



Ada-Switzerland

General Assembly 2024

Date: Thursday March 14th, 2024

Location: Café Restaurant Obergass, Schulgasse 1, 8400 Winterthur

Time: 18h30 (room available from 18h00)

Chair: Ahlan Marriott

Keeper of the Minutes: David Mirfin

Attendance:

Reto Gaberthüel

Holger Rodriguez

Ahlan Marriott (President)

David Mirfin (Vice-President)

Gautier de Montmollin

Urs Meier (ind. auditor)

Peter Vogelsanger

Urs Maurer

Nicholas Kaethner

Jacek Prorok (Treasurer)

Minutes

1. Approval of the Agenda

Item 6 was amended to include the election of a new Web Master because of Simon Zilliken's resignation. The agenda was then approved by everyone.

2. President's report

Ahlan presented his report (Appendix A).

3. Treasurer's report

Jacek presented the 2023 accounts (summary in Appendix B).

4. Report of the independent auditor

Urs Meier proposed:

"That the annual accounts 2023 be approved and Treasure, Jacek Prorok be discharged with thanks for his excellent work.

That the members of the board and especially the President, Ahlan Marriott, be thanked their voluntary work for the benefit of Ada-Switzerland and that discharge also be granted."

5. **Motion 1:** to approve the 2023 result as presented by the Treasurer.

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Approval of the re-election of the existing board members.

Motion 2: The re-election of board members or the election of a replacement should anyone volunteer to stand for election to replace an existing board member and the election of Nicholas Kaethner as the new Web Master.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Everyone thanked Simon in his absence for his excellent service as Web Master.

Everyone thanked Nicholas for volunteering to take over from Simon and welcomed him into his new position.

7. Election of the Independent Auditor for 2024.

Urs stated that he did not wish to be the independent auditor of the 2024 accounts. Everyone agreed that Urs had been an excellent independent auditor and thanked him for his work.

Holger Rodriguez volunteered to replace Urs.

Motion 3: The election of a new Independent Auditor.

Holger's election was unanimously approved, and everyone extended their thanks to him for volunteering.

8. Ada Europe conference 2025 – request for industrial presentations from Ada Switzerland members

Ahlan appealed to members to contribute presentations and reminded everyone that Ada-Switzerland offers a grant for such contributions.

Gautier told everyone that he would contribute again to the 2024 conference and was thanked by everyone for his excellent work.

9. Should there be an Ada Switzerland event in 2025?

Suggestions and ideas are invited, and members appointed to organize a chosen event.

It was agreed that there should be an event if possible and Urs Maurer was asked to investigate the cost and availability of the observatory/planetarium Sternwarte Schaffhausen to which Urs has been contributing his software engineering and astronomy skills for many years.

10. A “Swiss Ada Event 2025” would require some funding be provided by Ada Switzerland.

Motion 4: to approve the funding of this event.

Approval of this motion was unanimous provided the cost is not excessive.

11. An Ada-Europe EGA (Extraordinary General Assembly) is scheduled for 2nd April 2024. All Ada-Europe members are invited. At the EGA, Ada-Europe will formally propose the creation of a new association to eventually replace Ada-Europe.

The President of Ada-Switzerland will explain to Ada-Switzerland members the reasons for creating this new association and how this will affect Ada-Switzerland.

Ahlan explained the EGA and his explanation is the report (Appendix C).

12. Decide who will represent Ada-Switzerland at AE GA 2024 and any Ada User GAs should Ada-Switzerland become a collective member.

Motion 5: The election of Ada-Switzerland's representative at the AE GA 2024 and any Ada User GAs

David Mirfin was appointed to be Ada-Switzerland's representative and Ahlan Marriott, in his capacity as president of Ada-Switzerland, was appointed to assume the role should David, for whatever reason, not be present or able to represent Ada-Switzerland. These two appointments were unanimously agreed to.

13. Any other business

It was agreed unanimously that Ada-Switzerland needs an official membership list and that the most appropriate person to keep such a list is the Treasurer since he is the only person with an overview of who has paid to be a member.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:00.

Appendix A

Ada Switzerland: President's report 2024 delivered at the AGM held on 14-Mar-24

Members who haven't paid their dues for 2024 despite reminders (name & shame)

- None

Mutations:

- Bentejui Medina-Clavijo joined Ada-Switzerland and indirectly Ada-Europe in September last year

Consequently, we have 31 members, 27 of whom are also indirect members of Ada-Europe.

Ada-Europe

- Wishes to rename itself to “The Ada User Society” and to that end has called an extra-ordinary general assembly (EGA) to be held virtually by Zoom at 18:00 on Tuesday 2-Apr-24. The meeting is open to all members of Ada-Europe however a password will be required. This can be obtained by emailing the Ada-Europe secretary (secretary@ada-europe.org). Or myself, in which case I will forward your request to him.
- This year's conference will be held physically in Barcelona, Spain during week 24 (11 through 13-Jun-24) which we hope will attract at least 70 people.
On Tuesday 11-Jun-24 Tutorials will be offered. In the evening there will be a welcome Apéro for all conference attendees. The two-day conference will then be held on the Wednesday and Thursday.
For more details about the conference, visit the conference web site at <http://www.ada-europe.org/conference2024/>
- Next year's conference AEiC 2025 will most likely be held in France.
- Ada-Europe has arranged the publication of the Ada 2022 Reference Manual with Springer as part of their LNCS series and will be able to place a one-off bulk purchase order at a considerable discount. The Ada 2022 RM has grown to over 1100 pages and because this is too large to be printed in a single volume has been splitting into three:
 - Vol. 1, Core Language, 415 pp.
 - Vol. 2, Standard Libraries and Interfacing, 372 pp.
 - Vol. 3, Specialized Needs Annexes, Summaries, and Indexes, 320 pp.

The complete set of three volumes will be offered to the Ada-Europe membership at the special price of 70 EUR inclusive of tax, post and packaging. This is expected to be approximately half the full retail price.

Threema

- Members are reminded that Ada-Switzerland has a Threema group which they are invited to join by simply emailing me their Threema id or sending a message to HKWCWF5S

Appendix B

Ada Switzerland					
Income and Expenditure Summary					
for the Year Ending 31st December 2023					
Item	Year:	2023		2022	
		EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF
Receipts:					
Total Membership Dues Received during the Year		0.00	1'965.00	0.00	1'970.00
AEIC Receipts		0.00	0.00	14'828.17	0.00
Ada-Europe		60.00	0.00	0	0.00
Membership Book Offers		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	16.40
Interests Received		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income:		60.00	1'965.00	14'828.17	1'986.40
Outgoings:					
Ada Europe Indirect Membership Fees paid out		0.00	875.44	0.00	964.15
AEIC Payments		0.00	0.00	14'771.12	0.00
AEIC Awards (1 @EUR300)		0.00	289.00	0.00	0.00
Charitable Donations		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Swiss Ada Event		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges		61.74	60.00	59.76	50.00
Counter Pay-In Charge on Membership Dues		0.00	1.60	0.00	0.00
Internet Domain Registration		0.00	16.40	0.00	16.40
Internet Website Hosting, etc.		0.00	78.75	0.00	78.75
Stationery, Postage, etc., Expenses		0.00	38.69	0.00	0.00
AGM Expenses		0.00	215.60	0.00	301.90
Other Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outgoings:		61.74	1'575.48	14'830.88	1'411.20
Net Receipts for the Year		-1.74	389.52	-2.71	575.20
Tax on Net Receipts		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Receipts Net of Tax		-1.74	389.52	-2.71	575.20

Ada Switzerland

Balance Sheet as of 31st December 2023

Item	Period/Currency:		2023		2022	
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF		
Assets:						
Balance on PF Account on 31st Dec.	27.68	9'542.84	29.42	9'153.32		
Debtors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total Assets:	27.68	9'542.84	29.42	9'153.32		
Liabilities:						
Membership Fees for Subsequent Year(s) Received Before the End of the Current year	0.00	1'160.00	0.00	1'130.00		
Ada-Europe Dues pending for New Members (1.5 members @EUR35)	0.00	48.97	0.00	0.00		
Other Creditors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total Liabilities:	0.00	1'208.97	0.00	1'130.00		
Net Assets (1):	27.68	8'333.87	29.42	8'023.32		
Net Receipts (from Income & Expenditure sheet)	-1.74	389.52	-2.71	575.20		
Net Change in Liabilities (-ve means less indebtedness)	0.00	78.97	0.00	70.00		
Net Profit for Year (Loss if -ve)	-1.74	310.55	-2.71	505.20		
Net Assets at the End of the Previous Year	29.42	8'023.32	32.13	7'518.12		
Net Assets (2):	27.68	8'333.87	29.42	8'023.32		
Discrepancy (Net Assets (1) minus Net Assets (2))	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
EUR/CHF Exchange Rate on 31st Dec.	0.9328		0.9862			
Nominal Conversion EUR to CHF on 31st Dec.	-27.68	25.82	-29.42	29.01		
Net Assets in CHF:		8'359.69		8'052.33		

Appendix C

Ada Switzerland: President's explanation of the Ada User Society presented at the AGM held on 14-Mar-24 as Agenda item 11.

The board of Ada-Europe feels that the word Europe in the association's name is becoming a hindrance and therefore would like to rename itself.

In practice, it seems that people are not always aware that membership and participation in Ada-Europe is open to anyone in the world and not restricted to residents of Europe.

Ada-Europe was created over 40 years ago and was initially financed by EU funding and so, at that time, the suffix "Europe" made sense. However, since the ACM forced its special interest group for Ada (SIGAda) to merge into its special interest group on programming languages (SIGPlan) there is no longer any other active Ada organisation.

Calling yourself Ada-Europe when there is no other organisation in the world specifically dedicated to Ada, is even more anachronistic than before.

Unfortunately renaming an organisation can be difficult. Exactly how difficult this is, very much depends on the country in which an organisation is registered.

After a lot of thought and deliberation, the board of Ada-Europe decided that changing the name of Ada-Europe would involve so much bureaucracy that it would be simpler to create a new organisation and gradually let the new organisation take over the activities and responsibilities of the old.

However, before creating the new organisation, the board of Ada-Europe has decided to consult the membership of Ada-Europe by calling an Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) to be held by Zoom at 18:00 on Tuesday 02-Apr-24.

During this meeting, the board will seek the approval of the assembly to create a new association called the Ada User Society. The proposed statutes of the association can be obtained from the Ada User Society's web site at www.ada-user.org

Assuming that the EGA agrees to the plan, the Ada User Society will be founded on 03-Apr-24 and shortly thereafter it will ask all members of Ada-Europe to join. All members of the Ada User Society will automatically be members of Ada-Europe.

Although individuals can become members, it is hoped that members of Ada-Europe that belong to an existing Ada-Europe National Body will join as a collective.

Collective membership was designed to replace the concept of a National Body. It allows a group of people to join collectively (at a discount) and, if individuals are not present, be represented at meetings by their representative.

In the event that the Ada User Society is founded and asks Ada-Switzerland to join as a collective member, I propose that we accept and nominate, as part of motion 5, our representative for any meetings open to the Ada User Society membership.

Ada-Switzerland



Ada-Europe will continue to exist but deprived of membership fees and sponsorship it will financially shrink and eventually wither and, I suppose, at some point, die. The Ada User Society will take over the production of the Ada User Journal, the annual conference and all other activities currently performed by Ada-Europe.