Director’s Matters

On November 13, Maryland staff joined physicists and historians from the DC area for an unusual event at ACP. About 60 people heard a talk about the motives of Klaus Fuchs, the physicist who gave Stalin the secret of the plutonium bomb. Historian Nancy Greenspan described a single year in Fuchs’s life before he became a spy.

In 1939 Fuchs (right), a German Jew and Communist who had fled from the Nazis, was working in Britain under the Nobel physicist Max Born. (Greenspan got interested in Fuchs while researching her well-received biography of Born, *The End of the Certain World*.) Fuchs and other refugees were arrested as “enemy aliens” and sent to internment camps under horrible conditions. Sometimes the refugees were packed together almost too close to move, without access to food or even toilet facilities. When Fuchs was released and moved on to the atomic project at Los Alamos, Greenspan believes he no longer felt any loyalty to the country that had mistreated him.

Another physicist who went from Britain to Los Alamos, Tony French (left), gave his own reminiscences of Fuchs and the project. (I was fortunate to be taught by French in several of my undergraduate physics courses at MIT.) In his student days at the University of Cambridge, French helped detect the nuclear reaction that would power the hydrogen bomb. The talks and a reception that followed were sponsored by the Friends of the Center for History of Physics—Greenspan remarked that our Niels Bohr Library is the most helpful of the many archives she has used. Such events tie us in a better way to our local community, and raise awareness of AIP's History Center and Library.

Sincerely yours,

Fred

Publishing Matters

27th Annual Charleston Conference

In early November, several members of the AIP Publishing Center staff made the annual pilgrimage to Charleston, South Carolina, for the 27th Annual Charleston Conference on issues in book and serial acquisition. This is a rare conference where librarians, publishers, and other vendors are equally represented, and where the mood is collegial and informal—the better to foster debate and discussion as we all navigate the changes brought on by electronic publishing and Web 2.0 technologies. Staying on top of the latest trends in library purchasing, user behavior, new business models, such as open access, and the integration of new technologies into the centuries-old journal publishing enterprise will help inform AIP, and the Charleston Conference is a key venue for exposing staff to these ideas.

Physics Resource Center Matters

The History Center Newsletter has gone green

The Fall issue of the AIP Center for History's Newsletter proudly carries the new logo shown here. The newsletter is now part of the growing effort to recycle and otherwise help reduce global warming. For a few years we have been using recycled paper, but now the logo verifies the newsletter will be printed on FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified paper, relying on sustainable forestry. An added tag line
explains that our printer, Harris LithoGraphics, is 100 percent wind powered (it's also the first FSC printing company in the USA). Not only is the paper recycled and the energy used to create it renewable, but the ink is vegetable-based, another sustainable, non-toxic resource. The Fall issue is online.

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