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Thirty years of the Ada User Journal

BREST, France (June 11, 2009) – On the occasion of Ada-Europe 2009, the 14th annual Conference on Reliable Software Technologies, Ada-Europe, the international organization that promotes the knowledge and use of Ada in European academia, research and industry, inaugurated the celebrations of the 30th Anniversary of the Ada User Journal.

Ada User Journal, the quarterly publication of Ada-Europe, keeps its readership abreast of developments in the standardization, use and promotion of the Ada programming language and technology, as well as issues related with reliable software technologies and engineering in Europe and the rest of the world. The Journal also currently maintains an on-line accessible archive of past editions since early 2002.

The origins of the Ada User Journal date back to the birth of *Ada UK News*, which started publication in March 1980. As the first Editor, Prof. Ian Pyle, at the time Chair of Computer Science at the University of York, UK, put it in his inaugural Editorial, "*Ada has elicited interest in both the industrial and academic worlds. Perhaps for the first time we can find ourselves pulling in the same direction to the benefit of us all. This is an opportunity for bridging the industrial/academic gulf which we must not lose*". And in fact this vision is still one of the cornerstones of the Journal Editorial policy.

The current name of the Journal first appeared in Volume 15 in the year 1994, when it was still published by Ada UK. Ada-Europe published the *Ada-Europe News* since June 1989, until it was merged with the Ada User Journal in March 1998. From that time onward, Ada-Europe and Ada UK jointly published the Journal until Ada-Europe took over as the sole publisher from Volume 23 in 2002.

To mark this anniversary celebration, the March 2009 issue of the Ada User Journal features a special article entitled "Thirty years of the Ada User Journal", which recalls its three decades of history. Celebratory posters were also exhibited at the Ada-Europe 2009 conference. A special issue of the Journal, to be released in March 2010, will reprint a selection of the best articles published in the Journal over the past 30 years.

About Ada-Europe

Ada-Europe is the international non-profit organization that promotes the knowledge and use of Ada into academia, research and industry in Europe. Current member organizations of Ada-Europe are: Ada-Belgium, Ada in Denmark, Ada-Deutschland, Ada-France, Ada-Spain, Ada in Sweden and Ada-Switzerland. Ada-Europe also includes and welcomes individual members from other European countries with no national organization, and has a total membership in the region of 300.

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