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EURODISPLAY 2002

The main event of the past year for SID in Europe has been the Eurodisplay 2002 conference, held in Nice, October 1-4, 2002.

The event was organised by Le Club Visu, France under the joint responsibility of SID and Le Club Visu. A detailed report was provided by Alain Doré.

The main facts:

- 570 paying attendants at the conference and a total participation of 626 (Americas: 58; Asia: 215; Europe: 353).
- One-day, two parallel sessions-seminars with 232 paying attendants.
- A small but well-attended commercial exhibition
- More than 200 papers were presented, a number exceeding the usual Eurodisplay figure.
- About 270 new SID members registered in Nice.

The financial result of the Conference was a profit of € 20,524, equally shared by SID and Le Club Visu. As a positive side-effect, SID France, operated by Le Club Visu was able to pay the major part of its dues to the SID HQ.

Projects supported by the region (September 2002 to date)

It was decided to support or induce activities meeting the proposed criteria:

- Project with a European interest, not limited to one country or SID Chapter area;
- Support is primarily a kick off for a new project, and will as far as possible not be used for a recurrent help, e. g. for a periodic conference.

The following were enacted:

- 2,000 US\$ to the Ukraine Chapter for the 11th International symposium "Advanced Display Technologies", September 8-12, 2002, Crimea.
- 1,500 US\$ to SID Russia to set-up a display conference in Moscow focusing on the display activities in the region of St Petersburg. The workshop was held in March.
- 1,500 US\$ for T&L grants to students or young engineers registered at the Displays training session organized by SID France in Grenoble in March 2003.
- 2258 US\$ travel support to the teams that prepared bids to organise EURODISPLAY 2005.
- 1,000 US\$ to SID France to assemble the EURODISPLAY archives and make the material available to the current and the next EURODISPLAY organisers.
- 1,500 US\$ seed money for the project of publishing an educational DVD based on the contents of the Eurodisplay 2002 Seminars. The project is underway.
- 2500 US\$ to support the growth of the conference "Flowers" to be held in Korolev, August 2003.

SID Honors and awards

Efforts to induce nominations from Europe Chapters resulted in two nominations from France, one for the Jan Rajchman prize (Nemoptic team) and one for the grade of SID fellow for Professor J.-P. Bœuf, Toulouse University. Neither was successful this year. A larger effort is needed in the region.

Chapter directors elections

Some stimulation was helpful in producing the nomination for the Directors of Belarus (prof. S.Yakovenko) and France (Dr. J. Magariño). The situation of Russia is now clear with V. Belyaev in charge.

European Cooperation Committee (Eurodisplay committee)

This committee was formed in September 2002. It includes two members from each of the teams that have organised the previous three Eurodisplay conferences. Its first task was, in

January 2003 to select the venue of EURODISPLAY 2005 among the proposals from SID Russia (Moscow) and SID UK & Ireland (Edinburgh). There was a clear majority for Edinburgh. SID UK & Ireland is now actively preparing the event and considers involving Palisades.

Further, considering that SID Russia has the capability of organising such a conference, it was also decided that the following event of the series will be organised by SID Russia. The past and the next EURODISPLAY organising teams will participate in the current Conference Committee, so as to provide advice and acquire experience.

IDRC rotation

It was expressed at the previous Board meeting that the 3-year cycle of the IDRC, with no other major SID conference in Europe is not entirely adequate to serve the needs of European SID members and display specialists.

Besides, this rotation is now producing a 12-year cycle for any European Chapter, which renders the practical organisation very difficult, the teams and the memory from the previous event having mostly vanished after such a delay.

This issue is being studied by the Long Range Planning Committee.

The opinions expressed by SID US officers there seem to allow the assumption that the IDRC rotation could be modified in such a way as to reduce or even exclude the US participation in the series. Europe and Asia regions were requested to express their views.

S. Mikoshiba has prepared a table including all conceivable schemes. Only the following two received approval votes from European Chapters:

Scheme 3: After 2004, 2-year IDRC rotation, no new Euro Conference 3 votes France; UK & Ireland, Mid-Europe

	2003				2004					2005				2006					2007					
	Feb	May	Sept	Dec	Feb	May	?	Sept	Dec	Feb	May	Sept	Dec	Feb	May	?	Sept	Dec	Feb	May	?	Sept	Dec	
USA		Symp	IDRC			Symp					Symp				Symp					Symp				
Asia	IDMC			IDW	IDMC			IDRC (+IDMC?)	IDW	IDMC			IDW	IDMC			IDRC	IDW	IDMC					IDW
Europe												IDRC											IDRC	

Scheme 4: After 2004, 2-year IDRC rotation, with new Euro Conference 3 votes: Ukraine, Byelorussia, Russia

	2003				2004					2005				2006					2007					
	Feb	May	Sept	Dec	Feb	May	?	Sept	Dec	Feb	May	Sept	Dec	Feb	May	?	Sept	Dec	Feb	May	?	Sept	Dec	
USA		Symp	IDRC			Symp					Symp				Symp					Symp				
Asia	IDMC			IDW	IDMC			IDRC (+IDMC?)	IDW	IDMC			IDW	IDMC			IDRC	IDW	IDMC					IDW
Europe							Euro					IDRC (+Euro?)				Euro							IDRC (+Euro?)	

Schemes 3 and 4 are identical as far as the Americas and Asia regions are concerned.

Provided both are acceptable for both these regions, it is really up to Europe to decide whether an annual Display research conference (labeled "Euro" in the table, Scheme 4) can be set-up and sustained. There is a clear push in favor of this from the Eastern Europe Chapters that already have international meetings.

It can be noted however that the European East-West cooperation or crossed participation in European conferences has been so far quite small.

Also, whereas it is generally admitted that there was in recent years a relative decline of the research activity in the USA, that in Europe cannot be described as equivalent to that of Asia.

To be on the safe side, it can be said that Europe is ready to implement Scheme 3.

Scheme 4 could be an added-on option if further discussions prove it feasible, where "Euro" could possibly have an Eastern-European character.