



Ada-Switzerland

General Assembly 2018

Date: Thursday March 15, 2018

Location: Café Restaurant Obergass, Winterthur

Time: 18h00

Chair: Ahlan Marriott

Keeper of the Minutes: David Mirfin

Attendance:

Reto Gaberthüel

Urs Meier

Marcel Schneider (Treasurer)

Nick Kaethner (WG9 HOD)

David Mirfin (Vice-President)

Benoit Steinmetz

Ahlan Marriott (President)

Gautier de Montmollin

Peter Vogelsanger (auditor)

Urs Maurer

Ian Ross

Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. President's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Report of the independent auditor
5. Motion 1: to approve the 2017 result as presented by the Treasurer
6. Approval of the re-election of the existing board members
7. Election of the independent Auditor for 2018
8. Ada Europe conference in Lisbon, 18-22 June 2018 – request for industrial presentations from Ada Switzerland members
9. Ada Switzerland's "Swiss Ada Event" took place at HSR Rapperswil on the afternoon of Thursday 21st September 2017. Should there be another such event in 2018? Suggestions and ideas are invited, and members appointed to organize a chosen event.
10. A "Swiss Ada Event 2018" would require some funding be provided by Ada Switzerland.
Motion 2: to approve the funding of this event.
11. Shall we get a SSL certificate for the website? Sometime later this year Google Chrome will start to show huge warnings for websites that have no certificate, and I'm sure other browsers will follow. The certificate costs 19.95 CHF per year.
12. The new release of the framework our website uses, drops support for Internet Explorer 9 and older. This affects people who still use Windows XP (IE8) or Vista (IE9). If we adopt the new framework, IE8 and IE9 will be supported only until the end of 2018.
13. Other business



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Minutes

1. Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. President's report
Ahlan Marriott presented the report listed in Appendix 1.
3. Treasurer's report
Marcel Schneider presented the accounts for 2017. His report is summarized in Appendix 2.
4. Report of the independent auditor
Peter Vogelsanger presented his report.
The independent auditor's report was approved unanimously.
5. Motion 1: to approve the 2017 accounts as presented by the Treasurer
Motion 1 was carried unanimously and thereby the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.
6. Approval of the re-election of the existing board members
The members were asked if they wished to change the President and/or the Vice-President and/or the treasurer and it was unanimously agreed that no change was wanted.
7. Election of the independent Auditor for 2018
Peter Vogelsanger volunteered to audit the 2018 accounts and this was approved unanimously.
8. It was pointed out by Ahlan Marriott that it was already too late to provide industrial presentations for the Ada Europe conference in Lisbon in June 2018. It was suggested that instead members should try to contribute them to the 2019 conference.



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9. It was decided that there should be another Ada Switzerland event in 2018 and that suggestions are invited from the membership. The form of the event is open - it may be technical or social (or, of course, both).
10. It was agreed that a possible 2018 Ada Switzerland event would probably require funding from Ada Switzerland reserves if no sponsor steps forward **(for the 2017 event Paranor AG very kindly provided sponsorship and accommodation was very kindly provided by HSR Rapperswil).**

Motion 2: To approve funding for a 2018 event up to a maximum of CHF2000 without asking for membership approval.

Motion 2 was carried unanimously

11. It was agreed that it is probably unnecessary for an SSL certificate to be purchased. Instead a free option should be found.

Ian Ross agreed to support Simon Zilliken in finding a free option.

12. It was unanimously agreed that the Ada Switzerland web site shall drop support for IE9 and older browsers after the end of 2018.

13. Other business

Nick Kaethner asked for a second Ada Switzerland representative to support his work with WG9. Two representatives could discuss Ada language technical issues together and there would be a better chance of one of the representatives being available to attend WG9 meetings.

Volunteers are therefore invited from the membership for the role of second WG9 representative.



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Appendix 1

Ada Switzerland: President's report 2018 delivered at the AGM held on 15-Mar-18

Members who haven't paid their dues for 2018 despite reminders (name & shame)

- Mohamed Rabik Abdul Wahab. (Joined only last year)

Mutations:

- Reto Weiss (Paranor) has resigned (effective as of next year)
- We gained a three new members: Ian Ross (after the Ada Event in Rapperswil) and Thierry Durand and Didier Plantamp both working at the company Cimo in Monthey/VS

Consequently our membership for 2018 has grown slightly since last year. We now have 29 members, 25 of whom are also indirect members of Ada-Europe.

Ada-Europe

- Membership figures have stabilised at around 200.
- The financial position of Ada-Europe is also stable mainly due to sponsorship from small companies.
- This year's Ada-Europe conference will be held between the 18th and 22nd of June in Lisbon, Portugal.
 - 10 papers out of 27 submissions plus 4 presentations without publication in the proceedings.
 - 12 industrial presentations out of 17 submissions.
One of the accepted presentations is from Ahlan & Urs, entitled "Using Ada in non-Ada systems" and describes their work using zero foot-print Ada on ARM microprocessors.
 - Two workshops
 - 8 half day and 2 full day tutorials.
- The 2019 conference is planned to take place in Warsaw, Poland.
But will it be a conference or an event?
It is getting increasingly difficult to obtain sufficient academic papers – which means that the whole concept of having an annual Ada-Europe conference needs to be reappraised.

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Appendix 2

Income and Expenditure account For the year ending 31st December 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
INCOME		
Membership Fees	1,725.00	1,725.00
Membership book offers	-	-
Other Income	511.00	3.00
Interest Received	-	3.60
	<u>2,236.00</u>	<u>1,731.60</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Ada Europe indirect membership fees	868.27	888.16
Ada 2012 Rationale LNCS 8338	-	-
Ada 2012 Reference Manual LNCS 8339	-	-
Programming in Ada 2012	-	-
Postage	154.00	199.00
Charitable Donations	-	-
Swiss Ada Event	511.00	-
Bank Charges	1.80	4.15
Internet Domain Registration	12.25	12.25
Internet Domain Hosting	85.80	85.80
Secretarial Expenses	-	17.90
Annual General Meeting	246.30	302.70
	<u>1,879.42</u>	<u>1,509.96</u>
	356.58	221.64
Tax on Interest	-	-
	<u>356.58</u>	<u>221.64</u>

Note all figures are in CHF

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Balance Sheet As of 31 December 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
PF Account	8,097.59	7,531.01
Debtors	-	-
Loans	-	-
	<u>8,097.59</u>	<u>7,531.01</u>
Advance (Membership fees for the following year)	1,090.00	880.00
Creditors	-	-
	<u>7,007.59</u>	<u>6,651.01</u>
Financed By:-		
Income & Expenditure Account for Year	356.58	221.64
Ada Switzerland	<u>6,651.01</u>	<u>6,429.37</u>
	<u>7,007.59</u>	<u>6,651.01</u>

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