incorporated FabreX into their cluster**

**HPC Wire**, July 10, 2018

Tsinghua Powers Through ISC18 Field  
**4th place in Deep Learning - TensorFlow**

## Meet Team Warsaw

### ISC19 Student Cluster Competition



## Supercomputing for Fast Learners Supercomputing Frontiers Europe 2018



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## If you would like to join our team at ICM, we have opportunities just for you:

- Second-degree studies in Computational Engineering;
- Workshops for scholarship holders of the National Children's Fund;
- Mathematics for the Curious of the World, i.e. programming for high school students;
- Tours at the Technology Center for children and young achievers - finalists of mathematics and information technology competitions;
- Internships for students in two ICM's departments: Data Center and Networking or Software Development and User Support;
- Hackathons (solving Great Programming Challenges) – student competitions involving Big Data and high performance systems.

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