

## Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Information Theory in Siberia

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Information Theory a special symposium on the subject was organized within the framework of the Congress on Applied and Industrial Mathematics which was held in Novosibirsk scientific center, Russia, in June 22–27, 1998. The congress was sponsored by Russian Foundation for Basic Research.

The technical program of the symposium included a Congress plenary talk titled “50 years of Information Theory” by Rudolf Ahlswede, University of Bielefeld, Germany. Other highlights included two symposium plenary talks: “Universal coding via games” by Flemming Topsøe, University of Copenhagen, Denmark and “Fast and efficient method of constructing an unbiased random sequence” by Boris Ryabko and Elena Matchikina, Siberian State Univ. of Telecom. and Inform. Sciences (SibSUTIS), Russia. The symposium also included a variety of session talks.

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