ADABAS NEWSLETTER
the Adaptable DAta BAse System

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ADABAS USERS CONFERENCE

See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos from New Orleans.

Over 180 people and 35 spouses representing 95 organizations from 11 different countries attended the Fourth International ADABAS Users Conference in New Orleans April 13-15, 1977. A $500.00 cash award was made to Mike Turner of ICI, England for the best formal presentation by a User. I think we can honestly say that we all went home a little richer for our experiences.

For those of you who were unable to attend and would like to find out what went on, a limited number of copies of the PROCEEDINGS are available from **software ag.** Write and order your copy. Or better yet, begin now to make your plans for the Fifth International ADABAS Users Conference to be held in Boston in mid May, 1978.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by: Rob Macmillan
    Department of Analytical Studies
    Simon Fraser University

If y'all enjoyed New Orleans as much as I did then we can conclude that the Fourth International Adabas Users Conference was a resounding success. All those who were responsible for organizing the conference deserve our sincere thanks. I want to especially thank Larry Bowman for his work in preparing for New Orleans and his efforts throughout the year. ADAGROUP has made considerable progress under his leadership.

We owe the success of the conference in large part to **software**

TECHNICAL NOTES

by: Ralph Partlow
    software ag of North America

In February of this year, we released OS Version 3.2.1 of ADA-BAS in North America. The success of this release has been most gratifying. Remarks such as "best release ever made", "documentation much improved", "most thorough installation procedures" are very rewarding to those who have spent so many hours and so much effort in getting the new version out. There is a firm commitment from **software ag** that all future releases will be as reliable as the Version 3.2.1 release.

We already have started planning for and working towards the release of Version 4.1 of ADABAS. The first draft of the 4.1 reference manual and utilities manual have already been completed and sent to the technical staff for their comment. We do expect to have a great deal of revision in these two manuals before they reach a final stage. The documentation for 4.1 will be thorough and complete when the new release is made. We have plans for significant changes in the area of documentation. The design guide, which is currently a section of the Systems Programmers Guide, will be greatly expanded and become a manual unto itself. We will be looking for a great deal of input from our users (based on their experiences) for the contents of this manual. We are also developing an Operations Guide to benefit the persons responsible for operating ADABAS and making restart/recovery decisions.

I think that the last two years have seen significant changes in the documentation area and we plan that over the next two years the improvement will continue at the same pace. We do need more constructive input from the users—the one additional ingredient that would help us better meet your needs. We would appreciate your comments in writing designating the areas that need improvement and suggestions for the ways in which they could be improved.

Immediately following the release of 3.2.1 for OS, we turned our attentions to putting the DOS Version into the same shape that the OS release is in. We are planning to release DOS Version 3.2.1 in June. We are using the same standards for installation procedures, documentation, testing and thoroughness of checkout for this release.

We have a very ambitious schedule for next year, but we are organized in such a fashion that I feel we will be able to achieve the results that we have promised.

ADAGROUP SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Now that the 4th International Users Conference is over, our organizational efforts must begin. Each Special Interest Group (SIG) is described briefly below. Included in each description are the SIG's plans for the coming year, the objectives of the SIG, and the need for information and/or assistance from the Users. These groups will take an active role in ADAGROUP this year and will be responsible, by the next User Conference, for a paper or a presentation. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Change/Enhancement Requests
Dan Skwarcan
Associates Computer Services
1720 Ruskin Street
South Bend, IN. 46624
219-284-6203

To facilitate the change/enhancement requests at the Boston Conference, I am asking all ADABAS Users to start submitting your requests now. In this Newsletter, a copy of the change/enhancement request form and the change/enhancement procedure can be found as an insert. Most ADABAS Users are now going through 3.2.1 implementation. During the implementation of a new release, many new ideas become apparent for future releases of ADABAS. What better time to start preparing the change/enhancement requests? All requests should be sent to me at the above address. If you want further information about change/enhancement requests, please see the enclosed article as well as the insert.

Retrieval Interface
Carl Garrison
Shell Oil Company
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Houston, TX. 77025
713-795-3970

General objectives of the Retrieval Interface Committee are to share knowledge of existing ADABAS retrieval interface techniques and to develop specifications for improved software products which would better meet the needs of the user community. We plan to develop material for one general session and one or more special interest group sessions at the 1978 ADA-BAS Users Conference. Active participation of several users will be necessary if we are to meet these objectives. By the end of May a letter which further explains these goals and requests active involvement will be sent to each user who attended the special interest group meeting at the 1977 conference. Others who are interested in contributing to committee activities are urged to contact the committee chairman.

ADAGROUP 1976-1977 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Last year's hard-working ADAGROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE deserves a special thanks for their dedicated efforts toward making the 1976-1977 ADAGROUP and the 4th International ADABAS Users Conference so successful.

Presenting
The 1977—1978 ADAGROUP
Executive Committee

Northwest U.S.A. & Western Canada
Rob Macmillan (ADAGROUP President)
Dept. of Analytical Studies
Simon Fraser University
Burnaby, B.C. V5A 156
Canada
604-291-4525

Rob is an Australian who took a wrong turn in San Francisco some years ago and finished up in Canada. He spent two years with a Canadian airline suffering the pains of developing systems using IMS. Enlightenment came when he joined Simon Fraser University and participated in the selection and implementation of ADABAS. He is now the Data Base Administrator at S.F.U.

The Northwest regional Users Group has scheduled its first meeting for September 9, 1977 at Seattle Public Schools. A tentative agenda includes presentations on Com-plete, checkpointing, Adamint and a PDP-11 ADABAS interface.

The group expects to meet at least twice this year. Meetings will concentrate on users getting to know each other through informal discussions and short presentations. Time will be allocated in each meeting to discuss change/enhancement requests. We will also be looking for at least one presentation to take to the Boston conference.

Our summer project is to build a current user profile for each user in the region. This will be published before our September meeting.

Northeast Corridor
Jim Buckner (ADAGROUP Vice-President)
Commercial Union Assurance
One Beacon Street
Boston, Mass. 02050
617-725-6045

At the Fourth Annual Users Conference, the East Coast Regional Users attending decided to meet in Washington, D.C. on July 20, 1977. I mentioned that I felt that the three subjects of greatest interest to me, as an ADABAS user, were:

1. Analysis and resolution of the problems of data base administration.

2. A more detailed analysis of the data base backout/recovery problems.

3. The Data Dictionary. It is imperative that we become involved in the development of this dictionary and I urge all users to review the proposal made by software ag and to participate in the dictionary's development.

Any East Coast Region User interested in attending the July 20 meeting, please contact me.

Eastern Canada and Upper New York State
Bob Taylor (ADAGROUP Secretary/Treasurer)
I. & C.S.
Shell Canada Ltd.
505 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M1E 2H2
416-597-7073

Our next meeting will be held in Toronto at Shell Canada Ltd. on the 13th of September from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The agenda includes a presentation on Data Manager, the Data Dictionary, by the supplier MSP Limited. There will also be an informal presentation on the role of the DBA as envisioned by Ralph Shirozan of the R.C.M.P.; this is an ongoing series. Each installation is invited to give a half hour talk on what they are doing in this area. There will also be a discussion on data base recovery —what to do when you have a head crash. In the User Group business session, we will discuss new change/enhancements, the trouble reports, any correspondence from ADAGROUP, and the agenda for our next meeting (to be held in Ottawa on the 6th of December). Our third meeting date remains undecided, but will probably be in March. If time permits, an informal discussion on 3.2.1 experiences will be held. All Eastern Canada and Upper New York ADABAS Users are encouraged to attend our meeting in September.

NEW ADABAS USERS

Thanks to the efforts of **software ag** and other ADABAS distributors around the world ADAGROUP continues to grow. ADAGROUP welcomes the following new ADABAS users:

Brinkmann AG
Dötlinger Straße 4-8
2800 Bremen,
Germany

Brinkmann AG is a cigarette and tobacco manufacture and distributor. They selected ADABAS in March following ADABAS and ADABOMP demonstrations. The major factor in the final decision was ADABAS DOS/OS compatibility since a conversion to OS is planned in the near future. ADABAS is installed on their 370/145 under DOS. Mr. Faulda is the DBA. The first ADABAS project planned is a marketing information system.

Friedrich Krupp GmbH
Altendorfer Straße 104
43 Essen
Germany

Friedrich Krupp is a large steel manufacturer and distributor. They selected ADABAS in January following an ADABAS, IMS, IDMS, and S2000 evaluation. They selected ADABAS primarily because of its overall ease of use and efficient query capability. ADABAS is installed on their 370/158 using VS2 and TASK/MASTER plus TSO. Mr. Wladarz is the DBA. First ADABAS project planned is a personnel information system.

Statistics Canada
R. H. Coats Building
Holland Avenue
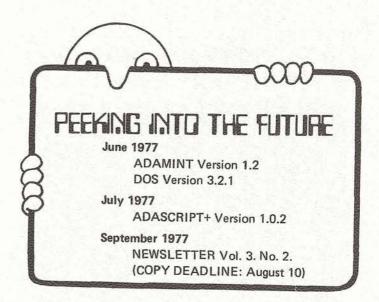Ottawa, Ontario K1A OT6
Canada

Statistics Canada does all statistical surveys for the Canadian government including the census of population and the labor force survey. It is the sixth installation in the federal government of Canada. ADABAS is installed on their Amdahl 470/V6 under MVT with TSO. Mel Turner, (613) 995-9993, is the Data Base Management System Director.

Federal Aviation Administration
P. O. Box 25082
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125

FAA selected ADABAS after a comprehensive benchmark between ADABAS, Model 204, and System 2000. Their final decision was heavily based upon the machine cost of the anticipated transaction volume over the next few years. The first application is the Aircraft Management Information System (AMIS). ADABAS is installed on their 370/155 under MVT with a homegrown TP for an interim period. Gary Traxler, (405) 686-4617, is the prime contact for AMIS.

PEEKING INTO THE FUTURE

June 1977
> ADAMINT Version 1.2
> DOS Version 3.2.1

July 1977
> ADASCRIPT+ Version 1.0.2

September 1977
> NEWSLETTER Vol. 3. No. 2.
> (COPY DEADLINE: August 10)

INTRODUCING . . .

BRIDGETTE BRANNON

"Good morning, **software ag!**"

The musical southern voice on the other end of the phone belongs to **software ag**'s resident Southern Belle, who is also the Assistant Office Administrator of **software ag** of North America—Bridgette Brannon.

Bridgette was born in Albemarle, North Carolina, but grew up in Greenville, South Carolina, moving there when she was 5 years old. "Greenville," according to Bridgette, "is the best place in the whole world to live!" However, due to her husband's job transfer, she is now living near the Reston, Virginia office of **software ag** of North America.

Bridgette is a staunch supporter of **software ag**, where she has been a permanent staff member since February 1976. As she says, "It's an exciting place to work. John Maguire is an amazing person. I'm fascinated by him—his enthusiasm, the amount of time he's on the road, the pressures—I'm amazed how he can be so patient and understanding all the time. I feel very fortunate to work for someone like that—he's one in a million!"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued*

ag. In particular, Tom Berrisford, Pete Webster and Penny Fulton worked very hard to ensure a smooth-running conference. Thanks to you all.

The momentum generated by the annual conference should not now be allowed to wane. Our prime goal for the coming year is to develop active Special Interest and Regional Groups. These groups should form an effective means of communication within ADAGROUP and provide the foundation for next year's conference.

Your Executive Committee members will arrange regular regional user group meetings wherever possible. Some of our regions are large and attending such meetings will not always be easy. Those who cannot attend may consider participating by submitting a paper to the group meeting. Groups will be looking for papers suitable to present at the Boston conference.

The success of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) is critical in the building of a strong users organization. Users should aim to contribute to the work of at least one SIG that is pertinent to their interests. SIG chairmen have outlined their plans for this year elsewhere in this newsletter.

Several registrants at the 1977 conference offered advice on further improving the quality of future conferences. We are open to any suggestions that will help to make each year better than the previous one.

The collection of change/enhancement requests for 1978 has started. We expect the handling of these requests to proceed in a more orderly fashion this year. Timing is of the essence in change/enhancements; watch for frequent notices in the newsletter.

Suzan Schultz has offered to co-ordinate the newsletter for this year. We can all help to make her job easier by submitting articles frequently and in good time to meet the various deadlines throughout the year.

ADABAS DESIGN GUIDE

software ag is preparing to expand its Design Guide Section of the System Programmer's Guide. Contributions are solicited to provide information which might be incorporated into an expanded design guide to be published and released with ADABAS release 4.1. Please mail any material to:

> Documentation Coordinator
> **software ag** of North America, Inc.
> Reston International Center
> 11800 Sunrise Valley Drive
> Reston, Virginia 22091

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

NEW ADABAS USERS *continued*

Shell Sekiyu Kabushiki Kaisha
Kasumigaseki Bldg. 2-5 Kasumigaseki 3-Chome
Chiyoda-Ku
Tokyo, Japan

This is the third company in the Shell Group to select ADABAS. The first application is a physical distribution system. ADABAS is installed on their 370/145 with 768K and 3340 under VS1. Mr. Katsukiko Tashiro is the Manager, Systems Overhaul Teams and Mr. Takao Date is the Manager, Technical Support Department, both in the Information and Computing Services Department (03-580-0111).

Fuji Photo Film Kabushiki Kaisha
2-26-30 Nishiazabu
Minato-Ku
Tokyo, Japan

Fuji Photo manufactuers photographic equipment, film, chemical, and audio/video tape. Their applications using ADABAS will include a plant management system, a production information system, products inquiry, a corporate budget control system, a patent information system and a personnel information system. ADABAS is installed on their 370/158 with 2 meg and 3350's under VS1 using a home-grown TP monitor. The prime contact is Toshio Takahashi, (03-406-2774) in the EDP Department.

Nippon Kokan Kabushiki Kaisha
2-1 Suehiro-Cho, Tsurumi-Ku
Yokohama-Ski, Kanagawa-Ken
Japan

They manufacture ships, heavy machinery, and steel. ADABAS was selected over IMS and TOTAL based on its ease of use, flexibility and cost performance. Their first application is a consolidates system of material on schedule. ADABAS is installed on their 370/158 with 2 meg and 3350's under VS2 using TSO. Fumio Sasaki, (045-511-1331) is Manager, Information Systems Department.

International Atomic Energy Agency
Kärntner Ring 11
A-1011 Vienna
Austria

ADABAS was selected in January following extensive evaluation and benchmark of ADABAS and S2000. ADABAS is installed on their 370/145 using VS1 and CICS. Mr. Joseph Nardi is the DBA.

Chrysler Spain
Madrid
Spain

This is the second installation of ADABAS for Chrysler in Europe. They selected ADABAS based on the recommendation of Chrysler France.

HYATT REGENCY

NEW ORLEANS

CHANGE/ENHANCEMENT REQUESTS

The enclosed revised procedure for handling requests for changes and enhancements to ADABAS is suggested for use by the ADABAS Users Group (ADAGROUP) in 1977/1978.

The Chairman of the Change/Enhancement Committee is elected by the Executive Committee each year at the Annual Users Conference. This year's chairman is Daniel R. Skwarcan.

Dan will review each request. It may be necessary to consolidate like requests. He will append an objective evaluation of the proposal if this is considered necessary. The chairman may contact other members of ADAGROUP, usually chairmen of Special Interest Groups, to assist in this evaluation.

If any changes are made to a request, the Chairman of the Change/Enhancement Committee will notify the original requestor before submitting the request to **software ag.**

All current requests will be collated and distributed to all members of ADAGROUP. Members will vote on the requests to establish a priority sequence for submitting to **software ag.**

Each ADABAS installation site will have 200 votes to use as it pleases. Up to 50 votes may be given to any one request. For example, one company may elect to give fifty votes to each of four requests, while another may give two votes to each of a hundred requests. Obviously the more votes given to any request, the better the chance of that request being near the top of the priority list.

The ballots must be returned to the Chairman Change/Enhancement Committee. To be included in the count, ballots must be received within six weeks of the Users Conference. When recording your vote you may consider using the telephone or telex to eliminate the delays in the mailing system.

The Chairman Change/Enhancement Committee will then compile the complete prioritized list of requests for submitting to **software ag.** This will include:

(a) All current requests sequenced as a result of the balloting.

(b) All previous requests that **software ag** has agreed to implement but are not yet included in the current release of the system.

software ag will be asked to comment on all requests prior to the Users Conference. At the conference, members of ADAGROUP will receive the complete list including **software ag's** responses. A meeting to discuss changes and enhancements will be scheduled.

All requests for changes/enhancements will be included in the balloting in the year they are received. From there on the action we take will depend on the response from **software ag** as follows:

RESPONSE	ACTION
software ag announces a release number for the change/enhancement.	Request remains on list until change implemented. It is not voted on in subsequent years.
software ag rejects the request. i.e., the change is not planned.	Request is dropped from the list. Note that a deleted request may be raised again by any member of ADAGROUP.
software ag will consider the change/enhancement in the future.	Request remains on the list and is voted on in subsequent years.

FREEBIES

Freebies is your way to let other ADABAS users know what items are WANTED by your organization or AVAILABLE from your organization. Freebies can only be used to list items that are free or available for a nominal distribution charge.

software ag of North America has agreed to distribute the AVAILABLE items provided to them (*) for a handling charge of $15.00. These items are in no way endorsed, supported, or maintained by **software ag.**

WANTED

What routines do you want that may have been developed by another ADABAS user?

AVAILABLE

HNGEN—to produce HNAMES for ADASCRIPT+ from ADAWAN. Similar to ADAFNGEN.
(Available from **software ag** of North America.)

Modified ADAREP to report on selected files.
(Available from: Ken Kleinbub
          duPont-Savannah River Labs
          Room 1918
          Aiken, South Carolina 29801)

A short macro for use in an ADASCRIPT+ HNAMES table to allow several files to share a set or subset of field definitions. Reduces HNAMES table size, coding, and maintenance.
(Macro listing and documentation available from:
          Roger G. Angell
          Technical Support Manager
          University of Hawaii
          2425 Campus Road
          Honolulu, Hawaii 96822)

PROCEDURE

A request for changes and/or enhancements to ADABAS and related s o f t - w a r e a g software products may originate from any member of ADAGROUP. When requesting changes and/or enhancements, users should check the current list carefully to ensure that duplicates are not created.

Completed request forms should be sent to the Chairman of the Change/ Enhancement Committee. The Chairman for 1977/1978 is:

> Mr. Dan Skwarcan
> Associates Computer Services
> 1720 Ruskin Street
> South Bend, Indiana 46604

In order to be included in the current year's voting list, a request must be received at least 12 weeks prior to the Annual Users Conference. The procedure will function more smoothly if users submit their requests throughout the year rather than shortly before the deadline. A complete schedule for 1977/1978 will be published in the September, 1977, NEWS-LETTER.

The person submitting the request will complete the ADABAS Change/ Enhancement Request form as follows:

1. A short TITLE for the request, e.g., Security Violation Log.

2. The CATEGORY in which the request is to be included, e.g., nucleus, MPM, ADAMINT, ADAWRITER, utilities, etc.

3. A complete DESCRIPTION of the change or enhancement giving sufficient detail to allow all users to fully understand the proposal. Please remember, we are interested in long term goals which we expect to see incorporated in some future release of ADABAS and not operational problems which require immediate attention.

4. A list of BENEFITS to the system that the requested change/ enhancement will provide.

5. The date that request is submitted, name of the requestor, company name and address, and telephone number.

ADABAS CHANGE/ENHANCEMENT REQUEST

_____
(TITLE)

_____
(CATEGORY)

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Complete Description of Change/Enhancement  (Please type)










Identify Benefits


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Submitted by: Date _____
Name   _____

Company   _____

            _____

Address   _____

            _____

Telephone   _____

For ADAGROUP use only

Request Number _____

Date Received _____

Received by   _____

Consolidated with

Request Number _____

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Data Dictionary   *continued*
Richard Tannor
INCO
One New York Plaza
New York, NY 10004
212-742-4157

The Data Dictionary Group will collect and disseminate information about user-developed dictionary systems and appropriate vendor offerings. We would also like to contribute ideas toward the development of the ADABAS Dictionary, which was described by **software ag** at the Users Conference. Contact Richard Tannor, Inco Ltd., One New York Plaza, New York, NY 10004.

Education
Dave Oldham
Shell Oil Company
1500 Old Spanish Trail
P.O. Box 20239
Houston, TX 77025
713-795-3781

The Education Special Interest Group has two objectives:

1. To serve as a "non-vendor" focal point for exchange of ADABAS education approaches, ideas, and materials among interested users.

2. To influence the direction of **software ag**'s efforts to improve ADABAS documentation, formal training, and availability of educational materials.

If you have any suggestions or educational material, or are interested in participating in the Education Special Interest Group, please contact me.

Performance
Chuck Noone, II
Mattel Inc.
5150 Rosecrans Avenue
Hawthorne, CA 90250
213-644-0411

The Performance Special Interest Group is soliciting performance related information in three major areas with the intention of producing a performance notebook for distribution to the Users Group. The first topic is how data base design and application techniques impact the over-all performance of an application system. The second topic is how modification of ADABAS parameters, such as IFB size, can affect performance. The third topic is what performance measurement techniques and tools can be used to monitor an ADABAS system. Active participation on the part of all users is imperative for this notebook to be a success. As data is made available to the Performance Committee, the notebook will be updated and new copies distributed to the Users Group on a regular basis.

DBA Tools
Jim Buckner
Commercial Union Assurance
One Beacon Street
Boston, Mass. 02050
617-725-6045

This Special Interest Group has been formed to analyze and resolve the problems of data base administration as well as the problems DBAs are experiencing in monitoring and tuning the data base. I urge all interested DBAs to get in touch with me, including those who signed up at the Users Conference, in order to verify your interest, address, and phone number.

FOLLOWUP FROM THE USERS CONFERENCE

by Tom Berrisford
    software ag of North America

Some questions arose at the Change/Enhancement Requests session that we were unable to answer at that time.

1. *Several people requested updates to the Internals Class handout as they had previously attended.* Copies of the visuals used in the 3.2.1 Internals Class will be mailed during June to all past attendees. If you attended an Internals Class and do not receive a copy, please call Roy Wood in Reston. An updated Internals Manual for 3.2.1 will be distributed to the same group when the revision is completed. In the future, past attendees will only receive updated material for one year after attendance at an Internals Class. When the 4.1 Internals Class is offered, a special one-day refresher course will be offered for those who have already attended an Internals Class.

2. *It was requested that we reconsider our response to the request for a dual logging capability.* Version 4.1 will include an optional dual logging capability.

3. *It was requested that our response to the Change/Enhancement Requests be in the first day handout at the Conference.* Every effort will be made to comply with this request.

4. *It was requested that we establish a frequency and turnaround schedule for changes to the documentation and that parts of a page that are changed be noted in some manner.* There is not a regular schedule for update of the documentation but typically non-cosmetic changes will be distributed within two months. All changes in a page will be noted by an asterisk in the margin.

5. *A request was made that we provide better coordination of System Modifications, Early Warnings and Source Modifications.* We understand that this does require some administration on the part of the user and we are currently soliciting suggestions for possible improvements in this area. This issue is considerably complicated by the use of many different operating systems and library maintenance software and procedures.

6. *Will ADASCRIPT+ make dynamic use of the Dictionary?* It is not currently planned but ADACOM will.

In addition, there were a few additional Change/Enhancement Requests submitted to us. We will formally respond to them in the next Newsletter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE *continued*

Past President
Larry Bowman
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We will start the new season by remembering a super contribution by an outstanding individual. Thank you, Larry, for all you have given. We look forward to your guidance in our future growth.

New York City
Mike Berman
International Nickel Company of Canada, Ltd.
One New York Plaza
New York, New York 10004
212-742-4180

I maintain the data base at International Nickel Company (INCO). I have worked with ADABAS for the last four years. This long-term experience should provide a positive influence on the direction of the New York Users Group.

The New York Users Group plans to continue its regular meetings. These meetings will be bi-monthly half-day work sessions. The first meeting will be June 22, 1977. The theme for this year's meetings will be "Shared Experiences". We hope that by exchanging information, we can save each individual installation time and help them in avoiding any possible problems.

East Central U.S.A.
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South Bend, IN. 46624
219-284-6203

My functional responsibilities are that of project leader for our data base effort, including data base maintenance, software development and maintenance, application consultation, and DBDC training. We are completing a two year Data Dictionary development effort which will be implemented with ADABAS version 3.2.1. Our Data Dictionary will control our entire DBDC environment through interfaces with INTERCOMM sign-on/sign-off security and ADABAS security. Tentative plans for the East Central Users Group include a regional conference in September at the Associates in South Bend and another regional conference in March of 1978. Topics for discussion will be based on a poll of user preference.

West Central U.S.A.
Jay F. Walton
Shell Oil Co.
1500 Old Spanish Trail
P.O. Box 20329
Houston, TX. 77025
713-795-3180

The primary objectives for the West Central USA Region are to improve communications among users in the region and to contribute to the planning and proceedings of the 1978 ADABAS Users Conference. Regional meetings are difficult to arrange because of the large geographic area encompassed by this region. However, a one-day regional meeting in either Austin or San Antonio, Texas has been suggested and will be held if a sufficient number of users are interested.

California and Hawaii
Chuck Noone, II
Mattel Inc.
5150 Rosecrans Avenue
Hawthorne, Calif. 90250
213-644-0411

The members of the Western Region of the ADABAS Users Group plan to conduct a number of regional meetings this year. Due to the large size of the region, meetings will only involve a subset of the users. It is also our plan to build installation profiles for all users in the region indicating their hardware and software configurations with special emphasis on ADABAS facilities in use at the installation. Our hope is that, with the profiles available to all users in the region, a user planning to use an additional facility of ADABAS can find someone to talk to who has already used it.

South America
Sergio Ivan Roschke
SERPRO
Rua Teixeira de Freitas, 31
Rio de Janerio, Brazil
021-252-9634

I am presently the coordinator of data base support at SERPRO (DP of Finance Ministry). Previously I worked with the census data base and statistical software at CI-IBGE (DP of Planning Ministry).

Since the South American Chapter was recently created, our first two steps will be to elect the Executive Committee and to discuss plans for the future. We are thinking of having a group meeting every two months.

Europe
Dieter Lasch
Iduna Versicherungsgesellschaft
Neue Rabenstrasse 15
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2000 Hamburg 36, West Germany
040-441 841

NEW ADABAS USERS *continued*

Commercial Union Assurance Companies
1 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Commercial Union has ordered a third copy of ADABAS (the first was in England). ADABAS is installed for them on a commercial time sharing facility under a version of CMS. They are using this installation for development and testing. Ira Soloman, (617) 725-6048 is the prime contact.

CMI Investment Corporation
150 East Gilman Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

CMI selected ADABAS after a benchmark of ADABAS and DL/1 because of: 1. its ease of use by the applications programmer and the DBA, and 2. the availability of ADASCRIPT for online inquiry. ADABAS will be used to maintain their insurance information. ADABAS is installed on their 370/145 under DOX/VS with CICS. Mike Meade, (608) 257-2527, is the Data Base Project Leader.

Prentice Hall
Route 9 W
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632

Prentice Hall is a publishing company. ADABAS was selected for its flexibility, ease of use, and growth potential. Their first application with ADABAS is an accounts receivable system which is currently batch but will be online in the future. ADABAS is installed on their 360/50 under DOS with CICS. Herb Meyer, (201) 592-2896, is the DBA.

Kansas City Southern Industries
114 West 11th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

Kansas City Southern operates a railroad in the South Central United States. They selected ADABAS after a demonstration/ trial involving the conversion of a Demurrage and storage charge application. Their first application is going to be a railway terminal information system. ADABAS is installed on their 370/158-3 with 5 meg under SVS with a home-grown TP system. Jerry Williams, (816) 556-0430, is the Manager, Computer Systems.

Bertelsmann AG
Carl-Bertelsmann-Str. 161
4830 Gütersloh
Germany

Bertelsmann AG is a major printing and record distributor. They selected ADABAS in February following a benchmark involving ADABAS and PRISMA. ADABAS was selected primarily because of its ability to meet the overall DBMS requirements specified by Bertelsmann. Bertelsmann uses a SIEMENS 7740/50 under BS 1000 with their own TP monitor. An online information system is the first ADABAS project planned. The ADABAS contact is Mr. Anheuser.

GILDE Versicherung AG
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GILDE Versicherung is a large insurance company. They selected ADABAS in March, following an ADABAS/IDMS benchmark. ADABAS was selected because of overall ease of use and faster sequential processing capability. ADABAS is installed on their 370/125 under DOS/VS. Mr. Thommet is the DBA.

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Volksfürsorge Deutsche Sachversicherung is a large insurance company. They selected ADABAS in March following evaluation of ADABAS, IMS, IDMS, and TOTAL. ADABAS is installed on their 370/145 using VS1 and CICS. The first ADABAS project planned is an online automobile insurance management system. Mr. Hoppe is the main ADABAS contact.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE *continued*

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The ADABAS installations in the UK belong to a users group which meets three times a year. The group has two main functions: first to serve as a forum for exchanging information and experience with regard to ADABAS, second to provide a collective means of channelling suggestions and complaints about the software, the documentation and other services. The local vendor (ADABAS LTD) and ADABAS users from outside Britain may attend meetings on invitation.

Our most recent meeting held on May 4th was attended by 24 people representing 15 organizations. The main topics were reports by delegates who attended the New Orleans conference and matters arising from those reports: Change/ Enhancement Requests, new features, data dictionary proposals, ADACOM, etc.

From September 1977 the UK users group chairman will be Bob Hall of ICI Plastics Division, Bessemer Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, England. His telephone number is (0) 7073-23400 Ext. 3532.

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I have been working with ADABAS since it was installed at American Electric Power in April 1975. As the past New York City regional representative, I have coordinated the most vociferous regional users' group.

My main objective as newsletter editor is to have the newsletters come out on time and contain more information prepared by users. Please send me articles describing your ADABAS experiences for publication.

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Past President of ADAGROUP, former User, now with **software ag.** I like to think that my background will be a positive influence on my continuing contribution to the Users Group. I well remember what it is like being on the other side. I am delighted to have the opportunity to continue our close relationship, and I hope to use my new position to positively influence the direction and growth of the ADABAS system.

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NEW ADABAS USERS *continued*

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Phoenix Assurance selected ADABAS following an evaluation of ADABAS and IMS. Their first application will be personnel inquiries and agency and accounts systems for their insurance business. ADABAS is installed on their 370/158 using VS1 and TASK/MASTER. David Brownsmith, 0272-294941, Extension 2166 is the DBA.