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Worldwide Newton Association
The goal of the Worldwide Newton Association is to promote the Newton computing platform. With several thousands of units currently running worldwide, and a core group of passionate developers, this personal digital assistant has been able to adapt to the latest evolutions in technology found in the computing world: Internet, WiFi, Bluetooth, modern storage media, and so on. Integration of these new technologies is a sign that the Newton remains the king of the PDAs, even though the production and marketing of this miniaturized computer ended over six years ago. The continued popularity of the Newton gathers together a community of users, the Newtonians, around Internet websites such as NewtonTalk (http://www.newtontalk.net/).

Adam Tow, a Newton developer since the early days, commented on the creation of the association with these words: "I think it's a good idea to formalize a Newton community since it's all being done on an ad-hoc basis right now." The association also counts Grant Hutchinson among its early supporters, who welcomed the creation of the association with these spontaneous words: "Oh, that is cool. Count me in."

The association has a website full of information: http://worldwide-newton.asso.eu.org/
The conference has a website of its own: http://wwnc.newtontalk.net/

Association Members and Conference
We are proud to announce that we have quite a number of attendees registered and expected now. Get your seat while some are still vacant!

Worldwide Newton Conference update : venue
The Conference will be held near the French Senate. The hungarian consulate lets us use their beautiful atrium to use for the talks, and their hall to use for workshops.
The address is 92, rue Bonaparte, right near the Luxembourg park, and the Saint-Sulpice church.
A truly magnificent place for an extraordinary meeting.

Worldwide Newton Conference update : program
After a long selection and tuning, here is a temporary program for the conference. Note the international aspect and the high quality of the talks.

Invited speaker:

* **Larry Yaeger: Handwriting Recognition Technology in the Newton's Second Generation 'Print Recognizer' (The One That Worked).**
Larry Yaeger is full professor of Informatics, Indiana University and Distinguished Scientist, Apple Computer. Among his various achievements, he is best known within the Newton community for being the father of Rosetta recognizer (now code-named Inkwell), the world's first truly usable handwriting recognizer.

Other presentations:

* **Simon Bell: Implementation of a NewtonScript Interpreter.**
Simon Bell is the author of SimpleMail and Mail V, the most acclaimed e-mail client for the Newton (regularly elected Best Software Update). Simon has been working on executing NewtonOS code on the Mac and in Xcode in particular.
* **Robert Benschop: The Humane Computer.**
Robert Benschop is not a Newton developer. Instead, he probably epitomizes the Newton Power User. The Newton never failed to astound him for all these years and he will explain why the Newton is still the leader of the pack end.
* **Frank Gründel: Live Demonstration of a Hardware Repair.**
Frank Gründel's repair skills and understanding of Newton hardware failures are such that people send him Newtons from all over the globe. He probably has disassembled more Newtons than anyone else in the community.
* **Paul Guyot: Newton Never Dies. It only gets new Hardware.**
Paul Guyot loves challenges and authored the first system patch not designed by Apple and ATA Support, a package to use ATA cards like Linear cards, two achievements that were thought to be impossible.
* **Eckhart Köppen: The NewtonOS Communication Infrastructure - Endpoints, Transports and Routing.**
Eckhart Köppen was elected Newtonian of the Year 2003, probably because of his excellent and huge contributions to the Newton communication possibilities (Bluetooth, IrCOMM, OBEX Support, but also an RSS reader and a new browser, among others).
* **Daniel Padilla: Using ViewFrame and the Inspector to enhance existing programs.**
In addition to neat pieces of software such as ScreenShooter, Daniel Padilla is famous for both hardware extensions and patches that fix and enhance existing Newton programs (such as NetHopper or DragonDemo) and he will reveal some of these special hacking skills during the conference.
* **Ronnie Simon: Newton and the Windows Environment.**
Ronnie Simon is an I.B.M. employee and a Windows and Newton user. Ronnie has been investigating all the methods to connect one's Newton to a Windows computer, including using BlueTooth and XML-RPC.
* **Nicolas Zinovieff: The Desktop Connection Library : Yes, you can connect your Newton to your brand new computer.**
Nicolas Zinovieff is an independent MacOS X developer and a member of the DCL Group. He will present the possibilities of the Desktop Connection Library, the major open source framework for manipulating Newton data.

Workshops and other activities:

* Frank Gründel's Repair Clinic
* Using the newton for e-mails
* Setup of NPDS, NewtonOS web server.
* Configure the Newton to access WiFi networks
* BlueTooth and Phone integration
* Integration with MacOS X
* More...

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