

HiNC3

The third IFIP WG 9.7 Working Conference on History of Nordic Computing

Application and use of
ICT in private
enterprises, public
administration, and
for the individual's
personal use

1950 - 1995

18-20 October 2010
Kista, Stockholm
Sweden



History of Nordic Computing 2010

The first and second conferences on the history of Nordic computing, organized in Trondheim (2003) and Turku (2007) respectively, were very successful and acquired a great deal of interest from ICT professionals and academics as well as from historians of technology. Therefore these conferences will now be followed by a third, which will take place in Kista, Stockholm, October 2010.

The conference will also honour the successful completion of a project on Swedish ICT history. Called "From Computing Machines to IT", the Swedish Computer Society initiated the project with the support of the Division of History of Science and Technology at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) and the National Museum of Science and Technology.

Aim of the Conference

The aim of the HiNC series of conferences is:

to re-examine our past and to extract experience and knowledge that we may use to make wiser decisions about future endeavours in developing and making use of information technology in the Nordic countries.

History


At large, the HiNC series of conferences provides a vehicle for bringing together Nordic collective memory regarding development of hardware and software as well as methodology and areas of usage of computers. However, while development of technology is fairly well documented, less is written about the development of its use and about the ways in which ICT usage and users are affected by the technical development.



Skyveiv over Oldtown in Stockholm



Department of Computer and System Sciences
in Kista



The conference is organized as an activity within IFIP's Working Group 9.7 (History of Computing) of its Technical Committee 9 (Relationship between Computers and Society). It is sponsored and organised jointly by the Department of Computer and Systems Sciences at Stockholm University and the Swedish Computer Society.

Nordic computing took off with hardware development such as BESK, DASK, and other machines. From there it has evolved into all aspects of information technology development and use. Information and communication technology has spread into and penetrated all areas of modern society.

When contemplating the past sixty years, a number of questions may be asked:

- Why and how did we arrive to the position where we are now? Could we have done better or otherwise?
- What, in the past, did we do well and which decisions were less fortunate? What can we learn from the past? How should we continue in the future?

Conference Themes


HiNC3 will focus on the following main themes:

- The application and use of ICT in private enterprises as well as in public administration, and for the individual's personal use.
- How the conditions for developing and using IT systems have been affected by technical progress in areas such as user interaction and networks.

The historical time period that will be at the centre of attention during the conference covers the period from around 1970 up until around 1995. This leads up to the beginning of the Internet and global networks era.

Conference Program

The conference features contributions from more than 50 researchers and IT professionals coming from all Nordic countries. All contributions have been reviewed by an international program committee. Keynote speeches will be given by Dr James Cortada, IBM, USA and Dr Ivar Jacobsson. There will also be a project presentation and a panel discussion.



Conference Venue

The conference will take place at the Department of Computer and Systems Sciences at Stockholm University in Kista north of Stockholm City. For more information please view: <http://dsv.su.se/hinc3/>. Questions concerning local arrangements can be directed to hinc3org@dsv.su.se

Conference Organisation

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Conference Fee

Earlybird fee (until September 15): 3 000 SEK (incl. VAT)

Latebird fee (after September 15): 3 500 SEK (incl. VAT)

Extra conference dinner ticket: 750 SEK (incl. VAT)

Payment includes all conference sessions, the post-conference book, the Welcome Reception, the Conference Dinner, one lunch, and all morning and afternoon coffees.

The Payment Details

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