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European Simulation Software Developers' Networking Workshop

The European dimension is important in EU funded R&D projects. An increased use of computerised modelling and simulation methods supporting both sustainable design and efficient use of products and production facilities in various industrial sectors is most desirable for all European simulation software developers. The local market is usually not big enough for individual developers to afford all possible improvements needed to keep up with the developments of software and computer platforms. Accordingly, the target is to expand from local deliveries to the whole of the European market, and beyond, to USA and Japan.

It does not help that the European software is technically superior. The unwanted situation remains that potential customers might select non-European software before the products have been updated with all new features. The good thing is that international marketing of competing products might make potential customers aware of the benefits of simulation. Which are the remedies? Networking of European simulation software developers might provide for a solution. If you are such a developer, you are invited to join colleagues and discuss these issues at the European simulation software developers' workshop on **June 18th, 2004, in Espoo, Finland**. If you know other parties who might be interested to participate in the workshop, please feel free to forward this message.

Kindly inform us on your related interests in advance. The subjects to be covered include, but are not restricted to, the following.

- Joint standardization and research initiatives within the European framework programmes.
- Common brands, marketing strategies, licensing principles and quality procedures.
- Local distribution and customer support of software of other European suppliers
- Concerted development of software tools, simulation service centres, material property libraries.
- Future activity suggestions for the virtual institute of simulation, SIM-SERV. For more details see <http://www.sim-serv.com/>.

After the workshop, the work continues by the aid of mailing lists and e-meetings. Sim-Serv may also decide to establish a Working Group based on the needs arising during the meeting. A working group may have access to additional funding.

Other Sim-Serv events

The European Simulation Software Developers' Networking Workshop is linked to the Simulation-assisted automation testing Working Group meeting taking place in Espoo on 17th June, 2004. Participants are welcome to take part in this meeting as well. For more details about the Working Group meeting see <http://www.sim-serv.com/wg4.php>.

Espoo workshop, June 18

The workshop will take place at TUAS Building of Helsinki University of Technology, The address of the building is Otaniementie 17, Espoo.

<http://www.control.hut.fi/Contact/index.en.html>

The workshop will follow this outline agenda:

- 9:00** Welcome
- 9:15** Sim-Serv services for Software Developers
 - Sim-Serv Association, How to join?
 - Sim-Serv as distributor of Software
 - Sim-Serv web services
- 9:45** Presentations of participants
- 10:30** Coffee Break/Demonstrations (participants)
- 11:15** Presentations of participants
- 12:00** Lunch Break
- 13:00** Development Needs: Roadmaps of simulation
 - Continuous and hybrid simulation
 - Discrete event simulation
- 14:00** Presentations of Eols (Expression of Interests)
 - Eols given by participants beforehand
- 15:00** Coffee Break
- 15:30** Proposed joint actions
 - Galleria, 4Dynamics, Proserv, Tondos
 - Common platform/user interface/transformation of information
- 16:30** Conclusions
 - Evening Program: Discussions, Refreshments, Dinner

The workshop is free of charge. The price of the evening program will be announced later.

Call for presentations

- On the agenda in Espoo there will be a number of proposals on joint effort initiatives. Let me know (by June 7th at the latest) if you are willing to have a presentation.
- The SIM-SERV project may refund travel and hotel expenses of those who give presentations in the workshop. For more information, contact us.

How to get involved?

1. Fill your data in the table in Appendix 1
2. Send the document to me by June 7th

Looking forward to your participation,

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Appendix 1

To participate in the Espoo workshop on June 18th, fill your data in the table below and send it to Mikael Maasalo (Mikael.Maasalo@hut.fi, fax: +358 9 451 5208) by June 11th, 2004.

The information given will not be used for any activities outside this workshop.

Proposed Member	
Full Name	
Employer	
Job Title	
Postal Address	
Telephone No	
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E-mail	
Topic of the proposed presentation	

The Espoo workshop is free of charge.

There are rooms available at the SAS Radisson Hotel Espoo for 115 € a night in a single room. To book, contact the SAS Radisson booking centre before May 24 and mention the code **SSDNW**. To get the room for a discount price after May 24 mention that you are attending a **Helsinki University of Technology (HUT) workshop**. However, getting a room after May 24 may be a bit more difficult.

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