



# Ada-Switzerland

## General Assembly 2015

Date: February 19, 2015  
Location: Restaurant Metzgerhalle, Schaffhauserstrasse 354, 8050 Zürich  
Time: 19h00

Chair: Alan Marriott  
Keeper of the Minutes: David Mirfin

### Attendance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Alan Marriott (President)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Marcel Schneider           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alex Dubler                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Neville Rowden (Treasurer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andreas Bajsa                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nick Kaethner              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apostolos Niaouris            | <input type="checkbox"/> Peter Vogelsanger          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benoit Steinmetz              | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Williams           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Mirfin (Vice-President) | <input type="checkbox"/> Simon Zilliken             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gautier de Montmollin         | <input type="checkbox"/> Urs Maurer                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jacek Prorok                  |   |

## 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 2014 result as presented by the Treasurer;
6. Approval of the re-election of the existing board members;
7. Appointment of new officials:
  - a. Treasurer
  - b. Deputy webmaster
  - c. Independent Auditor;
8. Discussion of the urgent need for members to produce industrial presentations for Ada Europe conferences;
9. Discussion of possible activities for 2015 (e.g. We could invite someone like John Barnes to give a talk);
10. Other business.

## Minutes

1. Approval of the Agenda.

*The agenda was approved unanimously*

2. President's report.

*Alan Marriott presented the report listed in appendix 1.*

3. Treasurer's report.

*Neville Rowden presented the report listed in*

*Appendix 2 and confirmed his resignation from the position of Treasurer.*

4. Report of the independent auditor.

*Marcel Schneider presented the report listed in appendix 3.*

5. Motion 1: to approve the 2014 result 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 it was unanimously agreed that no change was wanted.*

7. Appointment of new officials:

a. Treasurer:

*There was one volunteer – Marcel Schneider.*

*A vote was taken and Marcel's appointment was approved unanimously.*

b. Deputy webmaster:

*There was one volunteer – Nick Kaethner.*

*A vote was taken and Nick's appointment was approved unanimously.*

c. Independent Auditor:

*There was one volunteer – Peter Vogelsanger.*

*A vote was taken and Peter's appointment was approved unanimously.*

8. Discussion of the urgent need for members to produce industrial presentations for Ada Europe conferences;

*Nick Kaethner agreed to try to produce an industrial presentation – "a personal retrospective"*

*Other suggestions were:*

- Ada used to control a telescope*
- Medical Devices Software Experiences*

9. Discussion of possible activities for 2015/6 (e.g. We could invite someone like John Barnes to give a talk);

*One subject that has been informally discussed by members over recent years is the absence of Ada Switzerland activities. Some national bodies organise regular*

*events – e.g. Ada Belgium has an Ada Developer Room at FOSDEM. We did organize a trip to CERN and that was well supported but we have done nothing beyond the statutory GA meetings for the last few years. This is not because we cannot afford to organise such events – we could make a budget available to support such events if the members want us to.*

*It was agreed that we will invite members to make. We would also like to hear if members are happy for some of Ada Switzerland's funds to be used to support such ventures. The board will look into costs, funding and perhaps into possible cooperation with other interested organizations (e.g. ETH in Zürich).*

10. Other business.

*The members were invited to put forward any other items for discussion and none were forthcoming.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 22:30.*

## Appendix 1

Ada Switzerland: President's report 2015 delivered at the AGM held on 19-Feb-15

Members who haven't paid their dues for 2015 despite reminders (name & shame)

- None! – Double plus good.

Mutations:

- Daniel Bigelow (our Web Master) resigned both his position and membership. His function of Web Master has been taken over by Simon Zilliken who is now in search of a deputy.
- Volkan Arslan who only joined Ada-Switzerland in April of last year has since left the country and is therefore no longer a member.
- Two new members:
  1. Alex Dubler
  2. Apostolos Niaouris

So our membership for 2015 has increased by once since last year, we now have 26 members, 22 of whom are also indirect members of Ada-Europe

Ada-Europe

- Membership figures remain stable at around 240 members however it is becoming increasingly difficult to attract corporate sponsorship.
- The financial position of Ada-Europe has stabilised. This is mainly due to the financial success of recent conferences.
- This year's conference will be held between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June in Madrid, Spain.

Membership Benefits:

- Members of Ada Switzerland were offered the opportunity to purchase the book "Programming in Ada 2012" at a discount. Amazon price £60.60 (including postage to CH) = 85 CHF. The membership price was 70 CHF therefore the membership discount was 18%

## Appendix 2

### Summary

- Ada Switzerland made a profit of 687.72 CHF in 2014 (this will be less in 2015 as Ada-Europe has increased its membership fee whereas we haven't).
- The credit of 338.70 CHF is an expense claim that didn't manage to be paid out in 2014 and which will appear in the future accounts as being paid 2015.
- Income from membership fees is the amount that was paid in advance in 2013 (= 720 CHF) plus amounts paid for 2014 membership in 2014.
- In 2014 we had 26 members, 22 of which were also members of Ada-Europe. Therefore, the 2014 income from membership should be  $(22 * 70.00 + 4 * 20.00)$  CHF plus 2.00 CHF (for payment cash at the post office) = 1,622.00 CHF.
- The accounting is complicated by the fact that some members paid for their membership twice or even three times.

The first overpayment of members has been counted in Advance payment figure (320.00 CHF in the balance sheet).

A second overpayment from one member was subsequently taken as a payment for a copy of the Ada 2012 Reference Manual (i.e. it was incorporated into the income due to book offers (1,563.00 CHF in the balance sheet).

### Balance Sheet

As of 31 December 2014

|  | 2014            | 2013            |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| PF Account                                       | 6,826.74        | 6,200.32        |
| Debtors  | -               | -               |
| Loans  | -               | -               |
|  | <b>6,826.74</b> | <b>6,200.32</b> |
| Advance (Membership fees for the following year) | 320.00          | 720.00          |
| Creditors  | 338.70          | -               |
|  | <b>6,168.04</b> | <b>5,480.32</b> |
| Financed By:-                                    |                 |                 |
| Income & Expenditure Account for Year            | 687.72          | - 610.90        |
| Ada Switzerland                                  | <u>5,480.32</u> | <u>6,091.22</u> |
|  | <b>6,168.04</b> | <b>5,480.32</b> |

Note all figures are in CHF

## Income and Expenditure account

For the year ending 31st December 2014

|  | 2014            | 2013            |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                            |                 |                 |
| Membership Fees                          | 1,622.00        | 1,678.00        |
| Membership book offers                   | 1,563.00        | 410.00          |
| Other Income                             | -               | 15.00           |
| Interest Received                        | <u>12.90</u>    | <u>25.00</u>    |
|  | <b>3,197.90</b> | <b>2,128.00</b> |
| <br>                                     |                 |                 |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                       |                 |                 |
| Ada Europe indirect membership fees      | 775.59          | 885.38          |
| Ada 2012 Rationale LNCS 8338             | -               | 714.49          |
| Ada 2012 Reference Manual LNCS 8339      | -               | 400.08          |
| Programming in Ada 2012                  | 1,289.32        | -               |
| Late membership, RM & Rationale          | 101.17          | -               |
| Postage                                  | 215.00          | 194.00          |
| Verzollung on AUJ                        | -               | 25.95           |
| Charitable Donations                     | -               | -               |
| Accountancy                              | -               | -               |
| Bank Charges                             | 5.40            | 3.60            |
| Internet Domain Registration 15.50 17.00 |                 |                 |
| Internet Domain Hosting                  | 85.80           | 85.80           |
| Secretarial Expenses                     | 22.40           | 42.60           |
| Annual General Meeting                   | -               | 370.00          |
|  | <u>2,510.18</u> | <u>2,738.90</u> |
|  | 687.72          | - 610.90        |
| Tax on Interest                          | <u>-</u>        | <u>-</u>        |
|  | <b>687.72</b>   | <b>- 610.90</b> |

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## Appendix 3

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Zürich, February 2015.

### **Ada Switzerland Accounts 2014**

To whom it may concern,

I have carefully examined the Ada Switzerland accounts for 2014, as described in the income and expense sheets and the account balance sheets, as well as the supporting documents provided to me by the Ada Switzerland Treasurer. I have found, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the aforementioned sheets are a correct and accurate representation of the association's finances during the year 2014.

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