

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear GSE Friends

I would like to thank everyone who support our organization by participating in our activities. My special thanks and appreciation go to all the GSE Officers, Working Group Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Chairwomen, Vice Chairwomen, Working Group 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.

GSE's mission is to be an independent, non-profit organization of companies and individuals, whose unique success is the success of its members.

As the expert knowledge platform, we play a pivotal role to:

GUIDE

the future of IT by influencing product innovations and setting EU standards

SHARE

experience and knowledge related to IT, in order to increase our combined expertise

EXPAND

existing networks by offering a platform where fellow industry-experts can discuss and resolve challenges and business opportunities

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our European Support Office in Switzerland under gsehq@gse.org. Irmgard Rothenfluh, Head of European Support Office, and Jennifer Cupi, Membership Coordinator, are always happy to help.

I look forward to seeing you again at one of our next events, as well as to your continued support in 2019.



Peter Groth
President
GUIDE SHARE EUROPE

GDPR - GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Since 25 May 2018, the new regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy for all individuals within the European Union (EU) and the European Economic Area (EEA) has been in place. We, from GSE, would like to inform you that we collect your data when you enrol for our European events or participate in GSE activities, such as Working Group meetings within your Region or European-wide. Please view our Privacy Policy under the following link <http://www.gse.org/privacy-policy-guide-share-europe/>. We trust that you wish to remain updated about our Events and Working Group activities, on a regular basis. However, you always have the option to unsubscribe by hitting the unsubscribe button at the footer of each mail you receive.

ELECTIONS OF GSE OFFICERS FOR THE TERM 2019-2020

During the meeting held in Dresden on 21 October, the GSE Steering Committee was invited to vote for the nominated officers to the European Committee for the term 2019-2020. We are happy to announce the results:

President: Peter Groth, Germany
 Director Administration & Finance: Detlef Felser, Switzerland
 BDO, Switzerland, have been re-elected as GSE's statutory auditors

We thank the nominees for agreeing to candidate for another term, and congratulate them on their re-election.

GSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ROME / ITALY, 16 APRIL 2018

The GSE Annual General Meeting convened on Monday, 16 April at Le Méridien Visconti Rome. The balance sheet and the profit and loss statements for the period ending 31 December 2017 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 31 December 2017. GSE Members can download the financial documents and minutes from the member tool on <http://gsemember.gse.org/>.

EUROPEAN MODERNIZATION WORKING GROUP MEETING, VIENNA / AUSTRIA, 09-11 APRIL 2018

The GSE Enterprise Modernization Working Group was happy to host participants from all over Europe, for their Spring event at the Hotel & Palais Strudlhof in Vienna. Attendees had the opportunity to obtain latest information on today's hot IT topics, over a span of 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 would like to join the group, kindly contact
 Mads Frank Zandersen: mads.zandersen@xact.dk (Chairman)
 Henrik Hartvig Jensen: henrikh@danskebank.dk (Co-Chairman)
 Scott Davis: sdavis@de.ibm.com (IBM representative)

GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT, ROME / ITALY 16 - 17 APRIL 2018

The GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT took place at Le Méridien Visconti Hotel in Rome, one of the world's most romantic, fascinating and impressive cosmopolitan cities with a rich culture.

The conference was focused on future-oriented themes, such as: **Security and Compliance** that are essential for business today with regards to new requirements raised by the regulatory bodies (e.g. GDPR). This has a heavy impact on how security and applications are implemented and respectively managed in your systems so as to protect essential data and reduce business risk.

Quantum computers are incredibly powerful machines and take a new approach to processing information. New types of algorithms can be run to process information more holistically, which one day they may lead to revolutionary breakthroughs in materials, drug discovery and artificial intelligence.

The new **Blockchain Technology** is a revolutionary way which allows businesses to work together with a lot more trust. Blockchain has the ability to change the world in the same way that the Internet did and redefines how business happens in multiple industries.

Data, Cloud and Artificial Intelligence are the three main forces fuelling the 4th industrial revolution. Conversational platforms play a key role to satisfy all demanding customers so as to stay ahead of competition by deploying new types of conversational advisors and therefore, emerging to support professionals.

The event was organised in partnership with IBM.





EUROPEAN OPERATIONS TECHNICAL CONFERENCE, BOEBLINGEN / GERMANY, 16-19 APRIL 2018

The conference focused on core automation products and issues:

- what's new in the world of System Automation
- how your peers use automation solutions to solve real-world business problems
- developing work in progress within the whole System Automation family and other products of the System Management product portfolio.

Sessions were presented by representatives from IBM software development teams and their customers, who encouraged the audience to actively interact.

The attendees learnt about Mainframe (z/OS) themes with IBM System Automation for z/OS, IBM Service Management Suite for z/OS and NetView for z/OS, and also extended into enterprise with a focus on distributed systems. In addition, there was enough time to greet old acquaintances and meet new colleagues to share experiences.



GSE UK AT THE IBM Z TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, LONDON / UNITED KINGDOM, 14-18 MAY 2018



James Harper, former Region Manager United Kingdom

IBM Systems Technical University is IBM's main Z event in Europe and attracted over 600 attendees.

GUIDE SHARE UK Region was present with a booth at the Solution Center of the IBM zTechU in London.



GSE AT CEBIT IN HANNOVER / GERMANY, 12-15 JUNE 2018

GUIDE SHARE EUROPE welcomed public at the new CEBIT 2018 - Europe's Business Festival for Innovation and Digitization - at the IBM booth, Pavilion 35, Zone "Data Experience Hub".



Peter Groth, President GSE
Paola Pfalzgraf, Region Administrator Germany
Karl-Heinz Brabender, Chairman Working Group ADSED - Software Engineering



Ruedi Brunner, Conference Manager GSE
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GUIDE TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (GTC), HOLTE / DENMARK, 25-26 JUNE 2018

A selected group of IT Managers, Industry Specialists and Solution Architects followed the invitation of GUIDE SHARE EUROPE to attend the GTC Guide Technology Council which took place at the IBM Client Center in Holte (DK). The event exclusively for GSE members, covered the main topics Robotics & Automation, Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, Cyber Security, Blockchain and a fascinating guided tour at the IBM Client Center, which showed insights of real solutions. The overall feedback of the attendees was very positive. We thank IBM Holte for the excellent organisation and great on-site support.

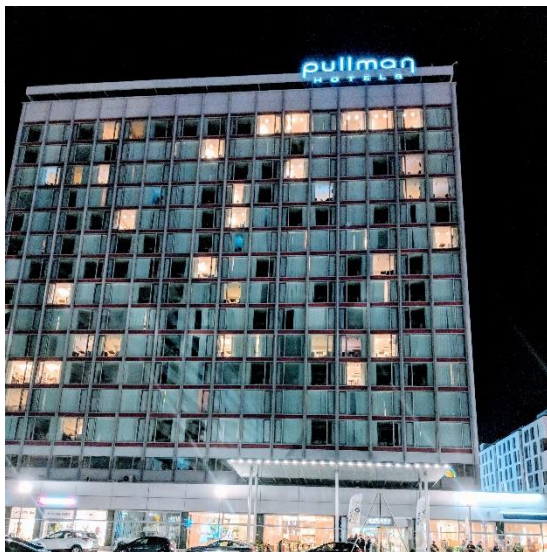
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GSE EUROPEAN MODERNIZATION WORKING GROUP MEETING, DRESDEN / GERMANY, 09-11 OCTOBER 2018

The GSE Enterprise Modernization Working Group was held at the Pullman Dresden Newa Hotel. Over 60 people attended the two tracks, held over two and a half days. The IBM Laboratories were well represented by five lead architects from the US and France, as well as two senior inventors from Hursley. Among others, customer testimonials from Rabobank, Commerzbank, Groupama and Generali attracted the attention of the audience. Technical sessions covered the recently announced ZOD (Z Open Development) and ZOWE - the first open source project based on z/OS.

The hotel was ideally located and the beautiful weather allowed a nice walk through the inner city after the evening events. The Baroque church Frauenkirche, famous for its grand dome; the Zwinger palace housing museums; the Semper Opera House; the Renaissance Brühl's Terrace with river views, as well as the Royal Palace & State Art Museum were all situated within the vicinity of the hotel.



IBM TECHNICAL CONFERENCES IN 2018

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| 14-18 May | IBM Z Technical University | London, United Kingdom |
| 22-26 October | IBM Power Systems and IBM Storage Technical University | Rome, Italy |

Many GSE Members took advantage of the **20% discount** on the registration fee to these IBM Conferences by enrolling through GSE's service provider **BTB GmbH**.

2018
 IBM Systems
 Technical University
 IBM Z - IBM Storage for Z
 14 - 18 May | London, United Kingdom



2018
 IBM Systems
 Technical University
 IBM Power Systems • IBM Storage
 22-26 October, 2018 | Rome, Italy



12TH EUROPEAN GSE / IBM TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY FOR Z/VSE, Z/VM, KVM AND LINUX ON IBM Z, DRESDEN / GERMANY, 22-24 OCTOBER 2018

The Technical University was held at the Westin Bellevue Hotel in Dresden, the capital of the Eastern German state of Saxony, distinguished by celebrated art museums and classic architecture of its reconstructed old town.

The objective of this European event was 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.

People from all over the world (Austria, Bahrain, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands and USA) travelled to Dresden to attend the GSE / IBM event.

The recent years have brought many changes in the way how applications are developed and operated. Instead of running large monolithic applications, a more component driven approach is now state of the art. Workloads are put into containers, running isolated within one operating system, while defined APIs ensure that the ensemble of containers is working together. The task of infrastructure components and system operation now play the role of a conductor and orchestrator, defining and managing container environments. Building a bridge between both worlds easily and seamlessly is more and more the major task of IT. In 2018 many changes at IBM Z were introduced to satisfy these requirements, from a hardware (e.q. Z14 ZR1) and software (e.q. ICP, z/VM V7), so the motto this year was

“IBM Z and Virtualization as Bridge to the Future”

The conference was organized by the German Region in partnership with IBM.

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EVENTS OVERVIEW 2018 – EUROPE AND REGIONS

GSE International European Events

09-11 April	European Enterprise Modernization Working Group Meeting	Vienna, Austria
16 April	GSE Annual General Meeting	Rome, Italy
16-17 April	GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT	Rome, Italy
16-19 April	European Operations Technical Conference (EOTC)	Boeblingen, Germany
12-15 June	GSE booth at CEBIT	Hannover, Germany
25-26 June	Guide Technology Council (GTC)	Holte, Denmark
09-11 October	European Enterprise Modernization Working Group Meeting	Dresden, Germany
22-24 October	12th European GSE / IBM Technical University for z/VSE, z/VM, KVM and Linux on IBM Z	Dresden, Germany

GSE Regional Annual Conference or General Assembly

25 April	Belgium / Luxembourg	Elewijt (Zemst), Belgium
07-09 May	Germany, Austria, Switzerland (DACH)	Dresden, Germany
12-14 June	Nordic	Vilnius, Lithuania
05-07 November	United Kingdom	Whittlebury Hall
15 November	The Netherlands	Almere
20 November	France	Paris
03 December	Italy / Greece	Milano, Italy
11-12 December	Spain / Portugal	Madrid, Spain

OUTLOOK TO GSE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2019

01-03 April	European Enterprise Modernization Working Group Meeting	Prague, Czech Republic
29-30 April	GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT	Berlin, Germany
13-16 May	European Operations Technical Conference (EOTC)	Boeblingen, Germany
18-19 June	Guide Technology Council (GTC)	Oslo, Norway
24-27 September	GSE ISP (IBM Spectrum Protect) Symposium	Dresden, Germany
21-23 October	13 th European GSE / IBM Technical University for z/VSE, z/VM, KVM and Linux on IBM Z	tbd

IBM TECHNICAL CONFERENCES IN 2019

12-15 February	IBM Think 2019	San Francisco, USA
20-24 May	IBM Z Technical University	Berlin, Germany
tbd	IBM Power Storage and IBM Storage Technical University	tbd

As a result of the partnership with IBM Global Training Providers Arrow ECS, Tech Data Academy, Global Knowledge and LearnQuest; GUIDE SHARE EUROPE and BTB are able to offer its members a **discount of 20%** on the participation fee for certain IBM Training Courses and on IBM STG Technical Conferences in Europe, as well as **15% discount** for IBM STG Technical Conferences in the USA.

GSE members get a discount of USD 200 on the regular registration fee of the IBM Think 2019 in San Francisco.

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