



Ada-Switzerland

General Assembly 2021

Date: Thursday May 21, 2021

Location: Virtual - Zoom

Time: 19h00

Chair: Ahlan Marriott

Keeper of the Minutes: David Mirfin

Attendance:

Reto Gaberthüel
Benoit Steinmetz
Ahlan Marriott (President)
Holger Rodriguez

David Mirfin (Vice-President)
Gautier de Montmollin
Martin Krischik
Werner Aeschbacher

Peter Vogelsanger (Auditor)
Simon Zilliken
Marcel Schneider (Treasurer)

Minutes

1. Approval of the Agenda

Everyone approved the agenda.

2. President's report

Ahlan Marriott presented the report (**Appendix A**), membership fees (none for 2021), 1 AS member has resigned, 2 new AS members have joined, Ada Europe Conference in Santander was cancelled in 2020 and rescheduled for 2021 but that is also cancelled, and it will now be a virtual conference that is free to Ada-Europe members. Ada-Europe membership figures remained stable. Membership fees were paid for 2020. Membership fees waived for 2021. AUJ publication is catching up. Finances are stable. The 2022 conference will be in Ghent – a physical event. The 2023 conference is provisionally to be in the UK but that is not yet confirmed. It was suggested by Ahlan that the 2024 conference could be in Switzerland and volunteers/suggestions are needed but none were forth-coming so it remains open.

3. Treasurer's report

Marcel Schneider presented his report (summary in **Appendix B**). We have two bank accounts (CHF and EUR) but Post Finance are demanding that the CHF account must be changed to an account that will incur a fee of approximately CHF60 per year (the fee we already pay for the EUR account). The new account will have a different account number.

4. Report of the independent auditor

Peter Vogelsanger presented the report. Peter recommended that we accept the Treasurers Report.

5. Motion 1: to approve the 2020 result as presented by the Treasurer.
all approved, moved by Ahlan Marriott
6. Approval of the re-election of the existing board members
Re-election of the existing board members was approved.
7. Election of the independent Auditor for 2021
Peter Vogelsanger volunteered again, and he was duly elected.
8. Ada Europe conference 2022 – request for industrial presentations from Ada Switzerland members
Ahlan declared that he will give a presentation on White Elephant’s work on Microprocessor - without the Ada run-time. Ahlan encouraged everyone else to contribute presentations.
9. Should there be an Ada Switzerland event in 2022? Suggestions and ideas are invited, and members appointed to organize a chosen event.
Ahlan suggested that we can arrange the visit to the Sternwarte Schaffhausen that we proposed last year. An evening at the planetarium along with presentations in the afternoon. It would need to take place towards the end of the year (2022) because we need a dark evening. If he agrees, it would be organised by Urs Maurer. Small presentations possible, perhaps by Urs of his Ada work for the Sternwarte. In 2021 Ahlan will investigate if it is feasible in 2022, what form it would take and how much it would cost so that we will have a concrete proposal.
10. A “Swiss Ada Event 2022” would require some funding be provided by Ada Switzerland.
Motion 2: to approve the funding of this event.
Budget of CHF1000 funding was provisionally approved for an event.
11. Other business:
 - Benoit asked, “are we returning to 5 day conferences?”. Ahlan said that the virtual conference this year will have reduced presentations and it will start late to accommodate participants in USA. The Ghent conference length will depend upon how much material we have available. Had the Santander conference been “physical” there was enough material for a normal length conference because the 2020 conference had been cancelled so there was more material available. David suggested it may be desirable to have more time between presentation to enable people more time to speak to each other.
 - Peter asked about the standardization process of the latest Ada version – Ahlan told us that Tucker will speak about that at the 2021 conference and it will be a key subject at the conference.
 - Simon suggested that we look for an alternative bank because some Swiss banks offer free banking to associations.

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Motion 3: To approve the transfer of the Ada Switzerland bank accounts from Post Finance to another bank in order reduce bank charges at Marcel's discretion.

Approved -

- Martin suggested we create an Ada Switzerland “chat group” in Threema. This will allow us to have discussions and people will be able to make suggestions and get feedback.

Ahlan set up the Threema group at the end of the meeting. Anyone wishing to join the Threema group should eMail their Threema ID to Ahlan as president@ada-switzerland.ch

Appendix A

Ada Switzerland: President's report 2021 delivered at the virtual AGM held via on 20-May-21

Virtually here

- It won't have escaped many people's notice that we are not sitting around a table in the Saal above the Restaurant Obergass in Winterthur. Well, I'm not and I very much doubt that you are. And we all know why that is.
- Normally we hold the Ada-Switzerland GA in early March. This year the Board thought it would be incredibly clever and delay the meeting by a few months to make it more likely that we could hold this most important of events physically. Sadly, that was to no avail.
- Here we all sit, in front of our computers - what a sorry sight. I do hope, as I am sure we all do, that next year, Covid-19 will have been vanquished, that we will have returned to a semblance of normality and that we will be able to hold the 2022 GA as usual, at the Obergass.

Members who haven't paid their dues for 2021 despite reminders (name & shame)

- None – because this year there were no renewal fees to pay.
The board of Ada-Switzerland decided that Ada-Switzerland would waive membership renewal to all those who were members in 2020 as a token compensation for the lack of benefits in the Corona year 2020.
This decision is commensurate with Ada-Europe's decision to waive its membership renewal fee.

Mutations:

- Ian Ross – gave notice of his resignation as per 31-Dec-20.
However this was extended, at no cost, to 31-Dec-21 because of our decision to waive renewals.
- We gained two new members since our last GA
 1. Werner Aeschbacher
 2. Holger Rodriguez

As a consequence, our membership for 2021 has grown to 32 members, 27 of whom are also indirect members of Ada-Europe.

Ada-Europe

- In March 2020, the 25th Ada-Europe conference on reliable system technologies was postponed due to the Corona pandemic. It was rescheduled to take place in the week starting 7-Jun-21 in the seaside resort of Santander, Spain.
- In early 2021, the board of Ada-Europe decided that the 25th Ada-Europe conference on reliable system technologies should be held virtually.
The conference is being hosted professionally by the company Underline.io
Registration to the conference is complimentary to all Ada-Switzerland members who are indirect members of Ada-Europe.

Register at the conference web site using the email address you use when corresponding with Ada-Switzerland.

- Membership figures have stabilised at around 200.
- The financial position of Ada-Europe is currently very healthy mainly due to sponsorship from small companies. However we expect a server dint to our assets as result of waiving membership renewal fees and the unexpected high cost of holding the conference virtually. Despite the commonly held belief that everything virtual is free – this is sadly not the case.
- The 2022 Ada-Europe conference is currently scheduled to take place physically in June in Ghent, Belgium.
- Future conference – 2023 most probably in the UK
2024? Ada-Europe is looking for a host.
Could Switzerland host a conference?
Any volunteers?
We would need a location and a team to manage the logistics.

Appendix B

Ada Switzerland

Income and Expenditure account For the year ending 31st December 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
INCOME		
Membership Fees	1,920.00	1,935.00
Membership book offers	-	-
Other Income	65.22	65.22
Interest Received	-	-
	<u>1,985.22</u>	<u>2,000.22</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Ada Europe indirect membership fees	971.79	1,046.23
Postage	124.00	222.00
Charitable Donations	-	-
Swiss Ada Event	-	-
Bank Charges	60.86	39.49
Internet Domain Registration	12.25	12.25
Internet Domain Hosting	78.75	78.75
Secretarial Expenses	15.20	22.25
Annual General Meeting	263.90	309.00
	<u>1,526.75</u>	<u>1,729.97</u>
	458.47	270.25
Tax on Interest	-	-
	<u>458.47</u>	<u>270.25</u>

Note all figures are in CHF

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Balance Sheet As of 31 December 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
PF Savings Account 85-356348-7	7,819.32	8,265.21
PF EUR Account 15-252453-7	30.09	25.73
Debtors	-	-
Loans	-	-
	<u>7,849.41</u>	<u>8,290.94</u>
Advance (Membership fees for the following year)	-	900.00
Creditors	-	-
	<u>7,849.41</u>	<u>7,390.94</u>
Financed By:-		
Income & Expenditure Account for Year	458.47	270.25
Ada Switzerland	<u>7,390.94</u>	<u>7,120.69</u>
	<u>7,849.41</u>	<u>7,390.94</u>

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