MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear active GSE Members, Friends and Colleagues and prospective Members

The year end is approaching with leaps and bounds. Time to reflect on what was important, what was valuable and pleasant, as well as of benefit throughout 2019. We hope that we, from GUIDE SHARE EUROPE, could offer you many opportunities to broaden your knowledge in the field of ICT and to interact and exchange information with your peers. We again achieved over 13'000 Customer Information Days this year.

I would like to thank our member companies, who support us by participating in our numerous activities, by sharing their valuable experience and insights.

I want to express my gratitude and many thanks, to our more than 300 volunteer GSE Officers (Region Managers, Technical Coordinators, Working Group Chair(wo)men, Vice Chair(wo)men, Working Group and Region Administrators), who invest a lot of their precious time and efforts, in organising all kind of events and working group meetings, in addition to their daily responsibilities at their demanding jobs. Currently we have around 130 working groups in our 10 Regions.

Not to forget sponsors that believe in GSE and help cover part of the event costs, as well as our speakers that enrich the events with presentations on future-oriented topics. All this is required to be able to continue to keep alive this unique user community.

Remember what your company can offer to all employees for an amount of EUR 880 over an entire calendar year, and the value it brings to employer and employee.

In the following pages you will find a review on our events held in 2019, and an outlook to next year's activities.

Please feel free to forward our news to other people in or outside your company. We would be very pleased if new members joined our association!

I look forward to a good and successful 2020.

Peter Groth
President
GUIDE SHARE EUROPE

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GSE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BERLIN / GERMANY, 29 APRIL 2019

The GSE Annual General Meeting was held at the Hotel Westin Grand Berlin on Monday, 29 April 2019. The balance sheet and the profit and loss statements for the period ending 31 December 2018 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 2018. GSE Members can download the financial documents and minutes from the member tool on http://gsemember.gse.org/.

GSE WORKING GROUPS

GSE Working Groups are formed whenever a group of members shares an interest in a specific topic that they wish to discuss, resolve or investigate.

Visit your Region's website to learn about the working groups offered and when their meetings are.

If you are interested in setting up a new group in your region, please feel free to contact your GSE Region Manager or Technical Coordinator.

Contact details can be found under https://www.gse.org/gse-regios/.

GSE ENTERPRISE MODERNIZATION WORKING GROUP MEETING, PRAGUE / CZECH REPUBLIC, 01-03 APRIL 2019

Over 70 people attended the Spring event of the **GSE Enterprise Modernization Working Group** at the NH Prague City Hotel, from 01-03 April. The two and half day event was packed with interaction and trends from IBM Development and Industry Colleagues.

In addition, participants elected the Working Group Board. We congratulate Mads Zandersen, Region Manager of the GSE Nordic Region and Lead Specialist IT of Danske Bank A/S, Copenhagen, to his re-election.

Henrik Hartvig Jensen decided to resign from his position as Vice Chairmen, and Alexander L. Pawlik, Managing Director of CWI Softwaremigrations GmbH, Austria was elected to replace Henrik H. Jensen.
We thank Henrik for his dedication to the Working Group during the past 3 years and welcome Alexander as new Co-Chairman.

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: mfz@danskebank.dk (Chairman)
Alexander L. Pawlik: alexander.pawlik@cwi.at (Vice-Chairman)
Scott Davis: sdavis@de.ibm.com (IBM Representative)

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GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT, BERLIN / GERMANY, 29-30 APRIL 2019

The **GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT** was held at the Westin Grand Berlin, located in the heart of the historic center of Berlin. The event started with the traditional welcome cocktail on Sunday evening where the attendees had the chance to meet in a casual environment.

The conference opened on Monday morning with the 'hot' topic, Artificial Intelligence (AI), including case studies as they will be (or is already being) used in the car and banking industry. A world-wide trend that will influence our life. This was followed by extremely interesting current topics such as Transformation, Mainframe Operations, Analytics and at the end, Augmented and Virtual Reality. These showed an astonishing 'real' virtual walk through different Airports at Frankfurt and Tokyo, as well as mounting a virtual revolving door in the middle of the conference hall. The first day was rounded off with a delicious conference dinner in the foyer of the Westin Grand Hotel, with a great view of the impressive staircase and roof of the hotel.

The second day started with a presentation about CIMON (**C**rew **I**nteractive **MO**bile companio**N**), in use at the ISS (International Space Station) which helps astronauts conduct experiments. Other presentations which followed were Legacy Applications and AI, IBM Quantum Computing and Data Acquisition at CERN's Large Hadron Collider, which is most certainly one of the most complex machines and definitely caught the attention of the participants.

At the end of the conference the participants left with a lot of new impressions about current and future technologies.

The event was organised in partnership with IBM and sponsored by Vanguard Integrity Professionals.

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Save the date for the next Spring Event!

GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT

NICE / FRANCE, 23-24 MARCH 2020

Enrolment open! For the details visit https://www.gse.org/events/gse-guide-spring-event-2020/

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EUROPEAN OPERATIONS TECHNICAL CONFERENCE, BÖBLINGEN / GERMANY, 13-16 MAY 2019

The **EOTC** is three days of technical lectures, discussions, workshops with live demonstrations that enable the implementation of the best solutions for your business environment. Interaction and feedback are expected and desirable. All participants are encouraged to share experiences and know-how of large-scale IT equipment and systems, so that each can increase its own efficiency and keep pace with ever evolving and advancing techniques.

The conference at the **IBM Lab in Böblingen** addressed the needs of System, Network and Automation Administrators. It was focused on Mainframe (z/OS) themes with IBM System Automation for z/OS, IBM Service Management Suite for z/OS and IBM NetView for z/OS, and also extended into the enterprise with a focus on distributed systems. It emphasized on what's new in the world of system automation, how your 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. Customers were exposed to product plans of their favourite IBM system management products, as well as to some they are still not familiar with yet; product developers received feedback from current and potential customers. Sessions were presented by representatives from both IBM software development teams and their customers.

90 people from 32 companies, including 30 speakers from several IBM locations attended this European Operations Technical Conference in Germany.

Gabriele Frey-Ganzel
System Automation for z/OS Development, IBM Z, System z Service Management

Already mark the date of next year's European Operations Technical Conference EOTC at the IBM Lab in Böblingen in your calendar: 11-14 May 2020

Registration will be open by end of January.

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GUIDE TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (GTC), OSLO / NORWAY, 18-19 JUNE 2019

This year's GSE Guide Technology Council took place at the new IBM location in the center of Oslo where a selected group of IT Managers, Industry Specialists and Solution Architects had the chance to get the latest news directly from IBM.

The event started after a warm welcome by the IBM representative with an interesting agenda containing the latest topics about Cloud, Containers, Zowe and of course AI, Analytics and Security. IBM presented all the information in a very professional manner. It was extremely interesting to see case studies of how AI is handled in the Norwegian Tax Administration and in Agriculture.

The first day ended with an excellent dinner at the Rooftop Restaurant of the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel.

On the second day the group got the latest news about LinuxOne and IT Operational Analytics. All participants shared the opinion that the GTC hosted by IBM in Oslo was an outstanding event and that it should be in the interest of every company to get the latest news in such an explicit manner!

We thank IBM Client Center Oslo for making this event possible.

Ruedi Brunner, European Project Manager, GUIDE SHARE EUROPE

Group attending the GSE Guide Technology Council

IBM Client Center Oslo

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We exclusively plan the next **GUIDE TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (GTC)** in California, at the **IBM Executive Briefing Center, Silicon Valley Lab in San José**, Thursday-Friday, **07-08 May 2020**, after the **IBM Think Conference** which will take place in San Francisco from 04-07 May 2020.
However, the event will only be held if there are enough registrations.

So, go ahead and show us your interest by mailing to gsehq@gse.org before 31 January 2020.

14TH GSE ISP SYMPOSIUM 2019 IBM SPECTRUM PROTECT: BACKUP AND BEYOND DRESDEN / GERMANY, 24-27 SEPTEMBER 2019

The well-established IBM Spectrum Protect Symposium was again hosted by GUIDE SHARE EUROPE and the Regional Computing Center of University of Cologne (RRZK).

Over 270 people attended the event at The Westin Bellevue Dresden to keep up with the very latest features and plans of the ISP-team within IBM, in order to gain hints and tips on upgrading archive and backup services. As well as to learn how to exploit the forthcoming new functionality and to acquire additional technical insight into Spectrum Protect. They took full advantage of the presentations from IBM Development, as well as contributions from other experienced and established ISP users. There were three evening events to meet peer professionals in an open and informal atmosphere.

The IBM Spectrum Protect Symposium is organized every 2 years.

GSE ENTERPRISE MODERNIZATION WORKING GROUP MEETING, OSNABRÜCK / GERMANY, 14-16 OCTOBER 2019

The two and half day EM Autumn event took place at the Select Hotel, ideally located in the west of the historic city of peace Osnabrück, Germany.

In combination with the latest topics presented by IBM, there was a session for lightning talk on the agenda "Attendees' experiences, pitfalls and decisions implementing an API Strategy" where people were asked to share their problems, solutions and opinions.

The GSE Enterprise Modernization Steering Committee thanks to all who presented, shared experiences and gave valuable feedback.

Mads Frank Zandersen (Chairman) - Alexander L. Pawlik (Vice-Chairman) - Scott Davis (IBM Representative)

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The next meeting of the Enterprise Modernization Working Group will be held in Valencia/Spain from 20 - 22 April 2020.

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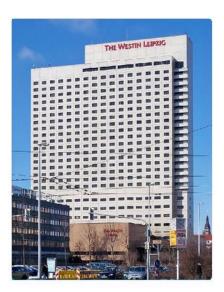Don't think twice.
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13TH EUROPEAN GSE / IBM TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY FOR Z/VSE, Z/VM, KVM AND LINUX ON IBM Z, LEIPZIG / GERMANY, 21-23 OCTOBER 2019

The objective of this European event was to offer a forum to IT managers, technical system professionals and application developers to learn from each other, provide and share their own experience reports, hear from IBM and its partners about new developments and solutions. This year's motto was "*Flexible and Secure Infrastructure for Traditional, Cloud and Cognitive Enterprise Solutions*". It covered new announcements, several international customer stories, IT optimization topics for enterprises and many other significant topics that reflected the potential of the z/VSE, z/VM, KVM and Linux on IBM Z platform.

The Technical University, organized by the German Region, the Chairmen of the Working Groups z/VM, KVM und Linux on IBM Z and z/VSE Working Group, in partnership with IBM, was held in Leipzig.

Gonzalo Muelas Serrano
Offering Manager for z/VSE & z/VM
IBM Research & Development Lab

Edgar Sontowski
GSE Chairman German Region
z/VM, KVM und Linux on IBM Z
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Lothar Stein
GSE Chairman German Region
z/VSE Working Group

GSE MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM 20% DISCOUNT ON THE 1-DAY EXAM MTP PROVIDED BY RSM TECHNOLOGY

RSM Technology Ltd, High Wycombe/UK, offers and runs a large and most comprehensive range of technical & management training courses for users of IBM enterprise computing platforms. Unlike many IT certification programmes, the **Mainframe Technology Professional (MTP)** is independent of any software or hardware vendors, ensuring impartiality and objectivity in assessment and guaranteeing credibility in the exam results. It is run under the governance of **GUIDE SHARE EUROPE (GSE).** Therefore, GSE members are granted a 20% discount on the 1-day MTP exam.

The MTP programme gives ICT professionals, working in the IBM mainframe environment, the opportunity to gain qualifications that prove their expertise, identify strengths and weaknesses, choose their specialized and planned, structured career paths. The MTP programme demonstrates to internal and external customers the professionalism of data centres and their personnel. It also gives organisations a number of other vital benefits.

You will find more information on the following website: http://www.mtpexams.com/why.php.

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EVENTS OVERVIEW 2019 – REGIONS

GSE Regional Annual Conference or General Assembly

08 May	Belgium / Luxembourg	Zemst, Belgium
27-29 May	Germany, Austria, Switzerland (DACH)	Hamburg, Germany
11-13 June	Nordic	Aarhus, Denmark
05-07 November	United Kingdom	Whittlebury Hall
21 November	The Netherlands	Almere
09 December	Italy / Greece	Milano, Italy
13 December	Spain / Portugal	Madrid, Spain
no event	France	

OUTLOOK ON GSE INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN 2020

23-24 March	GSE GUIDE SPRING EVENT	Nice, France
20-22 April	GSE Enterprise Modernization Working Group Meeting	Valencia, Spain
07-08 May	GSE Guide Technology Council (GTC)	San José, California
11-14 May	European Operations Technical Conference (EOTC)	Böblingen, Germany
September	14th European GSE / IBM Technical University for z/VSE, z/VM, KVM and Linux on IBM Z	tba

More Events to come! Visit https://www.gse.org/gse-events/ that is regularly updated with the latest International Events.

GSE's official language is English, but in order to build on both cultural and language strengths, we are grouped into 10 geographical regions. As such, members have the opportunity to communicate in their native language when participating in Working Groups, National Events or special projects.

You want to know what is going on in your or other regions?
Find the contact details of the Region Managers or Technical Coordinators or their website links under
https://www.gse.org/gse-regios/.

IBM TECHNICAL CONFERENCES IN 2019

| 20-24 May | IBM Z Technical University | Berlin, Germany |
| 21-25 October | IBM Power Systems and IBM Storage Technical University | Prague, Czech Rep. |

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**.

IBM TECHNICAL CONFERENCES IN 2020

| 25-29 May | IBM Z Technical University | Amsterdam, Netherlands |
| 26-30 October | IBM Power Storage and IBM Storage Technical University | tba |

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.

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