

SIGAPL FY'06 Annual Report
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Last Year:

*** Executive summary of SIGAPL activities of the last year:**

- New website
- The newsletter, Quote Quad, is now issued again on regular basis, beginning in March 2006 (2 issues).
- Membership is stable in comparison with 2005

*** Comments**

Following the decision of the SIG Board to put the SIGAPL in transition a number of concrete actions have been undertaken in the first semester of 2006:

A Committee for overcoming the transition has been nominated.

In line with the program of our SIG some concrete actions have been done: first of all a letter to all the members has been circulated in order to provide an update about the ongoing situation and to strengthen the sense of membership.

The SIGAPL web site has been renewed by making available more information and contents: the Waterloo APL archives and a new software library will be installed on the web site.

A web survey will be conducted to determine what the members expect from SIGAPL and this will be useful for the SIGAPL marketing in order to attract new members.

*** The future**

As mentioned in the 2005 report we are working hard to restart this group with a unique objective: Quality.

A monthly newsletter will be distributed among members to keep them updated on recent developments and news.

A joint conference with Array Programming Language companies will be organized and I take the occasion to launch the proposal of planning it in Roma during summer 2007 having in mind the extraordinary experience of APL '98 with 30 papers presented and more than 200 delegates.

The idea of the joint conference drive us to the other important aspect of strengthening the SIGAPL position as an organization that sponsors the use of different array programming languages, including APL, J, K, Matlab, Gauss, and A+ etc. This would enable us to keep a close relationship with the world of business without forgetting the strong research roots of APL.

Finally call for papers for the special issue on Ken Iverson will be launched soon and we plan to fund the Ken Iverson award for 2007.

*** Conclusion**

A lot of hard work is still needed. My thought is that we are on the way to restart SIGAPL itself and, more in general, for the computational world community.

