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Leopoldina Lecture

Algorithms and Programs - My Fascination for Informatics

Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. mult. Kurt Mehlhorn | Max Planck Institute for Informatics

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On the occasion of the meeting of the Leopoldina Presidium on April 25, 2018, in Saarbrücken, the President of the Leopoldina, Prof. Dr. Jörg Hacker, and Prof. Dr. Dr. Thomas Lengauer, Director at the Max Planck Institute for Informatics, invite to an open lecture.

The speaker, Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. mult. Kurt Mehlhorn, is Director at the Max Planck Institute for Informatics in Saarbrücken and its founding director.

Informatics (Computer Science) has changed the world and will continue to change it. Information technology affects all aspects of our lives; how we communicate, work, search, play, produce, manage, etc. The usefulness of informatics sometimes obscures its scientific depth, beauty, and fascination.

Prof. Mehlhorn will talk about his fascination for Informatics. He will do so under the headings: (1) Early Fascination, (2) Computation and Laws of Computation, (3) A Mathematician in the Morning, an Engineer in the Afternoon, (4) Connections to Other Fields, and (5) Future.

Informatics was introduced in Germany as a field of study in 1968. The speaker started university studies (Mathematics and Physics) in 1968, and a friend convinced him to also attend the course “Einführung in die Informatik (Introduction to Computer Science)”.