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24 October 2001 Hotel Landhus, Zurich-Seebach.

The main speaker for this meeting, which also was the general assembly of the SPBUG, has been Carson Hager (USA), member of TeamSybase and book author and already our guest at the SPBUG conference in Fürigen back in May 1999.

Further speakers included Mr Floris van Heijst on the future of Sybase products and Mr Carsten Miehlung from e3consult in Switzerland, on Enterprise Application Integration.

More details on this meeting, including some nice pictures taken by Werner Warger, are available in [this Adobe Acrobat document](#) (378 KB, written by Preben Hansen).

9 May 2001 Hotel Landhus, Zurich-Seebach.

Well over 25 members and guests were present at this meeting. This meeting was a bit different in that we tried to do a hands-on PowerBuilder 8 presentation and asked everyone to bring a laptop along. We started the meeting with everyone installing PB8 on their laptops. The SPBUG wishes to thank Andreas Theis for downloading and burning all the PowerBuilder Demo CDs for our members to use to install on their laptops.

From the Steering Committee, Preben Hansen, Leah Rollhaus, and Andreas Theis are present. The new members of the Steering Committee, President Preben Hansen and Vice President Leah Rollhaus, are introduced.

Our main speaker, John Strano of Pendocon Development (USA)/Team Sybase and well known Sybase conference speaker, starts the main presentation of the day: Hands on PowerBuilder 8. John just gave this presentation the day before for the German PowerBuilder User group.

Before lunch we welcome Franck Babin and Niklaus Hirt from Cast Software who present their interesting product CAST Application Mining Suite.

We would again thank CATsoft for sponsoring the Lunch.

After Lunch, Arthur Hefti from CATsoft Development GmbH does a presentation on what services his company is offering and essentially that CATsoft has taken over the PowerBuilder distribution rights for Switzerland from SQL AG.

During the general part of the meeting, the Steering Committee informs the members that we need volunteers for the 2 auditing roles, and a 5th steering committee member.

Raphael Jacober has already shown his interest some time ago and confirms his interest to join the steering committee. Arthur Hefti and Eliane Egeli volunteer to be auditors.

The rest of the afternoon was again dedicated to John Strano, who continued his "Hands on PowerBuilder 8" presentation, only interrupted by a coffee break.

Finally, there are some giveaways. Leah Rollhaus draws the names: Joe Platzer and Marcus Capaul are the lucky winners of the CD book "Moving PowerBuilder to the Web" sponsored by SPBUG. The big winner of the CAST PowerBuilder Application Mining Suite is Andreas Jost. The winner of the Palm computer, generously donated by Sybase, is Arthur Hefti who just volunteered to be auditor.

The SPBUG wishes to thank the ETH (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology), represented by Marcus Capaul, who has put a projector at our disposition for the meeting.

And in the name of the SPBUG and all members we wish to thank our speakers and sponsors.

Before ending, the steering committee asked that all members fill in our survey to provide feedback. Please be kind enough and take a few minutes to do so if you attended the meeting.