Władysław M. Turski

Der bestimmte Himmel über mir und das moralische Gesetz in mir.1

Kritik der praktischen Vernunft
Immanuel Kant

We are happy to celebrate 65th birthday of Professor Władysław M. Turski. Leading scientists from around the world have come to the workshop devoted to this occasion. Talks at the event will shed light on orderly software development — the hard core of constructing the reliable software.

Professor Turski obtained a first class honors degree in astronomy at University of Lomonosov in Moscow in 1960, and then in 1962 a PhD degree at Warsaw University. Already then his research used computer simulation applied to study astronomical phenomena; these were his first steps toward computer science. Next years brought many successful projects led by Professor Turski, including the development of the programming language KLIPA, which pioneered the use of hash coding in memory management, and the operating system SODA, regarded by American Computer Reviews as one of two systems that constitute European contribution to the theory and practice of operating systems.

In later years, Professor Turski’s research focused on well founded development of software systems, and concerned many aspects of program analysis ans specification, ranging from complexity of different correctness properties to models of computer programs and software development. To mention relatively recent results: in his work on specifications of system behavior, the notion of a double guard arose to allow one to capture key correctness properties of concurrent systems by local specifications. The research on development of computer systems led to the formulation of Turski’s inverse square model of system growth, now a standard tool in the analysis of computer systems evolution.

The books by Professor Turski, including ‘Informatics, A Propaedeutic View’ and ‘Computer Programming Methodology’, have become exceptionally influential and served well generations of computer scientists in Poland and abroad.

Professor Turski’s long research path led from the starry sky to the intricate area of well-founded software development; all of the journey was driven by the intrinsic need for programs that unmistakably do their job.1


First Workshop Dinner Menu

Restaurant Restauracja Polska, ul. Nowy Świat 21, phone 828-31-32, start time 20:00.

Menu:
Aperitif: Bison vodka (żubrówka) with apple juice
Entrée: Pierogi stuffed with veal or with mushrooms and cabbage (natural priorities for logical operators apply)
Soup: Silesian Sour Soup (Zur) with aromatic cepes and white sausages (or without sausages on demand)
Main Course (choice of):
  • Country style duck from stove on autumn fruits and red wine sauce
  • Crepes with spinach on tomato sauce
Desert: Homemade apple cake with vanilla sauce
Tea, Coffee, mineral water

Announcement

The ETAPS team kindly asks participants not to take dishes and cups from the lunch and coffee break areas.

What to do in Warsaw?

Music
Jazz There are a few clubs that play jazz music almost every day. You can try Dramatyczny Jazzgot, Tygmont or Jazz Bistro. We can recommend also separate concerts by Walk Away in Dekada on Monday at 21.00 and by the world famous Tomasz Stanko Quartet on Sunday (April, 13th) at 19.00.

Folk and Ancient Music We can recommend Beltaine plays music with great influence of both Dead Can Dance and eastern Europe folklore. A concert on Sunday (April, 6th) in Dramatyczny Jazzgot at 21.00. Stara Lipa plays music with middleages and renaissance roots in Aurora on Monday at 20.30. Rock There are concerts of The Damned (on Sunday, at 19.00 in Proxima), Sisters of Mercy (on Tuesday, at 19.00 in Hala Mery), Paolo Di Anno (on Wednesday, at 18.30 in Proxima), Porcupine Tree (on Thursday, at 19.00 in Proxima). (By the way, Proxima is just next to the Faculty of Biology building.)

Other There are plenty of disco and hip-hop clubs in Warsaw. Ask for suggestions in room 5750. If you want to listen to the pop music with a bit of good blues smell you can go to Giosia Kunc concert in Neo Café on Wednesday at 20.00.

Art
A splendid collection of Polish art ranging from middleages to the period between World War I and World War II can be found in The National Museum in Warsaw. We can recommend you paintings from the period of Young Poland (the end of 19th century and the beginning of 20th century). The paintings have a very special delicate mood. Stanisław Wy- spiński, Jacek Malczewski and Józef Chelm- onski are really worth seeing. The museum presents also a unique exposition of Coptic christian cloths which were excavated by Polish archeologists in Egypt. There is also a temporary exhibition of western European masters there. Just to enumerate a few names: Anthony van Dyck, Philippe de Champaigne, Isaac de Moucheron.

Photography
There is an exhibition of Polish photo-montage from the period between World War I and World War II. It is located in Zachęta (it hosts also paintings by Jerzy Nowosielski mentioned yesterday). There is an exhibition of photographs taken in Iraq before the war. It is presented in Galeria ‘Dong Nam’. The same place offers nice paintings from the area of Turkmenistan.

Weather forecast1
Today Slightly below 0°C, but a strong wind will make it feel like −15°C. Pressure slightly changing around 1000 hPa. It will be snowing from the overcast sky.

Tomorrow Below 0°C. Equally cold as the day before. The overcast sky will give a little snow. A little bit lighter wind. Pressure will rise from 1010 hPa to 1015 hPa. The night snow will last till the morning so that you will have an occasion to observe the beauty of Polish winter.

1 The weather forecast is based on materials from Interdisciplinary Centre for Mathematical and Computational Modelling, Warsaw University. If you are interested in a more detailed forecast, see page http://weather.imu.edu.pl/index2en.php?ver=.

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