

Medichi Workshop 2007

Methodic and Didactic Challenges of the History of Informatics
Klagenfurt University - April 12-13, 2007
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Motivation

Informatics (computer science) is a thriving science yet its brief history is barely credited as an academic discipline. The existing body of historical literature, while small, includes some brilliant contributions, especially biographical and technological chronicles, as well as some excellent anecdotal treatments. Nevertheless, the methods and didactical approaches for examining the history of informatics are poorly developed; the number of conferences and journals dealing with these issues is few, as is the number of young scientists doing scientific research on the history of informatics. This is not because these topics are uninteresting or irrelevant; rather, the conditions for methodically well-founded research are lacking. The motivation of MEDICHI 2007 is to contribute towards making the "history of informatics" an accepted science and a valued component of Informatics education and research.

The focus of the workshop is on the issues of the methodology and didactics of the history of informatics. The workshop will not be restricted to these issues only, and contributions on any other aspects of the history of informatics will be considered.

We expect original contributions in a length not longer than 10 pages. All papers accepted by the program committee will be printed in the conference proceedings. The best 5 papers will be considered for publication in a special issue of the IEEE Annals of the History of Computing.

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Beside the scientific aims, the MEDICHI 2007 Workshop will be the venue for awarding the prizes of the 2007 - Wolfgang von Kempelen Prize for Computing Science History.

Organization

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Important Dates

Submissions of full papers:
December 11, 2006

Notification of acceptance:
February 1, 2007

Preliminary Finals and
Position Papers:
March 1, 2007

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