

DATA MANAGER — Data Dictionary for ADABAS

software ag of North America, Inc. has recently concluded an agreement with Management Systems & Programming Ltd. (MSP) of London to provide MSP's data dictionary system, DATAMANAGER, to ADABAS users. MSP has begun to market and support DATAMANAGER in North America and has started work on an interface with ADABAS.

Foremost Insurance has been testing DATAMANAGER since October. Bob Becker of Foremost has agreed to write an article about DATAMANAGER for the January Newsletter. Foremost plans to purchase DATAMANAGER for use with ADABAS.

ADABAS users in North America can purchase DATAMANAGER directly from software ag with installation and support provided by MSP. A special offer has been prepared for ADABAS users. DATAMANAGER has many individually priced components with the basic system available for \$9,900.

ADABAS USERS QUESTIONNAIRE

By Gordon Cochrane
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Enclosed with this issue of the ADABAS Newsletter is a questionnaire to be filled out for each ADABAS installation. The information collected will be accumulated and printed for distribution with a future Newsletter.

After completing the questionnaire, you can fold and staple it and place it in the mail to Tom Berrisford of software ag. For your convenience it is already addressed and postage is not required.

Please help by sending in your completed questionnaire within the next two weeks.

Until March 31, 1976 DATAMANAGER together with the ADABAS interface modules will be available for \$12,500 (the regular price is up to \$15,900). For more information about DATAMANAGER please contact software ag in Reston.

THE VIEW FROM 30,000 FEET

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ACM 75

We were at the National ACM meeting in Minneapolis, October 20-22 in connection with the commercial portion of that program. But I note with special interest an increasing number of key personnel from ADABAS installations playing a role in professional computer related meetings. Of course, I realize that many of these people have always been active in professional groups and that the "increase" is due largely to the rapidly growing number of ADABAS installations. At this particular meeting, Joe Scully from Mattel Toys in Los Angeles and Larry Bowman from Associates Computer Services in South Bend, Indiana, were on the program.

Joe Scully was on a panel entitled "Research/User Dialogue on File Design." The presentation illustrated, in our opinion, that there has been, and always will be, a serious communication problem between researchers and users. Joe, as a user, described his "real world" on-line/batch information systems problems of handling (on a 155) over 1,000,000 updates and 60,000 new records a week. Although he has had his share of problems, I'm happy to say that it's all working.

USERS CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The Proceedings of the Second International ADABAS Users Conference, held in Toronto, Canada, June 4-6, 1975, have been published and is now available through the courtesy of software ag.

The Proceedings highlight the various Conference events, presentations and workshops, and offer considerable information on ADABAS installations. Copies of the Proceedings will be distributed to all Conference participants and are also available to others upon request.

Larry Bowman was in a session entitled "Performance Measurement and Data Base Design" sponsored by SIGBDP (The ACM Special Interest Group for Business Data Processing) who also sponsored the meeting at which Joe gave his presentation.

Larry said they had selected ADABAS for a number of reasons: ease of use, flexibility, performance, low disk space requirements, least impact on current investment, least cost over five years, and the results gained from benchmark tests. Larry went on to describe their use of ADABAS in an on-line/batch system with a focus on what they had learned about design/use considerations in terms of performance "trade-offs."

There were many parallel sessions at ACM '75, but these two sessions were "standing room only."

BRAZIL

My schedule this time only allowed for a day in Brazil with Pan American Computer Systems (CONSIST), Inc., so only

