

Press Release

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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/>

Adam Tow joins the Association and is expected to deliver a talk

Adam Tow is a leading figure in the Newton world, for his personal implication in both the Newton history, and the Newton software development. He is currently the president of the SNUG (Stanford Newton User Group), a software developer, and a successful photographer.

Here is a quote from his announcement:

"It just so happens that I'll be in Europe on the eve of the World Wide Newton Conference. I'm happy to say that not only will I be attending the conference, I'll also be speaking!

My talk will center around my personal history with Newton. It will cover my introduction to the original MessagePad as a college freshman in 1993, the creation of Foundation Systems in my dorm room, the Newton Protest I organized days after the product's cancellation in February, 1998, and the Newton's renaissance in recent years."

Adam is also widely known as the author of HyperNewt, a different way to create and organize data on the Newton, Mapper, an image viewer meant for large scale images, and NewtToDo, a full-featured to-do list application, among others.

The Conference : a historic event!

For the first time since the 90's, at least three people in the Newton Hall of Fame will be gathered in the same room. The Newton Hall of Fame is available here: <http://www.msu.edu/~luckie/hallofame.htm>

Larry Yaeger, Adam Tow, and Paul Guyot will be in Paris together and each one of them will deliver a talk on a topic dear to his heart:

- Larry will talk about the handwriting recognition of the latest Newton MessagePads, the one that makes Newtons the only PDAs truly usable to take notes.
- Adam will talk about his contributions to the Newton history
- Paul will talk about the adaptation of the Newton to new hardware

About the Worldwide Newton Association

The Worldwide Newton Association is a legal structure created in Paris in April, 2004. Its president is Ronnie Simon, one of the founding members. The association is proud to have Walter Smith and Larry Yaeger as honorary members. One can join the association online:

<http://worldwide-newton.asso.eu.org/join/>

About the WorldWide Newton Conference

The Worldwide Newton Conference will take place on September 4th and 5th in Paris, at the Institut Culturel Hongrois (92, rue Bonaparte, 75006 Paris). Registrations are possible online on the website of the conference:

<http://wwnc.newtontalk.net/registrations/>

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