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Report on
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Didactics of Informatics**
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Acquiring a PhD in any subject has been possible only in the last twentieth years in Hungary. To take degree in didactics, especially didactics of informatics is still very difficult. There are not enough forums for the PhD students where they could report of their research work and results.

The Faculties of Informatics of the three Hungarian universities (University of Debrecen, Eötvös Loránd University, and University of Szeged) and the INFO ÉRA Foundation organized a conference on didactics of informatics. PhD students, their supervisors, school-teachers supervising teacher-trainees and university professors were mainly expected, but the conference was open for everybody who was interested in the topic and wanted to share and discuss his or her problems with others.

The main topics of the conference were the followings:

- Didactics of informatics: general problems of teaching informatics.
- Methodology of informatics: special problems of teaching informatics.

- Subject philosophy of informatics.
- Subject pedagogy of informatics.
- The role of the informatics tools in the subjects different from informatics.

The language of the conference was Hungarian. The conference had 47 participants. There were 15 submitted talks reviewed by two referees. According to the referees' reports the Programme Committee accepted 14 talks to present. They were recorded and distributed on CDs. The best talks are published in this special issue.

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