



# Dagstuhl Seminars, Shonan Meetings

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# Before Dagstuhl was Dagstuhl...



Fortress  
13th–18th  
centuries

von Sötern  
mansion  
18th century



de Lasalle  
family mansion  
19th and 20th century





# Schloss Dagstuhl – Leibniz Center for Informatics

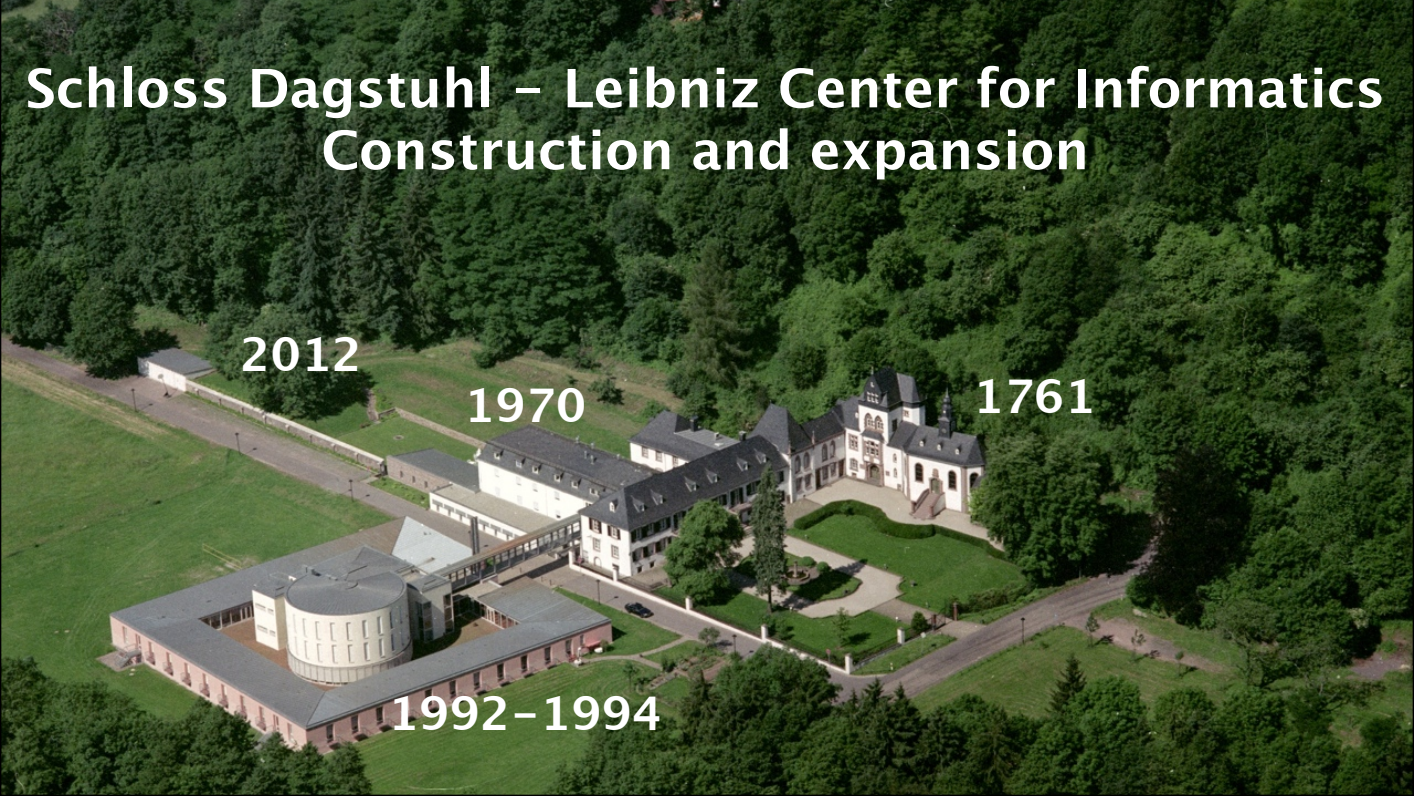
## Construction and expansion

2012

1970

1761

1992–1994



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- Gesellschaft für Informatik (GI)
- Universität des Saarlandes
- TU Darmstadt
- Universität Trier
- Universität Stuttgart
- Universität Frankfurt
- KIT Karlsruhe
- TU Kaiserslautern
- Max Planck Gesellschaft
- INRIA France
- CWI Netherlands



**What's next?** **New projects and partners**

2012: 13000 overnight stays

**Staff expansion**

**Institutional consolidation**

**Dagstuhl's founding**

Leibniz  
Association  
membership,  
federal/state  
funding

Creation  
scientific  
staff

DBLP,  
Coop. UTrier

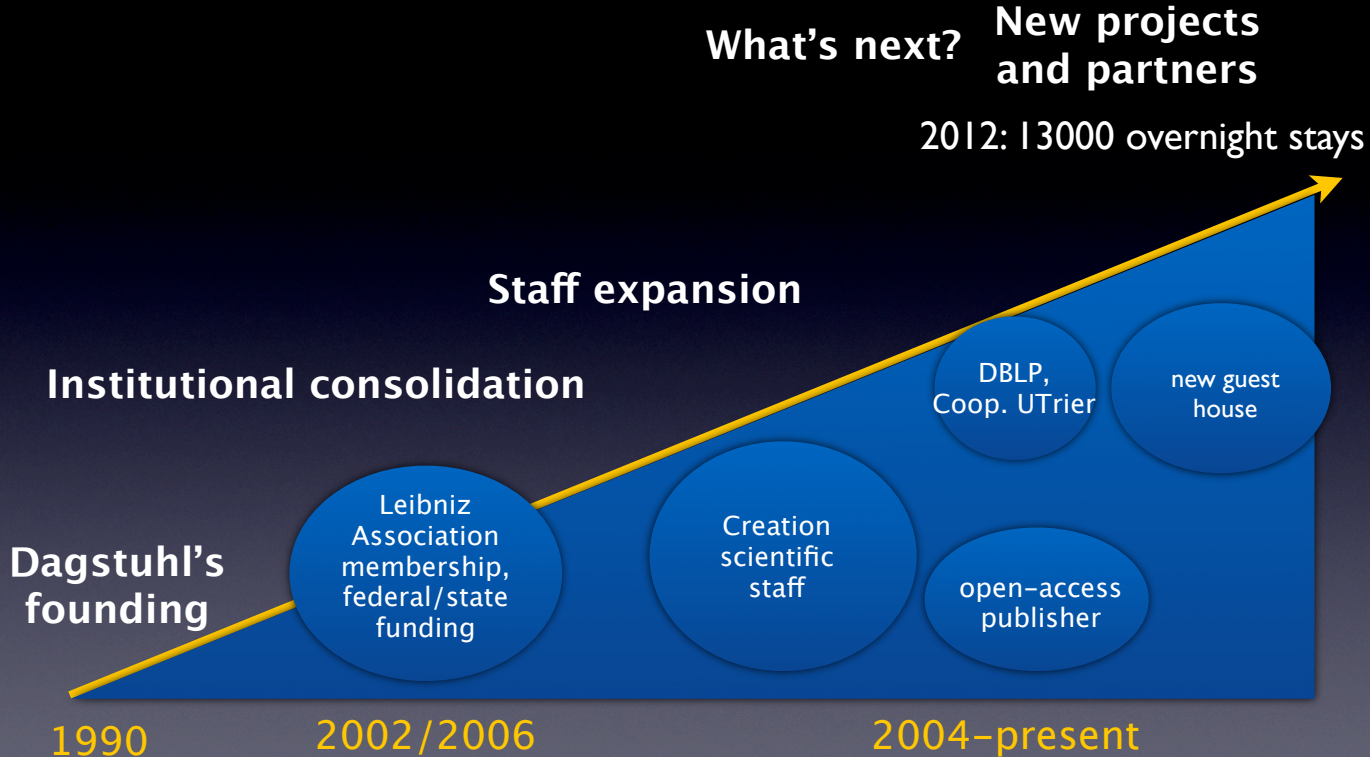
new guest  
house

open-access  
publisher

1990

2002/2006

2004-present



# ACM Turing Award Winners at Dagstuhl

O.-J. Dahl

R. Karp

M. Rabin

A.C. Yao

R. Rivest

D. Knuth

J. Hartmanis

E.W. Dijkstra

D. Scott

R.E. Stearns

A. Pnueli

E.A. Emerson

T. Hoare

R. Milner

A. Shamir

F. Brooks

W. Kahn

P. Naur

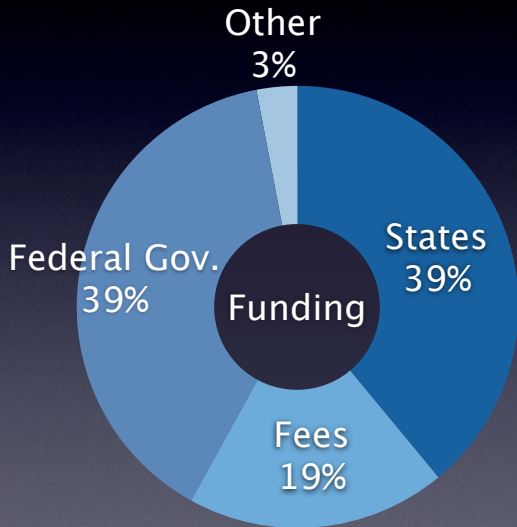
B. Lampson

E.M. Clarke

L. Valiant



# Funding



# Dagstuhl's Happy Diner Problem

What is the minimum number of meals so that each of  $n$  conference participants can share at least one meal with every other participant when eating at tables of at most  $t$  persons? Are there simple algorithms approaching this minimum number?

– found on Sarah Holiday's Problem Page  
attributed to Maurice Queyranne



# Scientific Program

- Dagstuhl Seminars (state-of-the-art research)
- Dagstuhl Perspectives Workshops (reflections about research agenda)
- Summer Schools, GI-Dagstuhl Seminars, Workshops
- Project Meetings, Research Visits
- Publications (open-access publication of proceedings, journals)

# Dagstuhl Seminars

- 35–50 scientists (25% junior), by invitation only
- 3–5 days at Dagstuhl
- open program where ideas and ongoing work take center stage
- seminars are selected from proposals

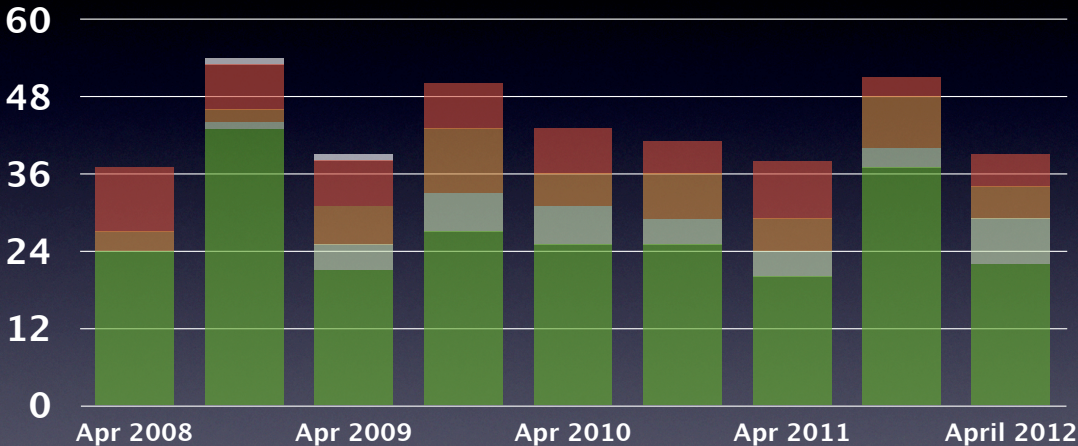




**Some statistics....**

# Seminar Proposals

by submission deadline



accepted  
rejected

asked to modify  
changed to meeting

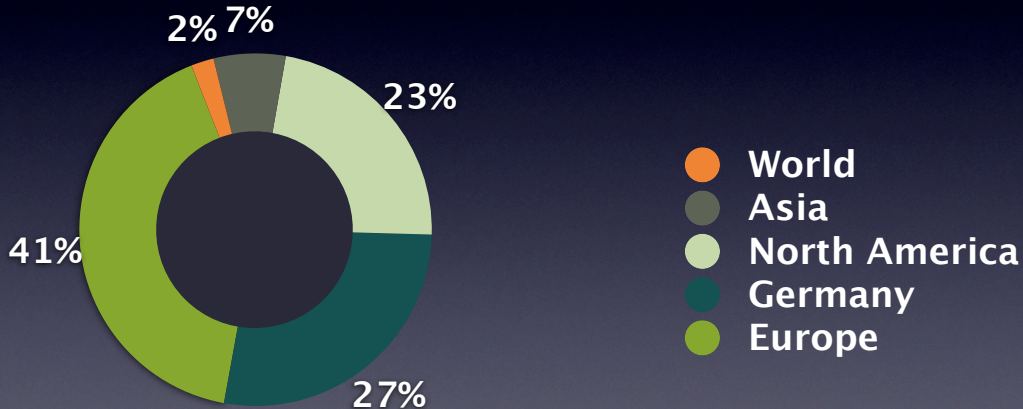
asked to resubmit  
under review





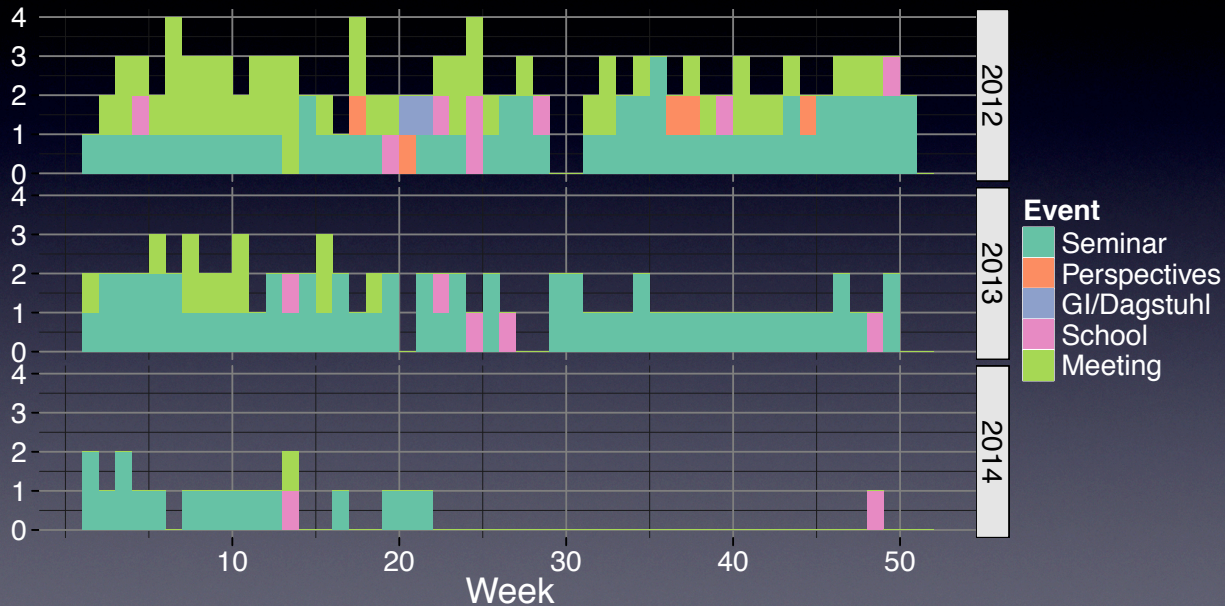
# Internationality

Origin of participants of Dagstuhl Seminars and Perspectives WS in 2011



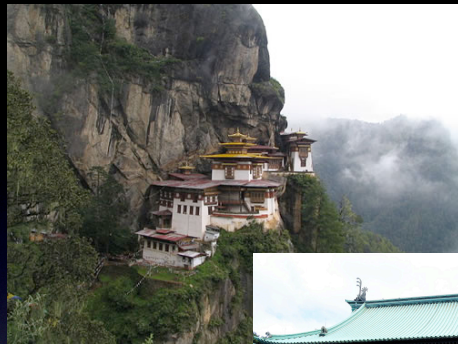
# Schedule

as of September 2012



# The Dagstuhl Concept





A “research monastery”

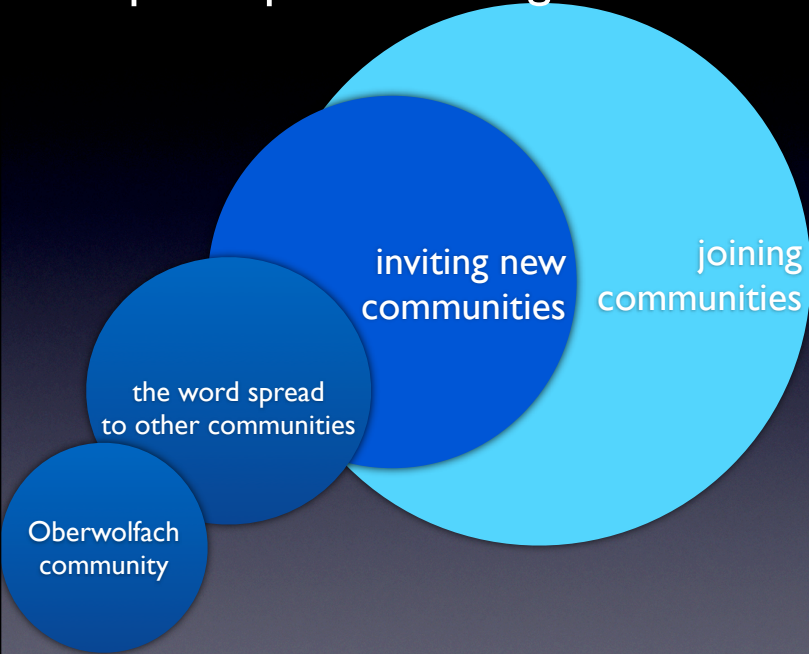


# Why does Dagstuhl work?

- Fostering **communication** – inter-personal, not computer-mediated
- Creating an atmosphere of **trust** – no keys, consumption with self accounting
- Guaranteed **quality** – trying to estimate the potential of proposals
- Achieving **interdisciplinarity**



# How participation in Dagstuhl developed





# Dagstuhl's Scientific Program: Two examples

“The Constraint Satisfaction Problem:  
Complexity and Approximability” (Dagstuhl  
Seminar 12451),  
November 4–9, 2012

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“Publication Culture in Computing  
Research” (Dagstuhl Perspectives Workshop  
12452), November 6–9, 2012



# Limitations and challenges



- **Non-communicating** communities – high on economic incentives, low on mutual trust
- The **traveling-researcher** problem – has one project review each week
- **Short-sightedness** in industry – D more important than R
- Wars, terrorism, ash clouds, earthquakes, ...

# Can Dagstuhl be successfully copied?

- Dagstuhl's full schedule, long lead time – there is room for another instance
- Point to the proof of concept
- Build on regional area strongholds – enough in Asia
- Exploit researchers' curiosity
- So, why not?







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