# "What happened to the Oxford boxes"?

# WG2.1/#68 in Rome (1962-2012)

2012 — Celebrating WG2.1 50th anniversary.

Recall the talks by Jeremy and Lambert, etc.



# **Braga District Archives (ADB)**



# **Sponsorship**



Successful company selling business software solutions whose origin (1993) intersects with Minho's computer science department.



**Protocol** WG2.1  $\leftrightarrow$  ADB (17-11-2017)

Boxes leave **Oxford** by the end of 2017

Archivists work: Jan-June 2018



# Boxes arrive in **Braga**:





Archive work
— inventory,
classification,
... — **1509**items in
total.





# Sorting, indexing...



...eventually (re)boxing everything into labelled acid-free card boxes



23 January 2007

Dear Jeremy

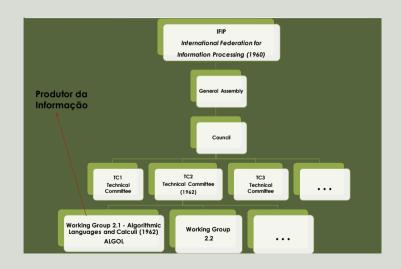
In clearing out my office before I leave, I have come across further material relating to the Algol 68 Transput Task Force, as enclosed. Do with it what you will!

Yours sincerely

C.J. Cheney

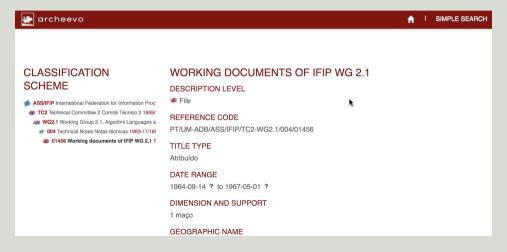


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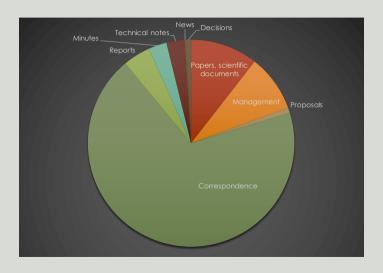


# Migration to the ADB IS

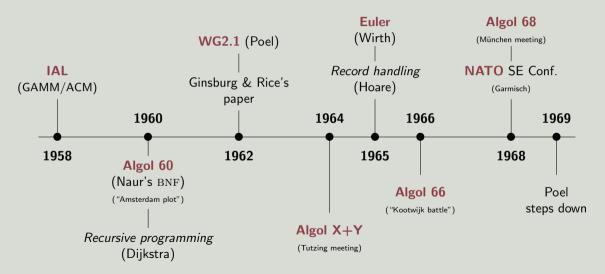
#### Web interface



# **WG2.1** archive structure (1959-2007)



# "Algol effort"



# WG2.1 — "turning point" (1966)

Carbon copy of Floyd's paper in the collection:

ROBERT W. FLOYD

ASSIGNING MEANINGS TO PROGRAMS

May 20, 1966

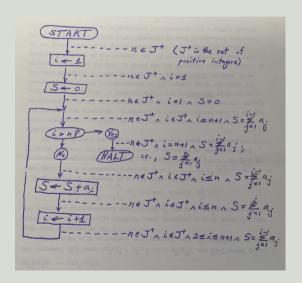
#### Introduction

This paper attempts to provide an adequate basis for formal definitions of the meanings of programs in appropriately defined programming languages, in such a way that a rigorous standard is established for proofs about computer programs, including proofs of correctness, equivalence, and termination. The basis of our approach is the notion of an

# WG2.1 — "turning point" (1966)

Annotated flowcharts drawn by Floyd himself:

(TC2-WG2.1/004/01456)



# WG2.1 — "turning point" (1968)

#### Summary.

This paper illustrates the manner in which the axiomatic method may be applied to the rigorous definition of a programming language. It deals with the dynamic aspects of the behaviour of a program, which is an aspect considered to be most far removed from traditional mathematics. However, it appears that the axiomatic method not only shows how programming is closely related to traditional branches of logic and mathematics, but also formalises the techniques which may be used to prove the correctness of a program over its intended area of application.

Preprint of Tony Hoare's Axiomatic method as it circulated in the group.

# Lively meetings — as today!

"Battle of Kootwijk" (1966)

Dear Member of WG 2.1

As I have heard that at least one of you has not received a copy of the report of the "Battle of Kootwijk", I enclose another copy in this letter. I do not understand how this could happen. The report was sent around to all members immediately after the Kootwijk meeting. If the Dutch Postal Service is the culprit, my apologies.

# Dijkstra's farewell letter (1969)

I will not do so, however, without expressing my great regret that I feel compelled to do so, as many of its members have become very dear to me, both as experts in their fields and as personal friends; it makes me sad to have to say some sort of "Good Bye" to them.

"Fare thee well, for I must leave thee,
Do not let the parting grieve thee,
And remember that the best of friends must part...."

Yours ever

Edsger W.Dijkstra

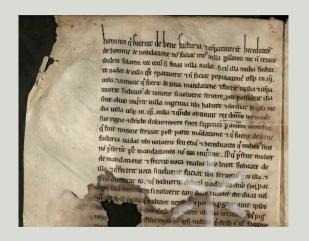
# Dijkstra's farewell letter (1969)

# There is a Tavern in the Town (1891) A drinking ballad sung by miners in Cornwall, England Fare thee well, for I must leave thee, Do not let this par -ting grieve thee, And re - mem -ber that the best of friends must part, must part...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>From "There is a tavern in the town", drinking ballad appearing in *Student Songs* (William H. Hill). Became world-wide popular by Bing Crosby (1950s).

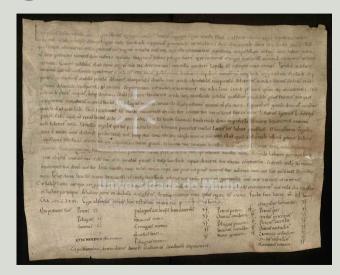
# WG2.1 new neighbours

WG2.1 minutes now living close to others — eg. of a meeting in which king Teodomiro re-structures the Suevi kingdom (Braga, 569, 1st of January)



# WG2.1 new neighbours

Also making friends with Afonso Henriques, first king of Portugal (1128)



# June 20th

Last event of ADB's centenary celebrations — presenting the collection in the ADB lounge.



# June 20th



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