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Boston Conference Caps Successful ADAGROUP Year

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The Fifth International ADABAS Users' Conference was a fitting culmination to a successful year for ADAGROUP. My sincere thanks go to those who contributed to the conference in any way, especially to the speakers, chairmen, and organizers. The success of the conference must be largely attributed to the efforts of software ag. Pete Webster and Barbara Futch worked tirelessly throughout. Their attention to the smallest detail resulted in an extremely pleasant week for us all.

My only concern is that continued improvement gets more difficult each year. Certainly that Thursday night clambake will be hard to beat. But, of course, improve we must and improve we will. Please send any suggestions to me.

What is in store for ADAGROUP in 1978-79?

I expect activity in the regional groups to further increase this year. All regions are now holding regular meetings and many are trying different formats to ensure stimulating and interesting sessions.

I am hopeful that we will see some productive work in Special Interest Groups this year. The enthusiasm for these groups in Boston was encouraging. I believe that before long the SIG's will be as valuable a part of ADAGROUP as the regional groups.

Several new SIG's were created at the annual conference. Each has a chairman who is

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Boston, Massachusetts; Users take a break at the Fifth International ADABAS Users' Conference and mingle with U1QT, the software ag Conference Host.

ADACOM and Natural™

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Two new user oriented languages for communication with a data base were officially announced by software ag at the Fifth International ADABAS Users' Conference in Boston. ADACOM is a batch report generator and Natural is an online and batch communication language.

ADACOM offers the user powerful report generation capabilities. The current range of functions offered by ADACOM are almost identical to the functions that are contained in ADAWRITER.

One of the design objectives of ADACOM was to keep the syntax as compatible as possible with ADAWRITER syntax. However, our experience with ADAWRITER had shown that in certain areas the syntax was too complicated for the end user, so some improvements were incorporated in the ADACOM syntax.

Compared to ADAWRITER, ADACOM offers many enhancements which could not be implemented in ADAWRITER.

Ease of Use: The user specifies the parameters for the definition of ADABAS fields, temporary

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