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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear GSE Friends

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who support our organization by participating in our activities. We can look back at a successful year with events that attracted many members. My special thanks and appreciation go to all the GSE Officers, Working Group Chairmen / Vice Chairmen, Chairwomen / Vice Chairwomen and Region Administrators, who voluntarily invest a lot of time and effort in organizing all kind of activities in their Region and Europe-wide. We also thank IBM and speakers who enrich our events with presentations on future-oriented topics.

As a non-profit and volunteer-led organization we are always eager to cut cost. Therefore, we changed from expensive hardware to virtual server in the cloud.

In addition, some important administrative projects were realized in the first half of 2017. The website now appears in a fresh and user-friendly design. Check it out under www.gse.org !

Also, the outdated membership tool iMIS, was redesigned and implemented at the end of June. Log in to http://gsemember.gse.org/ and learn what is new within your region, when the next working group meeting will take place, or download the presentations of events you attended.

If you do not have a login yet, contact the GSE Helpdesk under gseimis2@gse.org.

Do not hesitate to contact gsehq@gse.org at any time if you need assistance. Our Head-Office in Switzerland is always happy to help.

I look forward to seeing you again at one of our next events and to your continued support in 2018!

Peter Groth
President
GUIDE SHARE EUROPE

GSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, COLOGNE / GERMANY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2017

The GSE Annual General Meeting convened on Tuesday, 26 September 2017 at the Cologne Marriott Hotel, Germany. The balance sheet and the profit and loss statements for the period ending on 31 December 2016 were approved. Discharge was granted to the Officers of the European Committee, of the Steering Committee and of the Regions Committee for conducting the association's business during the year ending on 31 December 2016. The financial documents and minutes can be downloaded on www.gse.org.

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GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT, MONTE CARLO / MONACO, 03-04 APRIL 2017

The GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT took place at Le Méridien Beach Plaza Hotel, ideally located within walking distance of Monaco's renowned tourist attractions. The event designed for our community of CIOs and IT Managers, was an opportunity to share experiences and challenges with colleagues, get actionable advice from other customers, IBM and further sources of knowledge. The agenda was packed with late-breaking subjects within the IT world. These were presented by IBM and industry experts, who shared their best practices and insights about Blockchain, Digital Transformation and the current risks threatening the emerging IoT market; the impact of cyber attacks, both past and upcoming. As well as possible solutions to safeguard the future of today's infrastructure. During the welcome cocktail and the conference dinner, the delegates could meet and get to know peer professionals in an open, informal atmosphere.

EUROPEAN OPERATIONS TECHNICAL CONFERENCE, BOEBLINGEN / GERMANY, 15-18 MAY 2017

The conference held at the IBM Lab in Boeblingen focused on the core automation products and issues: what's new in the world of system automation, how automation peers are using automation solutions to solve real-world business problems, development work in progress within the whole System Automation family and other products of the System Management product portfolio.

The topics covered a range of IBM system management products, mainly IBM System Automation Family, IBM Service Management Suite for z/OS and IBM NetView for z/OS. Other topics were GDPS, OMEGAMON, z/OS Automation Infrastructure, IWS and the IBM Systems Management strategy.

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GSE INDUSTRY SOLUTION COUNCIL (ISC), NICE / FRANCE, 19-20 JUNE 2017

GUIDE SHARE EUROPE invited IBM to partner in a GSE Industry Solution Council on 19-20 June 2017 in Nice.

Read the feedback from Jean-Michel Corrieu, Director, IBM Global Center Nice-Paris:
«I was delighted to host the GUIDE SHARE EUROPE Industry Solution Council at IBM Nice, and appreciate the participation of the Council members. GUIDE SHARE EUROPE is an outstanding forum for us to showcase and explore the impact Cognitive Solutions and Cloud platform in industry contexts. We could exchange how our systems and infrastructures play a key role to materialize the related Industry Innovation. Your feedback helps us refine our approach so we in turn can deliver more value to your members.»

GSE ISP SYMPOSIUM - IBM SPECTRUM PROTECT, COLOGNE / GERMANY, 26-29 SEPTEMBER 2017

GSE ISP Symposium, with 15 sponsors and exhibitors, took place at the Cologne Marriott Hotel in Cologne, Germany, from 26-29 September 2017 and was hosted by the GSE German Region in partnership with the University of Cologne and IBM. More than 300 attendees could keep up with the latest features and plans of the ISP-team within IBM, gain hints and tips on upgrading their archive and backup services, learn how to exploit the forthcoming new functionality and acquire additional technical insight into Spectrum Protect. The audience could take full advantage of the presentations from IBM Development, as well as contributions from other experienced and established ISP users.

GSE EUROPEAN MODERNIZATION WORKING GROUP MEETING, NUERNBERG / GERMANY, 11-13 OCTOBER 2017

The GSE Enterprise Modernization Working Group was happy to host around 75 participants, coming from all over Europe, at their Autumn event at the Derag Livinghotel in Nuernberg. Attendees had the opportunity to obtain the latest information on today's hot IT topics, over two and a half days, as well as the opportunity to exchange and share experiences with experts and other like-minded people.

The GSE European Enterprise Modernization Group meets twice a year, in Spring and in Autumn. If you want to join the group contact
Mads Frank Zandersen: mads.zandersen@xact.dk (Chairman)
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Scott Davis: sdavis@de.ibm.com (IBM representative)

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11TH EUROPEAN GSE / IBM TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY FOR Z/VSE, Z/VM, KVM AND LINUX ON IBM Z SYSTEMS, HAMBURG / GERMANY, 23-25 OCTOBER 2017

The Technical University was held in the Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Germany, situated on the river Elbe; with about 1.8 Million people the second largest city of Germany. Hamburg is well known for its attractive culture, such as theatres, musicals, historical buildings and events. The objective of this European event is to offer a forum to IT Managers, Technical System Professionals and Application Developers, to learn from, provide and share with each other, their own experience reports, as well as hear from IBM and its partners about new developments and solutions. GSE and IBM offered first-hand information about technology evolution. The agenda covered new announcements, several international customer stories, IT optimization for enterprises and many other significant topics that reflected the potential of the platform to any z/VM, z/VSE, KVM and Linux on IBM z Systems IT Manager and IT Professional.

GSE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC), ROME / ITALY, 06-07 NOVEMBER 2017

GSE and IBM invited a selected group to attend the MAC at the IBM Software Center in Rome, one of the largest software development laboratories in Italy, and one of the largest IBM software group labs in Europe. During the 1,5 days, IT Managers and topical Specialists learned from IBM experts how to connect an existing backend mainframe to public cloud offerings and their concerns, security aspects and cost evaluations; the increasing nervousness around internal hacking/collusion that can destroy an organization's credibility. They also were able to get some advice on internal service security within the mainframe stack, as well as what the necessary skills and skill types from mainframe-cloud implementations are.

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EVENTS IN 2017 – EUROPE AND REGIONS

GSE International European Events

03-04 April	GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT	Monte Carlo, Monaco
24-26 April	European Enterprise Modernization for z/OS	Rotterdam, The Netherlands
15-18 May	European Operations Technical Conference (EOTC)	Boeblingen, Germany
19-20 June	GSE Industry Solution Council (ISC)	Nice, France
26-29 September	GSE ISP Symposium (IBM Spectrum Protect)	Cologne, Germany
11-13 October	European Enterprise Modernization for z/OS	Nuernberg, Germany
23-25 October	11th European GSE / IBM Technical University for z/VSE, z/VM, KVM and Linux on IBM z Systems	Hamburg, Germany
06-07 November	Management Advisory Council (MAC)	Rome, Italy

GSE Regional Annual Conference or General Assembly

02-04 May	Nordic	Oslo, Norway
22-24 May	Germany, Austria, Switzerland (DACH)	Leipzig, Germany
05 October	France	Paris
07-08 November	United Kingdom	Whittlebury Hall
14 November	Italy / Greece	Milan, Italy
16 November	The Netherlands	Almere
14 December	Spain/Portugal	Madrid, Spain

OUTLOOK TO GSE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2018

09-11 April	European Enterprise Modernization for z/OS	Vienna, Austria
16-17 April	GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT	Rome, Italy
16-19 April	European Operations Technical Conference (EOTC)	Boeblingen, Germany
22-24 October	12th European GSE / IBM Technical University for z/VSE, z/VM, KVM and Linux on IBM z Systems	Dresden, Germany

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IBM TECHNICAL CONFERENCES IN 2018

14-18 May	IBM Z Technical University	London, United Kingdom
tba	IBM Power Storage and IBM Storage Technical University	tbd

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