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ENIAC DAY- ENIAC 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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[WEST CHESTER, PA February 15, 2021] — Compuseum, Inc. is pleased to announce its support for the worldwide celebration of ENIAC Day, the 75th anniversary of the first operation of the ENIAC, the world’s first all-electronic, programmable computer, and the launch of the Computer Age. The celebration highlights noteworthy contributions of ENIAC to the computer generation and the role Philadelphia played as the foundry of modern computing. On February 15th, we encourage all of you to give a shout out and a special acknowledgment to the people who created this transformative machine including John Mauchly, J. Presper Eckert and founding programmers Betty Jean Jennings (later Bartik), Kay McNulty (later Mauchly Antonelli), Frances Bilas (later Spence), Marlyn Wescoff (later Meltzer), Betty Snyder (later Holberton) and Ruth Lichterman (later Teitelbaum) {See <http://eniacprogrammers.org> for more information}. While COVID pandemic precludes in-person celebrations, the legacy of the ENIAC lives on in the technologies we will all use to celebrate in digital, virtual mode. The Coronavirus epidemic has brought challenges not normally seen, yet Compuseum has sought to bring together a comprehensive celebration of the important role the ENIAC has played at the crucible of the computer age at www.ENIACDay.org web site.

Fortunately, people, educators, supporters and participants are resilient — and we are finding ways to stay connected through virtual meetings, events, and webinars on the Internet. With social distancing, masks, and quarantining being commonplace right now, technology has become even more integral to the lives of many; a fitting tribute to the ENIAC itself. And while the Internet has certainly provided people with hours of Netflix entertainment and plenty of fun, it has also played an important role in supporting one another.

On February 15th, 2021 Compuseum will virtually highlight key aspects of the ENIAC internationally at events displayed at the organizing web site at www.ENIACDay.org. ENIAC, one of the world’s greatest engineering inventions bearing the official name of “Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer”, plays an important role in providing a roadmap to future evolution of computing infrastructure. ENIAC Day aims to raise awareness of the contribution that computing machines make to our society and to celebrate the people who gathered together to design, build, install, operate and support the ENIAC. The day is held on the 15th of February each year, in recognition of the anniversary of the first launch announcement of ENIAC in 1946.

Compuseum, as sponsor of ENIAC Day, along with UNISYS, Brandywine Realty Trust, Library Company of Philadelphia, Technically Philly, Global Philadelphia, University City Science Center, the University of Pennsylvania, and more will celebrate this one day on a world-wide basis because some inventions deserve a global celebration. Celebrants will take to social media, the internet, offices, virtual meeting facilities and the airwaves to teach us what is obvious — that we all stand on the shoulders of giants and the ENIAC is a towering giant in the very short lifespan of computing. This one day also helps us to pursue a "social distanced celebration" in response to the coronavirus; showing that computing power and the internet are one of our most effective tools to remain in healthy environments.

Use Hashtag #ENIACDay on Social Media

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