

An Ode to Women in Computing Muffy Calder, October 2018

This lecture celebrates women in Computing
Our contribution is enormous, there is no disputing
But before I begin, I want to say
Thank you to some women who helped me on my way

Thank you's begin with Ursula Martin
Just as my career was starting
She examined my thesis – the viva was tough
Then she smiled and said I'd passed, I'd done enough

Carron Shankland was my first PhD
Now Professor, Stirling University

Alice Miller is an expert in Spin
We proved in Firewire, only one process will win

Oana Andrei is a master of PCTL
We make temporal properties that show if software's used well

Marta Kwiatkowska developed PRISM
It's my go-to model checker, and she is full of wisdom

Thank you Jane Hillston for process algebra with rates
PEPA's the name - for biology it is great

Wendy Hall has lots of fame!
She gave us the web and its science, she's FRS and also a Dame

Julie McCann studies wireless sensors
And whether networks should be sparser or denser

mc shraefel shows how HCI is done
Committees with her are always fun

Ann Blandford has led UKCRC
Philippa and Angela, the Institutes of cyber security

Carole Goble studies data and workflow
She gave this lecture 5 years ago

For those I didn't mention, sorry I don't have time
To work you into this terrible rhyme
There is one last woman I must mention:
I didn't know Karen Spark-Jones well, but I think I was in the room when
She said those famous words: *Computing is too important to be left to men.*