

FORTRAN FORUM 85

As in 1981 a Fortran Forum was held at the Institute of Education, London, to take advantage of the presence in the UK of members of the US Fortran committee. The Forum took place on 15 July 1985. The speakers had been attending an ANSI X3J3 meeting in Oxford the previous week.

No formal report of the meeting is available for digitization. This document includes the agenda, from the minutes of the Fortran Specialist Group meeting of June 1985, and the post-event review from the FSG meeting of September 1985.

PROGRAMME

09.45	Registration and Coffee
10.15	Introduction John Reid
10.20	Development of Fortran 8x Jeanne Adams
10.40	Overview of Fortran 8x Walt Brainerd
11.40	Array Features Alan Wilson
12.40	Lunch
14.00	Data abstraction Jerry Wagener
15.00	I/O Extensions Jim Matheny
15.30	Tea
15.50	Deprecated features Lawrie Schonfelder
16.10	Panel Discussion (Panel members: all X3J3 members present)
17.00	Close

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Chris Lazou (ULCC), chief organiser of "Fortran Forum 85" which took place at the Institute of Education, London in July reported that the BCS Conference Section had not yet processed all the receipts but the likelihood was that our Group probably made a profit of between £500 - £1000. It was certainly successful in terms of numbers with about 130 - 140 attending. The visiting X3J3 speakers were very pleased with the Forum, indicating that it was the liveliest and most thought-provoking of the various "Fortran Forums" which had been arranged at different locations in the USA and Europe over the last year or so.

The BCS Fortran Specialist Group committee apologise to all attendees on the quality of the accommodation, which was very substandard. It was assumed we would be allocated a much better room at the Institute like at the previous Forum. Nor was the buffet up to our expectations. But we did have a problem in that we only had about 30 bookings a few weeks before the event with a last minute rush which we could not anticipate.

The opinion of the September meeting was that we should organise another Forum for the Summer of 1986. Hopefully the final "8X" draft will be available early next year and a Forum would provide everyone ideal opportunity to hear, comment on and influence its content. Therefore it is the intention of your committee to organise such an event. This time we promise you a superior venue and an excellent lunch. (As a wine enthusiast I shall personally choose this item!) We will advertise this event in the new year. We hope to bring some ANSI representatives across the Atlantic specially for it.

Finally, the Fortran Committee wish to thank Chris Lazou for his outstanding efforts in making sure "FF85" was a success.

[The next Fortran Forum was held on 23 November 1987.]