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Title: Alan Turing 100 Celebration

Event Type: Conference-Workshop

Location:

ECS 660, Computer Science, University of Victoria

Dates:

June 22, 2012

Topic:

Alan Turing: his life and works

Methodology:

presentation of Alan Turing's papers, plus talk about life, film about life, lunch, cake and coffee and presentation by cryptanalyst who worked with him at Bletchley Park.

Objectives Achieved:

Educational and inspirational: Brought attention to the mathematical underpinnings of computer science and the significance of the contributions of Alan Turing, as well as the women cryptanalysts who worked with him during WW II.

Organizers:

All in or retired from the CS dept UVic: Croft, Heather (admin)// Ellis, John// German, Daniel// Kapron, Bruce// King, Valerie// Srinivasan, Venkatesh// van Emden, Maarten//

Speakers:

Bailey, Olive (retired cryptanalyst from Bletchley Park)// Druce, Frances (retired cryptanalyst from Bletchley Park)// Ellis, John: Turing's Seminal 1936 Paper// German, Daniel: Life of Alan Turing// Kapron, Bruce: The history of the Entscheidungsproblem, from Lull to Turing and beyond // Srinivasan, Venkatesh: The Enigma machine and Turing's Cryptanalysis van Emden, Martin: The Turing Test and Searle's "Chinese Room"//

Links:

<http://www.csc.uvic.ca/Events/turing100>

Comments / Miscellaneous:

Estimated 100 people in attendance, from the greater campus and community and as well as our grad students and some undergrads. Despite repeated urgings, very few filled out the forms I think it doesn't make sense for me to fill out all the statistics as they're meaningless considering only 20% responded.
