

## **Sybase and PowerBuilder User Group Switzerland - History 1996**

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20 November 1996 2nd anniversary meeting at Hotel Mövenpick, Regensdorf

The meeting takes place during Client/Server '96 and features a special guest speaker from Canada: Peter "Madman Pierre" Horwood. Election of the officers was on the agenda as well, as three founding members have decided to leave their position after two years on board of the steering committee: Mark Lansing (secretary), Graham Lancashire (Treasurer) and Rolf André Klaedtke (Editor of PowerTimes) receive a warm Thank you from the president and the audience.

Nevertheless, Mark confirmed to be available in an advisory role to help transition for the new steering committee members and Rolf André will continue taking care of the website and PowerTimes. The birthday cake is more than welcome and members stay a long time to discuss various topics.

27 September 1996 Hotel Senator, Zurich

Very interesting presentation on "Master the Quality and performances of your PowerBuilder Applications" by Yves de Montcheuil from CYRANO who introduced the Total Quality Management System Cyrano WinScope for PowerBuilder.

Presentation of "Optima++" by Robert Turrall from Sybase Switzerland. Prize draw was held even though participation by members was very scarce... User Group responsables wonder whether it's worth organising meetings if participation is so low.

26 April 1996 Hotel Carlton Elite, Zurich

Topics of this half-day meeting held at the Hotel Carlton Elite in Zurich:

- Welcome note
- "Effective Error Handling in PowerBuilder" presented by Dr. S. Habib, Systematica AG
- Break and prize draw "PowerPanel"
- Q & A session
- "The Sybase/Powersoft Switzerland Business Unit" presented by Martin Schneider, Managing Director for Sybase Switzerland

Technical sessions by user group members:

- "Developing an H.R. Management Information System" presented by Graham Lancashire
- "Please wait..." presented by Arthur Hefti

13 February 1996 Hotel Kreuz, Bern

Very interesting half-day meeting in Berne with the following agenda:

- "Objectivity/DB and PowerBuilder: The Future - NOW" presented by Mr Norbert Schwarz from Glance AG, Mr Henk Nijenhuis and Hans Kuijpers from Objectivity, Inc..

Object databases are a hot topic and this presentation was interesting and well received.  
- "PowerBuilder 5 - The Real Thing" and "PowerBuilder and the Internet" presented by Kieren Kilmartin from Powersoft Europe.

There have also been some prizes given away at the prize draw.

The presentation by our member Eric Rey, "Using ObjectStart for a Jump Start" unfortunately suffered from the "sudden death" of both overhead projectors ! Thanks to Eric that he continued anyway and congratulations on how he handled the situation.