

A wide-angle photograph of the Boston skyline across a large body of water, likely the Charles River. The skyline features several prominent skyscrapers, including the green glass One Financial Center building on the left and the dark grey Prudential Center on the right. In the foreground, a dense line of green trees separates the water from the city. Numerous rowers are visible on the water, some in single sculls and others in multi-person teams. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

# COMBINE 2018

## October 8-12

Boston, MA, USA

# Local Organizers



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# Logistics

- Agenda can be found here:  
[http://co.mbine.org/events/COMBINE\\_2018/agenda](http://co.mbine.org/events/COMBINE_2018/agenda)
- List of abstracts can be found here:  
[http://co.mbine.org/events/COMBINE\\_2018/abstracts](http://co.mbine.org/events/COMBINE_2018/abstracts)
- Wi-Fi:
  - eduroam is available.
  - “BU Guest (unencrypted)” can be used as well. Instructions to set this up are available at:  
<https://www.bu.edu/tech/services/infrastructure/networks/wireless/guest/>
- COMBINE 2018 Mailing List: [combine2018@googlegroups.com](mailto:combine2018@googlegroups.com)

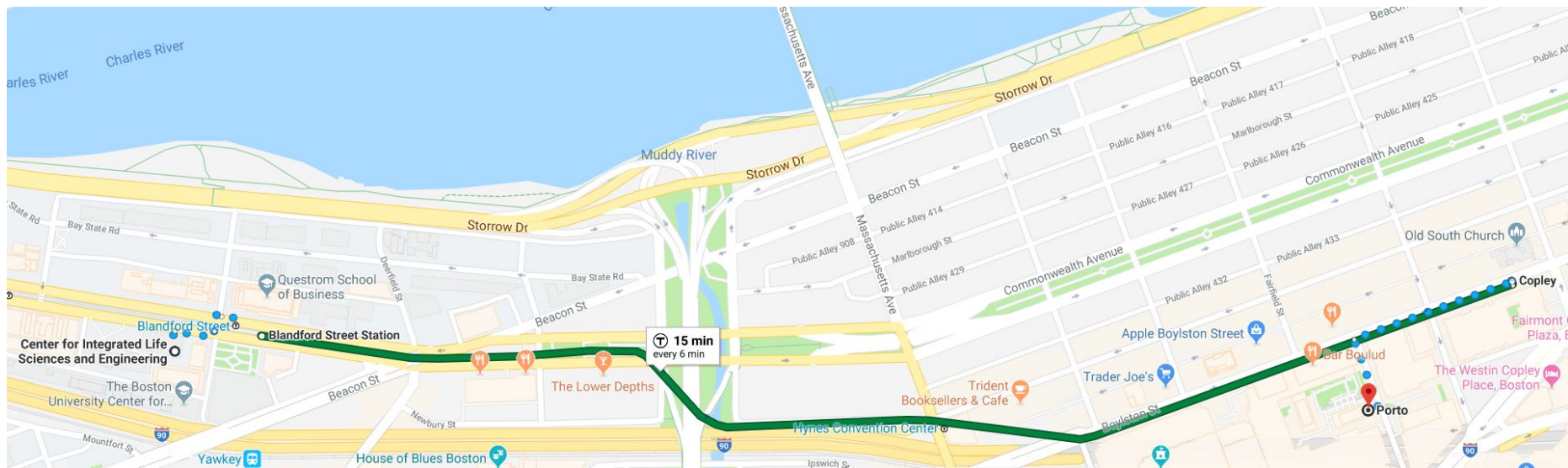
# Agenda: Today

- Session 1: Introduction to COMBINE and its standards followed by a talk by Matthias König.
- Sessions 2-4: Invited talks from six PIs working on biology and/or computation problems in the Boston area.
- Lunch at 12pm and coffee breaks at 10am and 3pm.

# Agenda: Tuesday

- Session 5: Discussion on COMBINE becoming a legal entity followed by an invited talk from Traci Haddock from iGEM.
- Sessions 6-8: Breakout sessions. See: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nab6zictQ6kLa15h498PpmuL3m-\\_oUvU8DKu9bg-yjA/edit](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nab6zictQ6kLa15h498PpmuL3m-_oUvU8DKu9bg-yjA/edit) for more information.
- Breakfast at 8am, lunch at 12pm, and coffee breaks at 10am and 3pm.
- Conference dinner at Porto, Ring Rd, Boston, MA 02199 at 6pm.

# Conference Dinner at Porto



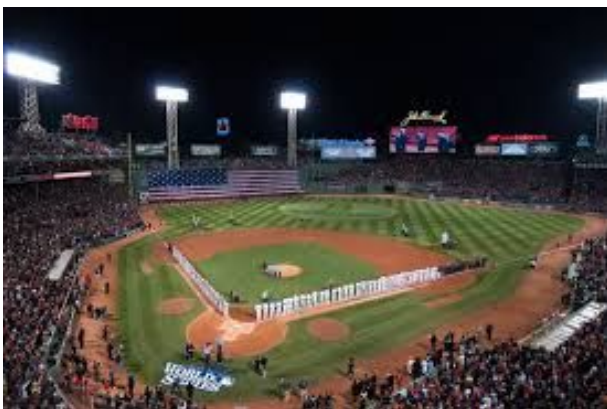
- Reception starts at 6 pm on Tuesday, dinner to follow at 7 pm.
- Take the green line to Copley Station.

# Agenda: Wednesday-Friday

- Morning sessions of short talks (15 minutes each) followed by a 30 minute discussion.
- Afternoon sessions consist of breakouts. See: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nab6zictQ6kLa15h498PpmuL3m-\\_oUvU8DKu9bg-yjA/edit](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nab6zictQ6kLa15h498PpmuL3m-_oUvU8DKu9bg-yjA/edit) for more information.
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# Things to Do in Boston

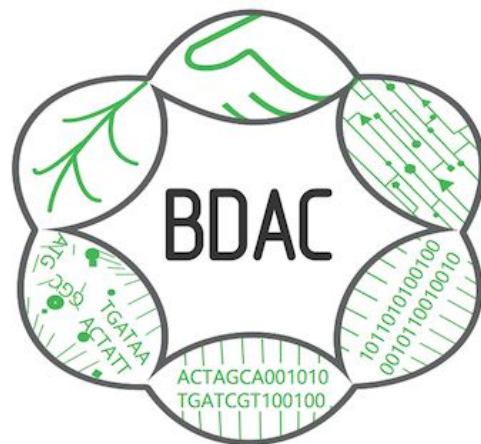
- Freedom Trail: <https://www.thefreedomtrail.org/>
- Fenway Tours: <https://www.mlb.com/redsox/ballpark/tours>
- Game 5 of Yankees vs Red Sox on October 11 (maybe?).
- Boston Museum of Fine Arts: <https://www.mfa.org/>





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