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ACCU Bletchley Park Autumn Fundraising Conference 2010

6 November 2010 at Bletchley Park

**ACCU is proud to announce its 2010 Security Conference at
Bletchley Park**

Each year the ACCU organises a one day conference on security to raise money for the Bletchley Park Trust, the body which runs Bletchley Park, the World War II UK cryptography centre where the legendary German 'Enigma' code was first cracked, and for The National Museum of Computing, also housed at Bletchley Park.

The three speakers at this year's conference have now been confirmed, and they are **Bruce Schneier**, **Whitfield Diffie** and **Andy Clark**, all well known figures to those in the programming and security industries.

Bruce Schneier is one of the few people in the security industry whose name is familiar to those outside. A cryptographer and computer security specialist, he is the author of 'Applied Cryptography' one of the standard texts used by programmers working to secure the programs they build. He writes a regular, popular, newsletter, 'Crypto-Gram,' which not only explains the issues in layman's terms, but also alerts readers to new and ongoing security problems. He is currently the founder and chief technology officer of BT Counterpane. His personal web site is at <<http://www.schneier.com/>>.

Whitfield Diffie is a Cryptographer and a pioneer of public-key cryptography. Together with Martin Hellman he developed the widely used Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol, which allows cryptographic keys to be exchanged safely - one of the fundamental problems of cryptography. He was, until recently, Chief Security Officer at Sun Microsystems, and is currently Vice President for Information Security and Cryptography at the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN). We were unable to locate a personal web site for Whitfield Diffie - perhaps we shouldn't be surprised!

Andy Clark is an internationally recognised expert on information security and cryptography. He has worked in the field for four decades and is currently Head of Forensics at Detica. He is a Past President and now a Fellow of the International Association for Cryptologic Research, and a Director and Trustee of The

National Museum of Computing.

Last year's speakers were Dr Tony Sale, leader of the team that reconstructed the original code-cracking Colossus machine, Phil Zimmermann of Pretty Good Privacy fame, and author Simon Singh.

All the proceeds from this conference will be shared equally between the Bletchley Park Trust and The National Museum of Computing to help with the upkeep of the Bletchley Park site, and to support the Museum.

- Ends -

Editors Notes:

To attend the conference, the cost per delegate will be £100.

The Organiser and Sponsor of the conference is ACCU, a voluntary non-profit organisation of programmers who care about professionalism in programming and are dedicated to raising the standard of programming. <<http://accu.org/>>

The Bletchley Park Trust seeks to preserve the National Codes Centre at Bletchley Park, home of the UK's World War II code cracking experts, and site of the world's first programmable computer, Colossus. <<http://www.bletchleypark.org.uk/>>

The National Museum of Computing is a trust dedicated to showing the development of computing in its broadest sense from the pioneering war time efforts that resulted in Colossus, to the products and systems we use today. <<http://www.tnmoc.org>>

Events management is provided courtesy of Archer Yates Associates, specialists in event and conference management. <<http://www.archer-yates.co.uk/>>

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Additional Editors' Information

- Cost of the Annual Season Ticket is: adults £10, concessions £8 (OAPs and student with valid ID card), children £6 (aged 12 to 16 - children under 12 admitted free of charge) and a family ticket £22.50 (two adults and two children aged 12 to 16). Tickets include a guided tour (subject to availability) and/or the use of an audio guide. On-site parking is £3 per car.
- Bletchley Park is open every day except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day:
 - 1 November to 31 March: weekdays, weekends and Bank Holidays 10.30am - 4.00pm.
 - 1 April to 31 October: weekdays 9.30am - 5.00pm, weekends and Bank Holidays 10.30am - 5.00pm.

- Photographs are available as jpegs on request

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