

Report on the 10th Women in Computability program

The 10th Women in Computability program was organized during the annual conference Computability in Europe (CiE), held from 27 June to 1 July 2016 in Paris. This program is run by the Association Computability in Europe association since 2007 and comprised this year a workshop, a diner, a mentoring program and a granting scheme for young female researchers. In previous years this program was sponsored by Elsevier and this was the first year that ACM-Women sponsored the program.

Women in Computability Travel Grants

For this year's program, we could offer a few travel grants of 250 EUR to young female researchers. Submissions had to be sent to Liesbeth De Mol and included a cv and information for an academic reference. We received four requests for grants from PhD students:

Rakshan Harifi (University of Tehran)

Kelsey Horan (CUNY)

Tahereh Jafarikhah (CUNY, New York)

Sabrina Ouazzani (Université de Montpellier)

Regretfully, two students had to cancel their participation in the last minute (visa problems and a missed PhD deadline) so in the end we only gave two grants of 250 EUR.

Mentoring Program

We received several requests from women who volunteered to be mentors but due to the cancellations of the grantees there were only two mentees who signed up: Kelsey Horan and Rose Weisshaar. Kelsey Horan was mentored by Natasja Jonoska and Rose Weisshaar by Delaram Kahrobaei. They met several times during CiE and it is our hope that they will stay in touch after the meeting.

WiC workshop and diner

The WiC workshop and diner is the main event of the WiC program. The idea behind the workshop is to invite three senior women who talk about their personal experiences, not just their career but also more personal issues. These short talks are followed by an open discussion. This year we decided to slightly change the format and invited one historian (Ksenia Tatarchenko) to offer a historical perspective on women in computing. The speakers were:

Ksenia Tatarchenko

Natasha Alechina

Delaram Kahrobaei

The workshop is open to every CiE participant and has proven to be very succesful in the past. This was also the case this year and we received several enthousiastic reactions. Also there were some participants who had never heard about the program before and have now spread the news in their respective communities. There were about 25 participants of which about 20 also joined for diner afterwards. The costs for diner were: 620 EUR

WiC meeting

Since last year we have formed a small informal group of people who have been actively involved with the WiC program in the past to evaluate the program and discuss options for the future of the

WiC program. We had a lunch meeting on Monday 27 June with six people. The new ACiE constitution includes the possibility to initiate a special interest group and it was decided during that meeting that, given the succes of the WiC program, we would propose to the ACiE council to establish a SIGWIC. This was done during the General Assembly on Thursday 30 June and we are confident that the council will approve of this proposal. The costs for the lunch were: 106.20 EUR

An ACiE special interest group Women in Computability

In 2015 a new constitution for the Association Computability in Europe was approved. This also allows for the constitution of special interest groups of the Association. During the ACiE General Assembly we proposed the foundation of a special interest group Women in Computability. This has now been approved by the council and we are making arrangements to set this up in a more concrete manner.