

Annual Report 2007

Prepared by the Executive Committee of ServTech

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1. Activities

ServTech was founded in June 2007. During the preparation of the foundation, all members had supported the idea that ServTech would take financial regime for the upcoming 5th International Conference on Service-oriented Computing (ICSOC) 2007. Founding members of ServTech had initiated this scientific conference series in 2003 and played an active role then as general chairs and PC chairs (Fabio Casati, Bernd Krämer, Mike Papazoglou). It has become since the flagship conference in the field of software services.

To handle registrations, a software package that had been developed for use in the 4th ICSOC in Mike Papazoglou's group was adapted to fit the needs of this conference. Conference fee income was handled by a professional acquirer (Concardis) in interaction with an online credit card transaction provider (easycash). With both a contract was signed by the ServTech president. In addition, a PayPal account was established to allow low cost money transactions. Due to problems with the PayPal account, which was blocked for more than a week, this payment method will no longer be supported.

2. Finances

During the foundation meeting it was decided to collect no membership fee as income was expected from various scientific activities of ServTech.

ServTech collected the registration fees for ICSOC 2007. However, major expenses have not been occurred as yet. The Technical University of Vienna will prepare a larger invoice after the conference because the university advanced most of the local expenses.

Conference fees and budget were calculated with a break-even point of 110 participants. Since number has by far been exceeded. We can expect a surplus. ServTech needs to maintain such reserves to be able to cover possible losses of future scientific events.

During the Annual Meeting the executive committee will suggest to keep a risk provision of 20.000 – 30.000 €.

3. Publicity

The executive committee bought three web domains, servtech.info, servtech.ws, and servicetechnology.eu, for ServTech's web presence. In a feedback loop with the members, a website was designed and launched immediately after the foundation.

A designer was charged to develop a logo and stationary design using Hermes' wings as the association's logo.

4. Membership

No membership applications were submitted in 2007.