



Ada-Switzerland

General Assembly 2019

Date: Thursday March 7, 2019

Location: Café Restaurant Obergass, Winterthur

Time: 18h15

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)

Jacek Prorok

Peter Vogelsanger (Auditor)

Urs Maurer

Rolf Schweingruber

Paulo Ammann

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 2018 result as presented by the Treasurer
6. Approval of the re-election of the existing board members
7. Election of the independent Auditor for 2019
8. Ada Europe conference 2020 – request for industrial presentations from Ada Switzerland members
9. Should there be an Ada Switzerland event in 2019? Suggestions and ideas are invited, and members appointed to organize a chosen event
10. A “Swiss Ada Event 2019” would require some funding be provided by Ada Switzerland
Motion 2: to approve the funding of this event.
11. Other business

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 2018. 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 2018 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 2019
Peter Vogelsanger volunteered to audit the 2019 accounts, and this was approved unanimously.
8. Ada Europe conference 2020 – request for industrial presentations from Ada Switzerland members
*Ahlan Marriott had already spoken about the unfortunately reduced format of the Ada Europe conference in Warsaw in June 2019. It was necessary to shorten the conference due to the general lack of suitable academic papers, tutorials and industrial presentations (see the President's Report). Ahlan suggested that members should try to contribute industrial presentations or academic papers to the 2020 conference and that the Ada Europe conference, in its traditional form, is in grave danger unless more contributions are offered by the Ada Europe membership in the future. **This is something Ada Switzerland members can do to actively help Ada Europe rescue the conference before it is too late.***

9. Should there be an Ada Switzerland event in 2019? Suggestions and ideas are invited, and members appointed to organize a chosen event

It was decided that there should be another Ada Switzerland event and that suggestions are invited from the membership. The form, venue and date of the event are all open and it may be technical or social (or, of course, both). There were a few suggestions:

- a. *For 2020 - A visit to the observatory in Schaffhausen (a new telescope has been installed which, like the old one, uses Urs' Ada software)*
 - b. *For 2020 - A visit to a chemical plant in Wallis that uses Ada;*
 - c. *Presentations suggested:*
 - *IBM Rhapsody demo;*
 - *Ada in Medical devices;*
 - *Ada testing;*
10. A "Swiss Ada Event 2019" would require some funding be provided by Ada Switzerland

It was agreed that a possible Ada Switzerland event would probably require funding from Ada Switzerland reserves if no sponsor steps forward (the 2017 Ada Switzerland event was kindly sponsored by Paranor AG and HSR Rapperswil).

Motion 2: To approve funding for an event up to a maximum of CHF1000 without asking for membership approval

Motion 2 was carried unanimously

11. Other business - *Nick Kaethner represents Ada Switzerland in WG9. WG9 has been considering, amongst other things:*
- *if keywords should be reserved in Ada 2020 - e.g. the new keyword "parallel". New keywords always cause arguments at WG9 because if they are reserved words, they invalidate legacy code that already uses them e.g. "interface" in Ada 2005 caused problems with Ada 95 code that had identifiers declared as "interface". So, there is an ongoing argument from compiler vendors against making keywords reserved.*
 - *some administrative problems arising because people who used to do the administration have died;*
 - *the questions of who owns the copyright of Ada 83 and who has authority over it;*

Appendix 1

Ada Switzerland: President's report 2019 delivered at the AGM held on 6-Mar-19

Members who haven't paid their dues for 2019 despite reminders (name & shame)

- None

Mutations:

- Reto Weiss (Paranor) resigned last year, effective this year.
- We gained a new member: Rolf Schweingruber
- Patrick Gautschi from Siemens was replaced by Andreas Müsing

As a consequence, our membership for 2019 has remained stable at 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 currently very healthy mainly due to sponsorship from small companies.
- This year's Ada-Europe conference will be held between the 11th and 14th of June in Warsaw, Poland.

As I warned in last year's report the conference has been struggling to obtain sufficient academic papers. Unfortunately, this has now been compounded by a lack of submissions for both industrial presentations and tutorials.

Why? Is Poland unattractive, are people just too busy or are conferences being replaced by internet forums and streaming?

As a result of the lack of suitable submissions the conference will be reduced to two and a half days and only two tutorials will be on offer – one of which is an introduction to Ada aimed at people with little or no knowledge of Ada.

The Tutorials will be held on Tuesday with the conference starting late afternoon for those wishing to attend the exhibition and/or the GA (auditor and/or representative for Ada-Switzerland please note) followed by a welcome apéro.

There will be nothing on Monday with Friday reserved to a workshop and WG9/ARG meetings. WG9 Representative please note.

- The 2020 conference is planned to take place in Santander, Spain.
I will attend a meeting on 30-Mar-19 in which the nature of this conference will be discussed.

Bottom line: If people want a conference then we need more submissions. The same applies for any local Ada-Switzerland event. We can only do this if people their work or are prepared to give a talk.

Appendix 2

Ada Switzerland

 Income and Expenditure account
For the year ending 31st December 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
INCOME		
Membership Fees	1,865.00	1,725.00
Membership book offers	-	-
Other Income	-	511.00
Interest Received	-	-
	<u>1,865.00</u>	<u>2,236.00</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Ada Europe indirect membership fees	995.40	868.27
Ada 2012 Rationale LNCS 8338	-	-
Ada 2012 Reference Manual LNCS 8339	-	-
Programming in Ada 2012	-	-
Postage	197.00	154.00
Charitable Donations	-	-
Swiss Ada Event	-	511.00
Bank Charges	-	1.80
Internet Domain Registration	12.25	12.25
Internet Domain Hosting	67.65	85.80
Secretarial Expenses	24.10	-
Annual General Meeting	455.50	246.30
	<u>1,751.90</u>	<u>1,879.42</u>
	113.10	356.58
Tax on Interest	-	-
	<u>113.10</u>	<u>356.58</u>

Note all figures are in CHF

Ada Switzerland

Balance Sheet As of 31 December 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
PF Account	8,350.69	8,097.59
Debtors	-	-
Loans	-	-
	<u>8,350.69</u>	<u>8,097.59</u>
Advance (Membership fees for the following year)	1,230.00	1,090.00
Creditors	-	-
	<u><u>7,120.69</u></u>	<u><u>7,007.59</u></u>
Financed By:-		
Income & Expenditure Account for Year	113.10	356.58
Ada Switzerland	<u>7,007.59</u>	<u>6,651.01</u>
	<u><u>7,120.69</u></u>	<u><u>7,007.59</u></u>

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