Events

Anaheim Wrap Up Article

SHARE's 50th Anniversary Celebration Begins in Anaheim, CA

From February 27 – March 4, 2005, SHARE welcomed over 2,200 professional IBM technology users from around the world to Anaheim, California for the winter 2005 SHARE User Event conferences. SHARE participants took full advantage of several hundred hours of technical education, saw the latest developments from more than 80 exhibiting companies, spent countless hours meeting with and learning from fellow users and product specialists, and benefited from hands-on labs and expert panel discussions.

The winter 2005 SHARE User Events also kicked off the organization's 50th anniversary celebrations. SHARE, as the first IT professionals' organization to reach this milestone, was extremely proud of this fact and included several different anniversary activities into the week's events. These celebrations included dedicated sessions discussing SHARE's history as well as its future, a memorabilia display in the Technology Exchange expo that included items of SHARE's and the computing industry's history, and a 50th anniversary cake during the SHARE Farewell Evening Reception (SCIDS) on Thursday evening.

Technical Program Highlights

The SHARE User Events (the Application Development & Integration Symposium, the Enterprise Systems Management Symposium and the SHARE User-Driven Training Event & Expo delivered quality technical education presented by IBM product development teams as well as user experience sessions from many technical disciplines. These sessions included information on:

- CICS
- DB2
- Disaster Recovery
- Enterprise Networking
- Enterprise Wide Capacity & Performance
- IMS
- ISPF
- Java
- Linux
- MVS/SCP
- Professional Development
- Security
- Software Asset Management
- WebSphere
- WebSphere MQ and WebSphere Business Integration (WBI)

- And more

One highlight of the Anaheim technical program included sessions that addressed the **Sarbanes-Oxley Act** of 2002 (SOX) as well as HIPAA, Canada C-6 laws and new state laws across the United States. It is critical that IT professionals understand these laws so they can help their companies reach compliance in a smart way. The SHARE User Events provided these sessions as a way to give attendees a head start in learning about these requirements. Another highlight was the comprehensive **WebSphere** technical program. Sessions in this program addresses the entire scope of WebSphere issues, administration on a variety of platforms, and offered opportunities to speak to IBM WebSphere developers. Finally, there were several **new IBM product announcements** that were made throughout the week during technical sessions.

Instead of a General Session/Keynote in Anaheim, attendees were encouraged to attend the individual **Program and Project keynotes/featured sessions**. These sessions provided relative technical information and updates in attendees' interest areas.

2005 Award for Excellence in Technology Presented

During Monday evening's reception, SHARE President Robert Rosen presented MIB Inc. with the 2005 Award for Excellence in Technology for its achievements in upgrading an IT infrastructure to comply with customer demands and meet regulatory standards. Through SHARE, MIB learned how to replace their legacy system with a state-of-the-art Internet-based solution that aligns with their strategic business vision, offers improved reliability and greater security of transactions, and positions the company for future growth.

The annual Award for Excellence recognizes exceptional use and innovation of enterprise-class computing technologies among SHARE's 2,200-plus member organizations.

SHARE User Events in Anaheim Proceedings

The conference proceedings were posted to the SHARE Web site prior to the event and are currently accessible for members-only.

Additional User Experiences Abound

Attendees viewed the latest technologies and services, researched future purchases, gained a glimpse of what solutions are on the horizon, and established contacts with more than 80 IBM complementary solution providers over three days at the SHARE Technology Exchange expo. Interaction with influential developers and product specialists from IBM and other vendor companies from across the industry as well as several professional networking events, such as nightly receptions and Birds-of-a-Feather (BOFs) impromptu get-togethers, held throughout the week were enjoyed by many attendees.

A special thanks to all of SHARE's exhibitors and sponsors, especially our 2005 Alliance Vendors:

- American Power Conversion
- Computer Associates
- Innovation Data Processing
- Isogon Corporation
- ISPW BenchMark Technologies Ltd.
- Luminex Software, Inc.
- Mainstar Software Corporation
- Siemon
- TechTarget

RAVE Award Recipients

SHARE's RAVE (Recognize A Valiant Effort) nomination program recognizes outstanding efforts from individual contributors. The following individuals were nominated by their peers to receive this recognition pin during the SHARE User Events in Anaheim, CA:

- Barbara O'Connor, SmithBucklin
- Lance Kumis, SmithBucklin
- Dan Martin
- Don Scrima, Sprint PCS

- Martha McConaghy, Marist College
- Richard Schuh, Visa Corporation
- Betsy Spann, Oracle
- Robert Halem, IBM
- Jackie Boggs, IBM
- Carol McGury, SmithBucklin
- Leigh Compton, IBM
- Betty Blake, State of California
- Alisa Claypool, State of California
- Liam Doherty, IBM
- Karla Houser, Caterpillar Inc.
- Michael Weiss, UnumProvident Corp.
- Robin Wiley, IBM
- Patrick O'Keefe, Washington Mutual Bank
- Ken Sprenger, ACS
- Ellis Holman, IBM

Attendee Directory

The Online Attendee Directory is provided to help SHARE members locate colleagues or reconnect with other attendees after the conference. We hope that you find this tool useful.