



Ada-Switzerland

General Assembly 2023

Date: Thursday May 11, 2023

Location: Café Restaurant Obergass, Schulgasse 1, 8400 Winterthur

Time: 19h00

Chair: Ahlan Marriott

Keeper of the Minutes: David Mirfin

Attendance:

Reto Gaberthüel

Ahlan Marriott (President)

David Mirfin (Vice-President)

Holger Rodriguez

Simon Zilliken

Urs Meier

Jacek Prorok

Minutes

1. Approval of the Agenda (Appendix C)

Everyone approved the agenda.

Everyone approved the minutes of the 2022 General Assembly.

2. President's report

Ahlan Marriott presented his report (Appendix A),

3. Treasurer's report

Jacek Prorok, the independent auditor for the 2022 accounts, presented Marcel Schneider's report in Marcel's absence (summary in Appendix B).

4. Report of the independent auditor

Jacek Prorok's presented his report. He recommended that we accept the Treasurers Report.

5. **Motion 1:** to approve the 2022 result as presented by Jacek for the Treasurer.

The Treasurers Report for 2022 was unanimously approved.

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

Our Treasurer, Marcel, will have done the job for 10 years in 2024 and he would like to step back. He has kindly offered to work with his successor until the 2024 GA. Candidates for the post of Treasurer of Ada-Switzerland are invited.

Jacek has volunteered to be a candidate for the post of Treasurer of Ada-Switzerland.

If he is elected at the GA he is willing to take over the role with immediate effect.

He hopes that Marcel will be able and willing to assist him in the transition, which seems to fit in with what Marcel has offered.

Jacek was the only volunteer to stand for election.

Motion 2: The election of Jacek as the new treasurer.

Jacek was elected unanimously to be the new Treasurer.

No one volunteered to stand for election to the board so there were no further board member changes.

Motion 3a: It was unanimously agreed that the existing President and Vice President shall continue in their roles.

7. Election of the Independent Auditor for 2023 – note that if Jacek becomes the new Treasurer, he will no longer be able to act as Independent Auditor so we shall need a new volunteer.

All agreed that Jacek had been an excellent independent auditor for 2022 and he was thanked for his work. Urs Meier volunteered and was gratefully approved as the new independent auditor for 2023.

Motion 3b: It was unanimously agreed that Urs Meier shall be the new Independent Auditor of the 2023 accounts.

8. Ada Europe conference 2024 – request for industrial presentations from Ada Switzerland members

Ahlan appealed to members to contribute presentations.

9. Should there be an Ada Switzerland event in 2024? Suggestions and ideas are invited, and members appointed to organize a chosen event.

*No specific event was proposed **but members are invited to make suggestions and proposals by emailing the board.***

10. A “Swiss Ada Event 2023” would require some funding be provided by Ada Switzerland.

Motion 4: A budget for any agreed event of up to CHF2000 was unanimously approved.

11. The President will explain the involvement of Ada-Switzerland in the Ada-Europe conference fee collection for the 2023 conference.

Should we continue to maintain a EUR account for the benefit of Ada-Europe?

Not everyone agrees that we should have this account, hence we need to discuss it.

Ada-Europe will not need this account in 2023 but would like Ada-Switzerland to maintain this account just in case it is needed in 2024.

The account maintenance fees will be borne entirely by Ada-Europe and to that end, should we agree to their request, the Treasurer of Ada-Switzerland should invoice the Treasurer of Ada-Europe for 60 EUR before the end of May 2023

The majority of the board proposes that we agree to keeping this otherwise dormant account as a service to Ada-Europe.

In 2022 the GA voted to continue this cooperation with 10 votes for and 1 abstention. We don't know whether Ada-Europe will need us to collect EUR payments for them in future but it is within the remit of Ada-Switzerland to help Ada-Europe.

Motion 5: It was unanimously decided that Ada-Switzerland shall keep the EUR account in case it is needed by Ada-Europe.

12. What to with our balance and surplus income. A statement and suggestions from the President:
Now that Ada-Europe pays the cost of distributing the AUJ and the EUR is much less than we anticipated when we created Ada-Switzerland, we generally make a small profit each year. I think we should consider what we might do with this surplus because continuing to grow our balance is somewhat pointless. I think reducing the membership fees would also be pointless as I doubt that the current fees cause anyone any financial problems. Therefore, I would rather we did something useful with this money. I would therefore like to propose that we issue a grant to anyone deemed to be a contributor to the annual Ada-Europe conference. Contributors are given a discount to the conference but are expected to be physically present in order to give their contribution. Our grant would assist those whose attendance is not being supported by their employer. Contributions are peer reviewed accepted tutorials, industrial presentations, academic papers or work in progress reports. If this proposal is considered of merit I would further propose that we decide on the size of this grant to be shared equally by those eligible. The size of the grant would be revised annually at the AS GA. If no-one claims the grant, I propose that it be given as a donation to Ada-Europe out of solidarity.

Alternative proposals and suggestions are invited from the membership.

Only one Ada-Switzerland member has had a contribution accepted for the 2023 Ada-Europe conference. That is Gautier de Montmollin who qualifies for the full grant. Ada-Switzerland is very grateful to Gautier who very much deserves this modest recognition of his continuing hard work for our community.

Motion 6: It was unanimously agreed that Ada-Switzerland shall pay conference fees, that would otherwise be paid by the candidate personally, of any candidate who has a contribution accepted by the conference committee. This grant is limited to members of Ada-Switzerland but is not restricted to how many in any one year.

Although not actually discussed at the meeting it should be noted that it has since been agreed that the grant will be paid after the conference. This decision is primarily to avoid having to request the return of the grant should the conference be cancelled or, for whatever reason, any part of the fee being refunded.

13. Other business:

No other business was discussed.

Appendix A

Ada Switzerland: President's report 2023 delivered at the AGM held on 11-May-23

Members who haven't paid their dues for 2023 despite reminders (name & shame)

- None

Mutations:

- Andi Bajsa. R.I.P.
Sadly, our long-term member and colleague Andi Bajsa died after a long battle against illness on Friday 04-Nov-22.
- Dr. Florian Seydoux of Cimo SA has just this month joined Ada-Switzerland and indirectly Ada-Europe.

Consequently, we still have 30 members, 26 of whom are also indirect members of Ada-Europe.

Ada-Europe

- This year's General Assembly (GA) will be held virtually by Zoom at 18:30 on Tuesday 6-Jun-23. 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.
- AE Membership figures remain stable at around 180.
- Ada-Europe made a loss of 14'000 EUR in 2022. Most of this loss was the unexpected financial failure of the AEiC 2022 conference in Ghent causing a loss of 9'650 EUR. The conference was planned, pre-Covid, for an expected 100 persons. Unfortunately AEiC 2022 was very poorly attended - only 60 people attended. This shortfall explains most of the conference losses. Future conferences will be less ambitious.
- This year's conference will be held physically in Lisbon, Portugal during week 24 which we hope will attract at least 70 people. It will be a two-day conference, Wednesday and Thursday with tutorials on Tuesday followed by a welcome Apéro in the evening.
For more details about the conference, visit the conference web site at <http://www.ada-europe.org/conference2023/>
- Next year's conference will most likely be held in Barcelona. Again, I warn that this may well be the last conference in the current format. If Lisbon is a financial failure, then Ada-Europe will be forced to abandon the support of this type of conference.
- A questionnaire will be devised and the membership asked what, if any, type of conference they would be interested in attending.
- Ada-Europe is planning to sponsor the publication of the Ada 2022 Reference manual with Springer as part of their LNCS series. As a consequence of the agreement with Springer, Ada-Europe will be able to place a one-off bulk purchase order at a considerable discount.
The Ada 2022 RM has grown to be about 1200 pages, depending on format. This is now too large to be printed in a single volume. Until the editor reformats the RM to the LNCS format it is unclear whether the RM will be two or perhaps even three volumes. However, it is expected that the complete multi-volume set, irrespective of the number of volumes, will be offered to the membership for 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 account			
<u>For the year ending 31st December 2022</u>			
		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
INCOME			
	Membership Fees	1,970.00	70.00
	Membership book offers	-	-
	Other Income (AEiC Receipts)	13,891.03	1,904.65
	Domain Registration sponsored by Ahlan	16.40	
	Interest Received	-	-
		<u>15,877.43</u>	<u>1,974.65</u>
EXPENDITURE			
	Ada Europe indirect membership fees	964.15	-
	Postage	-	217.00
	Bank Charges	50.00	-
	Swiss Ada Event	-	-
	Payback (AEiC fees)	13,837.59	1,934.65
	Charges (AEiC charges)	55.98	
	Internet Domain Registration	16.40	12.25
	Internet Domain Hosting	78.75	78.75
	Secretarial Expenses	-	33.20
	Annual General Meeting	301.90	-
		<u>15,304.77</u>	<u>2,275.85</u>
		572.66	- 301.20
	Tax on Interest	-	-
		<u>572.66</u>	<u>- 301.20</u>
Note all figures are in CHF			

Ada Switzerland

Balance Sheet As of 31 December 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
PF Savings Account CH62 0900 0000 1571 2438 3	9,153.32	8,578.12
PF EUR Account 15-252453-7	27.56	30.09
Debtors	-	-
Loans	-	-
	<u>9,180.88</u>	<u>8,608.21</u>
Advance (Membership fees for the following year)	1,130.00	1,060.00
Creditors	-	-
	<u>8,050.88</u>	<u>7,548.21</u>
Financed By:-		
Income & Expenditure Account for Year	572.66	- 301.20
Net Change in indebtedness	70.00	-
Ada Switzerland	<u>7,548.21</u>	<u>7,849.41</u>
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Appendix C

Agenda

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2. President's report
3. Treasurer's report
4. Report of the independent auditor
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Motion 2: The election of a new treasurer.

Motion 3a: 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.

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